
THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) Act 2002
Act No. 27 of 2002

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An Act
To amend the Sports Act 2001

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows-

1. short title

This Act may be cited as the Sports (Amendment) Act 2002.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Sports Act 2001.

3. **Section 3 of principal Act amended**

Section 3 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) in subsection (2), in paragraph (d), by deleting the words “such period as he deems fit” and replacing them with the words “a period not exceeding 2 years”;
- (b) in subsection (6), by deleting paragraph (c).

4. **Section 4 of principal Act amended**

Section 4 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) –

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
 - (a) recognise every sports club where that sports club –
 - (i) is enrolled with the Regional Sports Committee of the appropriate region; and
 - (ii) complies with this Act and the rules of the Sports Federation.
 - (b) by deleting paragraph (b) and replacing by the following paragraph –
 - (b) after consultation with the Regional Sports Committee with which a sports club is enrolled and such other Regional Sports Committee as it may deem fit, allocate that sports club to the appropriate region;
 - (c) in paragraph (f), by deleting sub-paragraph (ii) and replacing it by the following sub-paragraph =
 - (ii) deliver licences for that sport to members of a sports club enrolled with a Regional Sports Committee;

5. **Section 5 of principal Act amended**

Section 5 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) in subsection (2), by deleting paragraph (b) and replacing it by the following paragraph –

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- (b) in the case of a Federation being responsible for team sports –
 - (i) a minimum of one representative of each of the National First Division clubs, each having one vote;
 - (ii) a minimum of one representative of each of the National Second Division clubs, where such clubs exist, each having one vote;
 - (iii) one representative of each Regional Sports Committee elected from the members of that Committee, not being a representative specified in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii), for a period not exceeding 4 years, each having one vote.
 - (b) in subsection (3), by deleting paragraph (b) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
 - (b) such employees of the Sports Federation as may be co-opted by the National Managing Committee of the Sports Federation.
 - (c) By adding after subsection (3), the following subsections-
 - (4) Where the Minister or a majority of the members so require, an election for representation under section 5(2)(b) (iii) shall be supervised by the Electoral Commissioner.

6. Section 6 of principal Act amended

Section 6 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) In subsection (1), by deleting paragraphs (b) and (c) and replacing them by the following paragraphs –
 - (b) subject to paragraph (d), in the case of a Sports Federation responsible for team sports, a maximum of 15 members elected for a period of 4 years, as follows.

- (i) a minimum of 3 representatives from National First Division Clubs;
 - (ii) a minimum of 2 representatives from National School Division Clubs, where such clubs exist;
 - (iii) a minimum of 1 representative from Regional Sports Committees;
 - (c) The Federation may elect or appoint a representative from every other component of the Federation as may exist, and as recommended by its international sports federation.
 - (d) Each of the representatives referred to in paragraphs (b) and (i) and (b)(ii) shall be from different National First Division Clubs and National Second Division Clubs.
- (b) by adding after subsection (1), the following subsection –
- (2) Where the Minister or 15% of registered sports clubs so require, an election under this section shall be supervised by the Electoral Commissioner.

7. Section 9 of principal Act amended

Section 9 of the principal Act is amended –

- (a) in subsection (2) –
 - (i) by deleting paragraph (a) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
 - (a) adopt as part of its rules such standard basic rules as may be established by its Sports Federation;
 - (ii) by deleting at the end of paragraph (b) the words “;and” and replacing them by the word “. “;”
 - (iii) by deleting paragraph (c);

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- (b) in subsection (3), by adding after paragraph (c), the following new paragraph –
- (d) The Minister may authorise a Federation to operate in less than 8 regions where he is satisfied that it is impracticable for that Federation to operate in a minimum of 8 regions.
- (c) in subsection 4, by deleting paragraph (f) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
- (f) Where there is a vacancy in its membership, the Managing Committee may fill up the vacancy by the appointment of a Member for the period ending at the next Regional General Assembly when a replacement election shall take place.
- (d) by adding after subsection (4), the following subsection –
- (5) Where the Minister or 15 per cent of registered sports clubs of a region so require, an election under section 9(4)(d)(i) and (ii) shall be supervised by the Electoral Commissioner.

8. Section 10 of principal Act amended

Section 10 of the principal Act is amended to subsection (6) –

- (a) by adding after paragraph (b), the following new paragraphs –
- (c) Any sports club whose application for enrolment is rejected by the Regional Sports Committee may appeal within 21 days of the decision to the Sports Federation.
- (d) Where a Regional Sports Committee is not operational, a sports club may, notwithstanding paragraph (b), directly enrol with the Sports Federation.

(b) by adding after subsection (7), the following new subsection –

(7) No person shall practice any sports listed in the Second Schedule for competitive purposes unless he is the holder of a licence delivered by relevant Sports Federation.

9. Section 29 of principal Act amended

Section 29 of the principal Act is amended –

(a) in subsection (3), in paragraph (b), by deleting the words “6 months” and replacing them by the words “12 months”;

(b) by deleting subsection (4) and replacing it by the following subsection –

(4) Any Regional Sports Committee established prior to the commencement of this Act shall, subject to its satisfying the requirements of this Act, be deemed to have been established as a Regional Sports Committee pursuant to this Act.

(c) by deleting subsection (6);

(d) in subsection (7).

(i) by deleting the words “and the Mauritius Handball Association” and replacing them by the words “, the Mauritius Handball Association and the Mauritius Football Association”;

(ii) by deleting the words “6 months” and replacing them by the words “12 months”;

(iii) by deleting the words “Section 7” and replacing them by the words “Section 9”.

10. First Schedule to principal Act amended

The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “District” wherever it appears.

11. Third Schedule to principal Act amended

The Third Schedule to the principal Act is amended –

- (a) in item 3, in paragraph (a), by deleting the words “Regional Sports Committees and”;
- (b) in item 7, in paragraph (2), in sub-paragraph (c), by deleting the words “shall attend every meeting” and replacing them by the words “may attend any meeting”.

12. Commencement

(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

(2) Different dates may be fixed for the coming into operation of different sections of this Act.

Passed by the National Assembly on the thirtieth day of July two thousand and two.

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Clerk of the National Assembly
