



# ALL INDIA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

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#### RULES FOR GRANT OF AFFILIATION TO STATE ASSOCIATION

All India Pickleball Association (AIPA) was formed in the year 2008 as a not-for-profit under Section 25 companies act and has been promoting the sport in India for the last 14 years. AIPA has been formally granted affiliation of the International Pickleball Association (IFP); USA in the year 2010.

As in the case of all National Sports Association, each such Association has State Associations as its constituent members. In this regard, AIPA has framed rules for granting affiliation to such State Associations.

**Affiliation Committee:** A committee of not more than 3 members will be formed to grant affiliation to the State Association. These 3 members will be formed from the General council members. They will submit their recommendation which will be ratified by the General council in its next meeting.

**State Associations affiliated to AIPA:** All State Association which is already affiliated to AIPA agreeing to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Association. It may be ensured that such Association should already have been registered as a Society or Trust in their respective State or at least have applied for registration on the day it submits its application for affiliation. In case they have already applied and are awaiting receipt of registration certificate then they shall be granted 3 months' time to submit the certificate or their registration will be cancelled.

#### **Types of Affiliation:**

There will be three types of affiliation that shall be granted, viz.

- **Preliminary Affiliation.**
- **Provisional Affiliation.**
- **Permanent Affiliation.**

The process and rules for grant of such affiliation to State Associations are as under on the next page.

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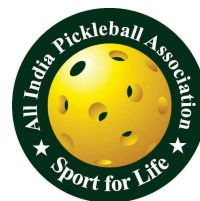
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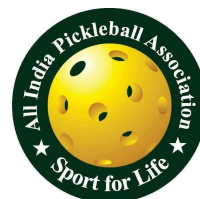
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### **Preliminary Affiliation:**

1. Any desiring person or persons can approach the Association with their proposal to form a State Association in his/their respective State.
2. Such application should consist of a detailed introduction of the applicant. The committee set up to grant affiliation will look into the following aspect of the applicant:
  - a) The applicant should have past experience in Sports sector or organization. It may be ensured that the applicant is not associated with more than 2 sports bodies. It will be the discretion of the Affiliation committee to grant exemption in such case if it feels that the person's association with more than 2 sports bodies will not hamper his role in the present Association that is being formed.
  - b) The applicant must have an impeccable record in sports sector and in other related field.
  - c) The applicant must have access to their own/rented courts to practice and demonstrate Pickleball in his State.
  - d) The applicant should be capable of hosting National and State level tournaments in his State.
  - e) The applicant should have a good network or rapport with almost half districts in his State.
  - f) The Affiliation Committee before recommending the applicant should be sure about the applicant's Integrity, loyalty, discipline and financial stability as these would be crucial to ensure a great synergy between the State Association and the Association and will help in smooth and effective working of the State Association in its State.
3. The application for Preliminary Affiliation shall be accompanied by a year's affiliation fees of INR 5000/-, which shall be refunded in case of rejection.
4. On scrutiny of the application and completion of the process, the Affiliation committee will forward its recommendation to the Governing council which will ratify it in its next meeting and accordingly grant permission to set up State level Association in his/her respective state. The committee shall have the power to accept or reject an application without assigning a reason.
5. The Association will issue them a letter granting them permission to apply for registration in their state. It may be made clear that the permission has been given on forming the State Association exclusively for Pickleball and not for a multi-sport Association.
6. This Preliminary affiliation will have a validity of 6 months by which the person has to take measures to set up society or trust in his/her State.
7. It is imperative for the applicant to apply for the registration during this 6 months' time and inform the same to the Association. In case the applicant has not received the registration certificate from the Authorities then he can approach the Association to grant him 3 months extension. The Affiliation Committee on scrutiny of the application may take appropriate decision to grant the request for extension.
8. Once the registration certificate is received, they may forward it along with the letter and the names of the office bearers of their committee to the Association and seek a provisional affiliation.
9. On scrutiny of the application, the Affiliation committee may grant them provisional affiliation for 3 years.



### **Provisional Affiliation:**

1. After receipt of the registration certificate of the State Association along with the letter and documents seeking Provisional affiliation, the Affiliation Committee shall scrutinize the documents and check the following:
  - a) The registration certificate is in order and that the name of the Association is exclusive for pickleball.
  - b) Application for Provisional affiliation shall be submitted to the Association along with a list of its office bearers for the current year and a copy of the Constitution of the State Association.
  - c) The letter should be accompanied with an activities report planned for the year to spread the game of PB in that State.
  - d) The written constitution of the State Association must clearly mention that their State Association will always remain aligned with AIPA and confirm to all the rules and regulations of AIPA which will be binding on the State Association.
  - e) The Provisional Affiliation will be applicable for 3 years provided they apply for renewal every year with the prescribed renewal fees as decided by the Association. Failure to apply for renewal and/or payment of renewal fees within the stipulated time will invite disciplinary action which shall lead to de-affiliation of the defaulting State Association.
  - f) As a Provisionally Affiliated State Association, it is imperative that they organize State tournaments every year as per the National Sports Code. While organizing State Tournaments, it should ensure that players from atleast 8 Districts participate in the said State Tournaments.
  - g) As a Provisionally Affiliated State Association, it will take steps to get its Districts affiliated to it.
  - h) As a Provisionally Affiliated State Association, it should hold its Annual General meeting by 30<sup>th</sup> June every year. It should submit its annual report and audited annual statement of accounts to the Association within 30 days of holding such meeting. It should also submit the approved minutes of the AGM. The Executive Committee may at its discretion direct a representative of the Association to attend such meetings as an 'Observer'.
  - i) As a Provisionally Affiliated State Association, it should submit a progress report every year while applying for annual affiliation renewal.
  - j) Any clarifications or queries sought by the Association must be promptly replied by the Secretary or the office bearers of the State Association.
  - k) As a Provisionally Affiliated State Association, it should ensure that it adheres to the rules and regulation of AIPA. Acting in disregard to the directions of the Association will invite disciplinary action which shall lead to de-affiliation of the defaulting state Association.



### **Permanent Affiliation:**

1. Any State Association which has been granted Provisional Affiliation can apply for Full Affiliation on completion of 3 years provided it has meticulously obeyed the provisions as mentioned above for Provisional Affiliation.
2. On receipt of the application with all relevant documents as sought from the Association, the Affiliation Committee will scrutinize the documents and if the State Association has adhered to all the rules and regulations of the AIPA for the past three years and has complied with all the requirements that it needed to do as a Provisionally Affiliated State Association, then it can recommend grant of Permanent Affiliation to the said State Association which shall be ratified in the next meeting of the General council members.
3. On Permanent Affiliation, Hon. President and Hon. Secretary General of State will become automatic member of Executive/General Council of AIPA and get the voting rights on behalf of state units.
4. In case of default of compliance as mentioned above, the Affiliation Committee can take appropriate action to recommend as under:
  - a) Keeps their application pending for a year with directions to comply with all the requirements.
  - b) Issue them a Show Cause Notice and based on their unsatisfactory reply recommend De-affiliation or take action as dimfit.

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