

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3135, June 17, 1961 ]**

**AN ACT REVISING ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Short Title.*—This Act shall be known as the Revised Charter of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation.

SEC. 2. *Original Creation and membership of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation.*—Manuel L. Quezon, Camilo Osias, Alejandro Albert, H. A. Bordner, R. S. Fitz, Kenneth Rowntree, Regino R. Ylanan, Jorge B. Vargas, E. S. Turner, V. Buencamino, C. J. Bott, Joaquin Alviar, Fred O. England, C. Preysler, Gabriel Ubago, Geo. R. Summers, Martin Eiguren, Damaso Garcia Bosque, J. A. Murphy, W. N. Bartholome, Silvestre Torres, Theo S. Hall, C. John, R. R. Garcia, P. Dulay, H. L. Noble, J. Truitt Maxwell, Vicente Wenceslao, Adam C. Dorkum, and their successors in interest and the National Sports' Associations hereinafter provided are hereby created a body corporate and politic in the Philippines, to be known as the "Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation" with such corporate powers as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.

SEC. 3. *Purposes of the Corporation.*—The purposes of this corporation are: (a) to encourage physical education and fitness; (b) to promote and improve athletic sports among amateurs; (c) to establish and maintain a uniform test of amateur standing and uniform rules for the government of all athletic sports; (d) to develop the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play; and (e) to encourage and promote the establishment of sports centers, public playgrounds and recreational facilities.

SEC. 4. *Board of Governors; Composition.*—The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation shall have a Board of Governors to be composed of all surviving incorporators and three representatives from each National Sports' Association recognized by the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation: *Provided, however,* That no representative of any National Sports' Association shall represent more than one association in the Board.

SEC. 5. *Functions, powers and duties of the Board.*—The Board of governors shall have the following functions, powers and duties:

1. To adopt a constitution and by-laws;
2. To adopt a uniform set of rules to determine and govern amateur

athletes and sports in the Philippines;

3. To adopt rules and regulations, consistent with administrative due process, to govern the procedure to be observed by the National Sports' Associations and the executive committee in hearing and deciding cases before them either on initial hearing or on appeal;

4. To suspend for cause a member-association of the federation by a vote of two-thirds of the board and withdraw recognition of an association by a vote of three-fourths of the board. The reinstatement to active status of the association affected shall be effected in the same manner;

5. To authorize the executive committee to negotiate and conclude, for and in behalf of the federation, transactions for the acquisition, disposition, and encumbrance of real or personal property as well as the raising of funds for the accomplishment of the purposes of the federation.

SEC. 6. *Meeting, quorum of the board.*—The board of governors shall have an annual general meeting at such time and place as may be provided by its constitution and by-laws. Special meetings may be called by the President either at his own initiative or upon the request of one-third of the members of the board.

At all meetings of the board, the presence of a majority of the members thereof shall constitute a *quorum* for the valid transaction of business. Each member of the board shall be entitled to only one vote and no vote by proxy shall be allowed.

SEC. 7. *Officers of the Corporation.*—The Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation shall have a President, a first and a second Vice-President, and an executive secretary-treasurer. The officers shall be elected by the Board from among its members with the exception of the President and the executive secretary-treasurer who may or may not be members of the board: *Provided, however,* That the President and the executive secretary-treasurer must be persons who are known for their dedication to sports in general.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall serve for a term of two years and the executive secretary-treasurer for a term of four years beginning on the first day of the month following their election and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified: *Provided, however,* That an officer's position shall be deemed vacated if he ceases to be the representative of his association in the board and such vacancy may be filled for the unexpired term by special election at a meeting of the board called for that purpose.

SEC. 8. *Executive, committee.*—There shall be an executive committee which shall be composed of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, and the executive secretary-treasurer of the federation, one representative from each National Sports' Association to be appointed by each association from among its representatives in the Board of Governors, and three members-at-large to be selected by the executive committee, one from the Senate, one from the House of Representatives and one from the Office of the President. The executive committee may at its discretion select two additional members-at-large from the general public.

The National Sports' Association to which the President of the Federation belongs shall appoint another representative to represent it in the executive committee.

SEC. 9. *Powers, functions and duties of executive committee.*—The executive committee shall have the following powers, functions and duties:

1. To implement all the policies and decisions laid down by the Board of Governors;
2. To prepare an annual budget and submit the same for the approval of the Board of Governors at the annual meeting;
3. To coordinate and harmonize the activities of all National Sports Associations;
4. To administer the common properties and stadia of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation and assist in the maintenance of existing athletic facilities in regional sports centers, subject to the conditions that it may impose;
5. To adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the discharge of its functions and consistent herewith;
6. To maintain, enforce, and defend the exclusive right of the federation to the use of the word "The Olympic", Olympic shield, all Olympic insignia, and all other Philippine Sports' insignia that it or the National Sports' Associations may design and prescribe for use by Filipino Athletes of whatever nature, and to confine their use to activities and publicity concerned with the Olympic games, and with the purposes, powers, and procedures of the federation;
7. To act and decide on all appeals brought before it regarding controversies on the amateur status of athletes and teams, as well as those arising between members of the federation and between the associations and their members; and
8. To encourage and promote the establishment of sports centers, public playgrounds and recreational facilities.

SEC. 10. *Formation of Board of Governors and Executive Committee.*—The Board of Governors and Executive Committee hereinbefore provided shall be formed and organized for the effective discharge of their functions herein as soon as nine National Sports' Associations shall have been fully organized and operating and shall assume their rights and duties hereunder.

SEC. 11. *National Sports' Association; organization and recognition.*—A National Association shall be organized for each individual sports in the Philippines in the manner hereinafter provided to constitute the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation.

Applications for recognition as a National Sports' Association shall be filed with the executive committee together with, among others, a copy of the constitution and by-laws and a list of the members of the proposed association, and a filing fee of ten pesos.

The Executive Committee shall give the recognition applied for if it is satisfied that said association will promote the purposes of this Act and particularly section three hereof. No application shall be held pending for more than three months after the

filing thereof without any action having been taken thereon by the executive committee. Should the application be rejected, the reasons for such rejection shall be clearly stated in a written communication to the applicant. Failure to specify the reasons for the rejection shall not affect the application which shall be considered as unacted upon: *Provided, however,* That until the executive committee herein provided shall have been formed, applications for recognition shall be passed upon by the duly elected members of the present executive committee of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation. The said executive committee shall be dissolved upon the organization of the executive committee herein provided: *Provided, further,* That the functioning executive committee is charged with the responsibility of seeing to it that the National Sports' Associations are formed and organized within six months from and after the passage of this Act.

SEC. 12. *Nature of Associations.*—The National Sports' Associations formed herein shall be autonomous in character and shall have exclusive control over the development and promotion of the particular sports for which they are organized.

SEC. 13. *Membership.*—Each National Sports' Association shall, by its constitution and by-laws, determine its organization and membership: *Provided, however,* That no team, school, club, organization, or entity shall be admitted as a voting member of an association unless 60% of the athletes composing said team, school, club, organization, or entity are Filipino citizens.

SEC. 14. *Functions, powers and duties of Associations.*—The National Sports' Association shall have the following functions, powers and duties:

1. To adopt a constitution and by-laws for their internal organization and government;
2. To raise funds by donations, benefits, and other means for their purposes;
3. To purchase, sell, lease or otherwise encumber property both real and personal, for the accomplishment of their purpose;
4. To affiliate with international or regional sports' Associations after due consultation with the executive committee;
5. To conduct local, interport and international competitions, other than the Olympic and Asian Games, they may deem necessary for the promotion of the sport;
6. To render an annual report to the executive committee regarding their finances and activities which shall be submitted at least thirty days before the annual meeting of the Board of Governors;
7. To appoint their representatives to the Board of Governors and the executive committee;
8. To decide, subject to appeal to the executive committee, all questions on the amateur status and discipline of the athletes connected with the associations, as well as the members thereof and all disputes between their members;
9. To adopt a training program for the development of athletes and their preparation for international com petitions and to defray the expenses for the same;
10. To select the athletes, coach, and other officials for their national teams taking into consideration not only their athletic abilities but also