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AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE “SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE”, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Saint Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee (Incorporation) Act.

Incorporation.

2. The Saint Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) shall be and is hereby created a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and capable of suing and being sued in its corporate name.

Aims and objects of Committee.

3. The aims and objects of the Committee are—

- (a) to ensure the development and protection of the Olympic Movement and sports in general in Saint Kitts and Nevis;
- (b) to affiliate with the International Olympic Committee (hereinafter called “the IOC”) and to comply with, observe and enforce the Olympic Charter in Saint Kitts and Nevis;
- (c) to enforce all the Rules and Regulations of the IOC;
- (d) to ensure the observance of the Olympic Charter in Saint Kitts and Nevis, and expressly undertake to comply with the Olympic Charter;
- (e) to participate in the Games of the Olympic by sending athletes, coaches and officials;
- (f) to propagate the fundamental principles of Olympism at the national level within the framework of sports activity and otherwise contribute to the diffusion of Olympism in the teaching programmes of physical education and sport in schools and university establishments;
- (g) to encourage the creation of institutions which devote themselves to Olympic education, in particular National Olympic Academies, Olympic Museums and cultural programmes related to the Olympic Movement;
- (h) to encourage the development of high performance sport as well as sport for all;
- (i) to help in the training of sports administrators by organising courses and to ensure that such courses contribute to the propagation of the fundamental principles of Olympism;
- (j) to preserve its absolute autonomy and resist all pressures of any kind including those of a political, religious or economic nature, that may prevent the Committee from complying with the Olympic Charter;

- (k) to commit itself to taking action against any form of discrimination and violence in sport;
- (l) to disseminate among young people an interest in sport and a sporting spirit;
- (m) to assist and cooperate in the provision of better facilities for the people's recreation;
- (n) to strengthen friendship between sportsmen in Saint Kitts and Nevis without racial, political, religious or other discrimination;
- (o) to adopt and implement the World Anti-Doping Code, thereby ensuring that the Committee's anti-doping policies and rules, membership and/or funding requirements and results management procedures conform with the World Anti-Doping Code and respect all the roles and responsibilities for National Olympic Committees that are listed within the World Anti-Doping Code;
- (p) to organise, together with the respective national sporting organisations, the preparation and selection of athletes, by providing financial assistance to affiliated members towards development and preparation of competitors, thereby ensuring that Saint Kitts and Nevis is represented at the Olympic Games and all other games having patronage of IOC;
- (q) to exercise exclusive jurisdiction directly through its constituent members or committees over all matters pertaining to the participation of Saint Kitts and Nevis in the Olympic Games and any other Games or events sanctioned by the IOC including the selection of teams to represent Saint Kitts and Nevis in such Games, and to the designation of a city to host any such Games in Saint Kitts and Nevis;
- (r) to raise funds for the purpose of sending teams to the Olympic, and any other Games sanctioned by the IOC and for such purpose to borrow monies on security or otherwise as may be deemed advisable from time to time, and to repay such monies as and when arrangements may be deemed therefor;
- (s) to affiliate with all other governing bodies of games having patronage of the IOC. It shall, whenever necessary or expedient, collaborate or enter into association with kindred Olympic Associations or Committees particularly in the Western Hemisphere;
 - (t) to submit proposals to the IOC with regard to the Olympic Charter, the Olympic Movement in general and, the organisation and conduct of the Olympic Games;
- (u) to cooperate with government or non-governmental bodies concerning the promotion of a sound sports policy and in order to fulfill its objectives;
- (v) to do such things that in the opinion of the Committee are incidental and conducive to its carrying out these objectives.

Operation and management of Committee.

4. The Committee shall operate under the supreme direction of the General Assembly and shall be managed by an Executive Committee whose election, powers and procedures shall be as prescribed in the Constitution of the Committee.

Powers of the Committee.

5. The Committee shall have the powers hereinafter set forth and such other powers as are appropriate to its objects as are from time to time specified in the Constitution of the Committee, that is to say—

- (a) enter into contracts;
- (b) purchase, sell, lease, rent and acquire or grant legal or equitable interest of any kind in real and personal property;
- (c) borrow money;
- (d) mortgage, assign, pledge, grant security interests in and deal in any manner permitted by law with its property;
- (e) give guarantees of the debt or liabilities of any person;
- (f) make by-laws and regulations;
- (g) engage and terminate temporary or permanent staff, consultants, advisors and agents of any kind;
- (h) operate bank accounts,

upon the commencement of this Act.

Power to dispose of real and personal property.

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- (a) the real property situate at Taylors Range in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of Saint Kitts which immediately before the commencement of this Act was vested in trustees for the Committee is hereby transferred to and vested in the Committee.
 - (b) all personal property of whatsoever nature including things in action which immediately before the commencement of this Act was vested or deemed to be vested in the Executive Committee of the unincorporated Committee or was held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the unincorporated Committee is hereby transferred and vested in the Committee;
 - (c) all the rights, privileges and advantages and all the liabilities and obligations to which the unincorporated Committee or the Executive Committee was entitled or subject as the case may be are hereby transferred to, and conferred or imposed upon the Committee for purposes of this Act.

Mode of execution of documents.

7. (1) All deeds, documents or other instruments requiring the seal of the Committee shall be sealed with the Common Seal of the Committee in the manner provided by the Constitution of the Committee.

(2) All documents, other than those required by law to be under seal, made by and all decisions of the Committee may be signified in the manner provided by the Constitution of the Committee.

Service of documents.

8. (1) The Committee shall at all times have a fixed address in Saint Kitts and Nevis for the service of documents on it and such address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar of Companies.

(2) Every document to be served on the Committee shall be served by leaving it at or by sending it by registered post to the registered address.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Committee liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars and to a further fine of twenty dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Power to make rules.

9. (1) The Committee shall have the power to make such rules as they may deem necessary or expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the Committee and its members and for the discharge of its duties, powers and functions and from time to time to alter, vary, revoke or repeal such rules.

(2) Until varied, altered, amended or revoked by rules made under subsection (1) thereof, the Constitution and other rules of the unincorporated Committee, which existed and were in force before the commencement of this Act, shall have full force and effect.

Saving of State or other rights.

10. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect the rights of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors or any body politic or corporate or of any other person or persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.
