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Governor of Lagos State

Law No. 4

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Lagos State of Nigeria

A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAGOS STATE SPORTS COMMISSION AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES

The Lagos State House of Assembly enact as follows:

1. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires –

Interpretation.

“Amateur” means any person who participates in any form of sports without material gain but solely for pleasure and for the physical, mental or social benefit derived from it;

“Board” means the Governing Board established under this Law;

“Chairman of the Commission” means the member of the State Executive Council for the time being charged with the responsibility for sports in the State;

“Commission” means the Lagos State Sports Commission established under this Law;

“Former Council” means the Lagos State Sports Council established under the Lagos State Sports Council Law, 1980;

“Governor” means the Governor of Lagos State of Nigeria;

“Local Government Areas” includes Local Council Development Areas;

“Member” means a member of the Board established under this Law and includes the Chairman;

"Sports" means any physical activity geared towards the development of human being physically, emotionally, psychologically, mentally and socially for all round wellness;

"Sports Association" means a body of sports group that is recognised by the Commission for the running of the activities of the body;

"State" means Lagos State of Nigeria.

Establishment
of Lagos
State Sports
Commission.

2. - (1) There is established a Commission to be known as the Lagos State Sports Commission (referred to in this Law as "the Commission").
- (2) The Commission shall -
- (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) be capable of acquiring, holding and disposing of any property for the purpose of carrying out any of its functions under this Law.

Functions of
the
Commission.

- 3.-(1) The functions of the Commission shall be to -
- (a) formulate and implement Sports policies in the State;
 - (b) encourage mass participation in all forms of sports;
 - (c) work with schools and other relevant agencies in the Ministry of Education to develop Sports in Schools;
 - (d) facilitate the training of athletes, coaches and sports administrators in different Sports in the State;
 - (e) work with Local Governments through their Sport committees in promoting and developing sports in the State;
 - (f) regulate and supervise activities of Sports Associations, Sports Committees in the Local Governments and all other sporting activities within the State;
 - (g) discover and nurture sport talents across the State;
 - (h) ensure that sports serves as a tool for social, economic and tourism development in the State;
 - (i) encourage amateurs and improve their performances;
 - (j) establish and maintain playing fields and premises for the practice of or holding of matches, competitions or contests by amateurs;
 - (k) supervise, control, and where in the opinion of the Commission it is necessary so to do, take over and manage, for such period as the Commission may think fit, the affairs and activities of any sport association or other body assisted financially or otherwise by the Commission; and
 - (l) perform such other duties or functions as may be required to give effect to the provisions of this Law.

- 4 - (1) The Governor may give to the Commission directions of a general or specific nature with regard to the discharge of its functions.
- (2) The Commission shall -
- (a) furnish the Governor with such information and returns relating to the activities of the Commission or other bodies by whom activities are carried on with the assistance of or in association with the Commission, as the Governor may require; and
 - (b) afford the Governor facilities for the verification of information furnished by it in such manner and at such time as the Governor may require.
- 5 - (1) There is established for the Commission the Lagos State Sports Commission Governing Board (referred to in this Law as "the Board").
- (2) The Board shall consist of the following -
- (a) the Chairman who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission;
 - (b) the Director-General of the Commission;
 - (c) Executive Secretary of the State Sports Trust Fund;
 - (d) five (5) members from the business and financial community representing the five (5) divisions of the State who in the opinion of the Governor shall be persons of unquestionable integrity and sound judgment with keen interest in sports and have made positive contributions to the development of sports;
 - (e) a representative of the Chairmen of the State's Sports Associations who shall be recommended by the Associations;
 - (f) a representative of the Youths to be recommended by the Ministry of Youth and Social Development;
 - (g) a representative of the Special People in the State interested in Sports to be recommended by the Office for Disability Affairs; and
 - (h) the Director of school sports from the Ministry of Education.
- (3) The appointment of Members of the Board except the Ex-officio members shall be subject to the confirmation of the House of Assembly.
6. The Board shall have powers to -
- (a) confirm the appointment and process the promotion of persons employed by the Commission;
 - (b) dismiss and exercise disciplinary control over any person employed by the Commission;

Power to Give
Directions to
the
Commission

Establishment
and
Composition
of the
Governing
Board

Powers of the
Board.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(c) enter into such contracts as may be expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Law; and(d) take all such other lawful measures as may be considered necessary to assist in carrying out the purposes of this Law.
Tenure of Office	7. The members of the Board other than the Director-General shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and may be re-appointed for one further term only.
Remuneration and Allowances	8. Members of the Board except the ex-officio members shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as the Governor may approve in line with extant financial policy of the State.
Cessation of Office of Members of the Board.	9. – (1) A member shall cease to hold office if the member – <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) resigns the appointment by giving one (1) month's notice in writing to the Governor;(b) is unfit or unable to discharge the functions of the office either by reason of infirmity or mental incapacity;(c) has been convicted by a court of law for any offence involving dishonesty;(d) is an undischarged bankrupt or is in obvious financial distress; or(e) is guilty of gross misconduct in relation to the duties of the Office. <p>(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this Section, the Governor may remove any member of the Board on being satisfied that it is in the public interest to do so.</p>
Filling of vacancy.	10. – (1) If a member of the Board dies, resigns, retires, becomes disqualified or is removed from office, the Governor shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy and the person so appointed shall complete the remainder of the term of office of the member whose death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal occasioned the vacancy. <p>(2) The person so appointed under subsection (1) of this Section is eligible for another term of four (4) years only after serving the remaining term of the person's predecessor.</p>
Quorum.	11. The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be seven (7) members.
Meetings and Proceedings.	12. – (1) The Board shall meet at least four (4) times in a year and at other times as may be required for the due performance of its functions under this Law.

(2) The Chairman shall preside at every meeting of the Board and in the Chairman's absence, the members present shall appoint one of their members to preside at that meeting.

13. The Board may appoint one or more sub-committees to carry out on its behalf such of its functions as the Board may determine. Sub-Committees of the Board

14. - (1) The Board may co-opt persons who are not members of the Board to any meeting of the Board or any sub-committee. Power to co-opt

(2) Such co-opted person may take part in the deliberations of the Board or any sub-committee but shall not be entitled to vote or count towards quorum.

15. - (1) A member who is directly or indirectly interested in a transaction or project of the Board shall disclose the nature of interest at the meeting of the Board. Disclosure of Interest

(2) The disclosure by a member of such interest shall be recorded in the minutes of meeting of the Board and the member shall not take part in any deliberation of the Board with respect to the transaction or project.

16. - (1) The decision of the Board shall be determined by majority of votes of members of the Board present and voting. Voting

(2) The Chairman or the member presiding shall have a deliberative vote at a meeting and where there is equality of votes, the Chairman or the member presiding shall have a casting vote.

17. - (1) The common seal of the Commission shall be as may be determined by the Board. Seal of the Commission

(2) The fixing of the seal of the Commission will be authenticated by the signatures authorised generally or specifically to act for that purpose.

(3) Any contract or instrument which if made by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Commission by the Director- General or by any other person generally or specially authorised to act for that purpose by the Board.

(4) Any document purporting to be a contract, instrument or other document duly signed or sealed on behalf of the Commission will be received in evidence and unless the contrary is proved, be presumed without further proof to have been signed or sealed.

Appointment
of the
Director-
General

18. – (1) There shall be for the Commission, a Director-General who shall be appointed by the Governor.

(2) The Director-General shall be –

- (a) a person of proven ability and integrity with relevant professional qualifications and experience;
- (b) the Accounting Officer of the Commission;
- (c) subject to the general control of the Board and responsible for the execution of its policies; and
- (d) responsible for the day to day administration of the affairs of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

(3) The terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General shall be as specified in the letter of appointment.

Secretary/
Legal Officer.

19. – (1) There shall be a Secretary to the Commission who shall be a Legal Officer, of not less than Grade level 15 in the Public Service of the State and shall be responsible to the Director-General in the discharge of the functions of the office.

(2) The Secretary shall also be the Head of the Legal Unit, and be responsible for :-

- (a) arranging the meetings of the Board;
- (b) preparing the agenda and minutes of meetings;
- (c) conveying the decisions of the Board to members of the Board;
- (d) arranging for the payment of allowances of members of the Board and other related matters; and
- (e) performing generally all other duties affecting the Commission as may be assigned by the Director-General.

Other Staff of
the
Commission.

20. – (1) The Commission may subject to the approval of the Governor engage such other staff as may be necessary for proper execution of its functions under this Law.

(2) Persons so employed shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as may be specified in the letter of appointment.

Application
of the
Pension Law.
Vol.6 Cap
L52, Laws of
Lagos State
2015.

21. – (1) The Pension Law shall, in its application to any Office under this Law have effect as if the office were in the Civil Service of the State.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which precludes the grant of pension in respect of service in that office.

Funds of the
Commission.

22. – (1) The Funds of the Commission shall consist of the following:-

- (a) annual budgetary provision from the State;

- (b) subventions, fees, fines, charges, subscriptions, subsidies, interests, royalties, grants and donations, on such conditions, if any, as may be specified by the donor unless the conditions attached are inconsistent with the functions and policies of the Commission; and
- (c) all other sums or property which may in any manner become payable to or vested in the Commission in respect of any matter incidental to its powers or functions under the provisions of this Law.

(2) A register shall be kept of all grants and donations to the Commission including the names and particulars of the donors.

(3) All properties or monies donated and received for any approved purpose shall be administered in accordance with such purpose.

23. The Commission shall register and adopt all Sports as approved by the National Sports Commission and the Council of Sports.

Registration
of Sports.

24. (1) A Registered Sport Association shall be headed by a Governing Body of not more than six (6) members.

Registered
Sports
Associations.

(2) The Commission shall appoint into the recognized Associations Governing Bodies.

(3) The list of registered Sports Associations are as contained in Schedule 1 to this Law provided that additional Associations may be added on the authority of the Board.

25. (1) There shall be a Sports Committee in each Local Government Area.

Establishment
of Local
Government
Sports
Committees.

(2) The Sports Committee shall consist of-

- (a) two (2) members appointed by the Chairman of the Local Government Area;
- (b) a member appointed from the organised private sector in the Local Government Area;
- (c) a member from the Local Government Education Authority in the Local Government Area; and
- (d) an officer from the Sports Commission to serve as the Secretary of the Sports Committee.

26. The functions of the Local Government Sports Committees are:-

Functions of
the Sports
Committees

(1) advising, assisting and ensuring proper execution of Sports programmes at the grassroots level; and

(2) to work closely with the Commission on development of grassroots sports.

Transfer of Assets and Liabilities of the Offices of Sports Council	27. – (1) There shall be vested in the Commission all assets and liabilities vested in the former Office of Sports and the Sports Council in the State before the commencement of this Law. (2) All deeds, bonds, agreements, and other instruments which were subsisting before the commencement of this Law and effected by the former Office of Sports and the Sports Council or any other Sports Association in the State, will on the commencement of this Law subsist and be enforceable by or against the Commission.
Accounts of the Commission.	28. A Treasury Single Account for the management of the Commission shall be maintained with a reputable bank and operated in accordance with extant financial regulations of the State.
Annual Accounts and Audit Report. Vol. 2 Cap A13. Laws of Lagos State 2015.	29. – (1) The Board shall keep proper accounts of its revenue and expenditure in conformity with the best standards applicable in the practice of accounting. (2) The account of the Board shall be audited annually by an Auditor appointed from a list of Auditors provided by the State Auditor-General in accordance with the State Audit Law. (3) The Commission shall in accordance with the State administrative guidelines and within such periods as may be indicated, prepare and submit to the Governor through the Chairman of the Commission a report of its activities and operations with a Certified Copy of the audited accounts of the Commission and the Auditor's report on same.
Annual Estimates.	30. The Commission shall not later than 30th September in each year submit to the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget a proposed estimate of the income and expenditure of the Commission for the following year.
Power to Borrow.	31. – (1) The Commission may with the approval of the Governor borrow whether by way of mortgage or otherwise such sums of money for and in connection with the exercise of its functions under this Law as it may deem necessary. (2) An approval given for the purpose of this Section may be either general or limited to a particular borrowing, and shall be subject to the approval of the House of Assembly.
Power to make Regulations	32. The Chairman of the Commission may make regulations generally in accordance with the Regulations Approval Law Vol. 9. Cap R4. Laws Lagos State 2015 for carrying into effect the provisions of this Law.

33. The Lagos State Sports Council Law 2015 is repealed.

Repeal
Vol. 6, Cap.
164, Laws of
Lagos State
2015

34. This Law may be cited as the Lagos State Sports Commission Law and shall come into force on the 1st day of February, 2017.

Citation and
Commencement

This printed impression has been compared by me with the Bill which has been passed by the Lagos State House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

MR. AZEEZ A. SANNI
Acting Clerk of the House of Assembly

SCHEDULE 1. Section 24(3)

SPORT ASSOCIATIONS.

- i. Athletics
- ii. Badminton
- iii. Baseball and softball
- iv. Basketball
- v. Boxing
- vi. Canoeing, Rowing and Yachting
- vii. Chess
- viii. Cricket
- ix. Cycling
- x. Dart
- xi. Deaf Sports
- xii. Fives
- xiii. Football
- xiv. Golf
- xv. Gymnastics
- xvi. Handball
- xvii. Hockey
- xviii. Judo
- xix. Karate
- xx. Kick-boxing
- xxi. Kung-fu
- xxii. Paralympics/Special Sports
- xxiii. Rugby
- xxiv. Scrabble
- xxv. Shooting
- xxvi. Sports Medicine
- xxvii. Squash
- xxviii. Swimming
- xxix. Table Tennis
- xxx. Taekwondo
- xxxi. Tennis
- xxxii. Traditional Sports
- xxxiii. Triathlon
- xxxiv. Tug of War
- xxxv. Weightlifting
- xxxvi. Wrestling
- xxxvii. Volleyball.