



## STATUTES

**John Paul II Foundation for Sports - Goa**

## **CP/4959/2013**

These Statutes of John Paul II Foundation for Sports - Goa are hereby approved provisionally for one year, at the end of which the same - revised if necessary - may be submitted for our definitive approval.

While invoking God's abundant blessings upon all those who are involved in the sports ministry, we pray that these Statutes may prove to be an effective instrument in proclaiming and building the Kingdom of God among the people through the medium of sport.

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Archbishop - Patriarch

### **1. NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Holy Father Blessed John Paul II, in order to ensure that the concern of the Holy See is expressed in the important nerve point of contemporary culture called Sport, instituted in 2004 the "Church and Sports" Section within the Pontifical Council for the Laity, with the following aims:

- i. To be a point of reference in the Church for national and international sports organisations.
- ii. To sensitise the local Churches to the importance of the pastoral ministry of sports environment, while encouraging cooperation between Catholic sports associations.
- iii. To foster a sports culture, as a means of bringing about a holistic growth of the person at the service of peace and brotherhood between people.
- iv. To promote the study of specific issues relating to sport, particularly from the ethical point of view.
- v. To organise and support initiatives which encourage Christian witness by sportsmen and sportswomen.

In fulfilling the above aims spelled out by the Church and Sports Section of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, the Church in Goa recognizes the value of youth in Her mission of proclaiming and building the kingdom of God among the people through the medium of sport. For this purpose, the John Paul II Foundation for Sports-Goa, under the guidance of the Diocesan Authority, intends to accompany the youth in their joyful present and hope-filled future, by being with them and strengthening them, as Christ Himself did for the disciples on their way to Emmaus.

## 2. VISION

To fulfill the Great Commission (Mt 28:19-20), by animating and empowering the Church to creatively work in partnership with various ministries to glorify the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 3. THRUST

In this animation, the John Paul II Foundation for Sports-Goa (JP2F4S- Goa) focuses on:

**Formation:** to learn to play sports and games and pray together.

**Fellowship:** to live as sports persons together and celebrate together.

**Service:** to work and build together the Church through the medium of sports and games.

## 4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 To form the kids, young and old, in Gospel values and to help them discover their relationship with God through sports and games and live their mission in the Church and in the Society.
- 4.2 To provide formation opportunities to the rural, illiterate, working youth and dropouts.
- 4.3 To promote mutual exchange of faith experience, talents in sports and games, creating an understanding among sports persons and non sports persons to glorify God through participation in trainings, competitions and tournaments, coaching camps, adventure activities, etc
- 4.4 To train animators for the sports ministry.
- 4.5 To establish sports ministry groups in parishes and to animate the existing ones.
- 4.6 To welcome youth of other faiths and denominations for formation programmes in order to foster human communities.

## 5. STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

- a) A **Director** will be appointed by the Diocesan Authority of Goa.
- b) A **John Paul II Foundation for Sports-Goa Committee** will also be nominated by the Diocesan Authority of Goa to assist the Director in the running of the day to day affairs of the John Paul II Foundation for Sports-Goa. Upon the proposal of the Director, the Diocesan Authority shall appoint the JP2F4S- Goa Committee. It shall consist of:
  - The Director of the JP2F4S- Goa (Convener)
  - The Director, Diocesan Youth Centre, who will be the Spiritual Advisor
  - The Director, Diocesan Catechetical Centre
  - The Director, Vocation Commission for the Diocesan Clergy
  - The Director, Diocesan Centre for Lay Apostolate

Two Religious, a Priest and a Sister as Representatives from the various Congregations that are functioning in the Archdiocese of Goa

Six Lay representatives one of whom will function as the **Secretary**

- c) The JP2F4S- Goa shall have a **Finance Committee** to assist the Director in the financial matters. It shall consist of:
- The Director who will head the Committee
  - The Director of the DYC
  - The treasurer
  - Two Advisors, knowledgeable in financial matters
  - One Priest member of the JP2F4S- Goa Committee

### **5.1 The Director shall:**

- 5.1.1 be the main responsible for the sports ministry in the Archdiocese;
- 5.1.2 plan, animate and coordinate the sports ministry in the Archdiocese;
- 5.1.3 preside over the meetings of the JP2F4S- Goa Committee.

### **5.2 The JP2F4S- Goa Committee shall:**

- 5.2.1 assist the Director in the planning, organizing and conducting of the Sports ministry programmes in the Archdiocese;
- 5.2.2 coordinate the sports ministry with the parish sports ministry Groups;
- 5.2.3 evaluate the work of the parish sports ministry Groups, identify their problems and suggest possible solutions;
- 5.2.4 explore various possibilities to make the sports ministry appealing to the Kids, Young and Old of Goa;
- 5.2.5 help in the publication of the JP2F4S- Goa Newsletter.

### **5.3 The Secretary shall:**

- 5.3.1 prepare the agenda and convene the meetings of the JP2F4S- Goa Committee;
- 5.3.2 record the minutes;
- 5.3.3 maintain documents, records and the archives;
- 5.3.4 prepare the report of the activities of the JP2F4S- Goa.

#### **5.4 The Finance Committee shall:**

- 5.4.1 prepare the annual budget of the JP2F4S- Goa and present it for the approval of the Diocesan Authority;
- 5.4.2 mobilize funds for the JP2F4S- Goa;
- 5.4.3 prepare the statement of accounts at the end of the financial year and submit it to the Diocesan Authority, after being duly audited;
- 5.4.4 keep an inventory and record of all the assets of the JP2F4S- Goa.
- 5.4.5 The Treasurer shall maintain the accounts of the JP2F4S- Goa.

#### **6. THE DEANERY SPORTS MINISTRY TEAM**

The Director shall establish a Deanery Sports Ministry Team to animate the sports ministry at the deanery level. He shall accompany and guide the members of the Deanery Sports Ministry Team and evaluate their work in the deaneries. It shall consist of:

- a) **The Deanery Priest Sports Ministry Animator (DPSMA).**
- b) **The Deanery Sports Ministry Representatives (DSMR):** Two Youth Representatives (a boy and a girl) to be selected/ elected from each Parish of the Deanery.
- c) **The Deanery Sports Ministry Secretary (DSMS)** to be selected/elected from among the Deanery Sports Ministry Representatives.

#### **6.1 The Deanery Priest Sports Ministry Animator shall:**

- 6.1.1 collaborate with the Dean, the Parish Priests, the Deanery Sports Ministry Representatives and the JP2F4S- Goa office;
- 6.1.2 draw up a yearly programme together with the other members of the Deanery Sports Ministry Team. This programme is to be approved by the Director of the JP2F4S- Goa;
- 6.1.3 preside over the meetings of the Deanery Sports Ministry Team;
- 6.1.4 conduct orientation/formation programmes chalked out by the Deanery Sports Ministry Team for the Parish Sports Ministry groups.

#### **6.2 The Deanery Sports Ministry Representatives shall:**

- 6.2.1 work in consultation and coordination with the Deanery Priest Sports Ministry Animator .

### **6.3 The Deanery Sports Ministry Secretary shall:**

- 6.3.1 prepare the agenda and convene the meetings of the Deanery Sports Ministry Team;
- 6.3.2 keep an attendance register;
- 6.3.3 record the minutes;
- 6.3.4 submit a report once in three months of youth programmes/activities to the office of the JP2F4S- Goa.

## **7. TERM OF OFFICE**

The term of office for the Director, JP2F4S- Goa Committee, Deanery Sports Ministry Team and Finance Committee shall be of three years and he/she can be elected for two consecutive terms.

## **8. MEETINGS**

- 8.1 The JP2F4S- Goa Committee and the Finance Committee of the JP2F4S- Goa shall meet, at least, four times a year.
- 8.2 The 'quorum' for the meetings of the JP2F4S- Goa Committee and the Deanery Sports Ministry Team shall be more than half of the members. If there is no 'quorum' at the appointed time, the meeting shall stand adjourned for fifteen minutes. After the lapse of this time, the members present shall constitute the 'quorum'.
- 8.3 The Deanery Sports Ministry Team shall meet once in three months.

## **9. ELECTIONS**

- 9.1 The one to be elected should be:
  - a) An individual having a balanced personality
  - b) An individual active in faith Community
  - c) An individual abiding by the teachings of the Catholic Church
  - d) An individual endowed with sportsmanship qualities
- 9.2 To conduct the elections, the 'quorum', should be three fourths of the total number of the enrolled members. In case there is no required 'quorum', the meeting is to be adjourned for fifteen minutes and when the members reassemble, those present will be deemed to be the 'quorum'.

- 9.3 The Director of the John Paul II Foundation for Sports - Goa along with the Director of the Diocesan Youth Centre will propose the names for nominating the members of the John Paul II Foundation for Sports - Goa Committee.
- 9.4 The John Paul II Foundation for Sports-Goa committee along with the Director of the Diocesan Youth Centre will propose three names for the election of the Director of the John Paul II Foundation for Sports – Goa.
- 9.5 The Diocesan Authority will appoint the Director of the John Paul II Foundation for Sports - Goa from the proposed names.

## **10. AMENDMENTS**

The JP2F4S- Goa may amend these statutes from time to time after reviewing the same as and when required.

- 10.1 To propose an amendment, at least three fourths of the JP2F4S- Goa Committee needs to be present.
- 10.2 The amendments are to be passed by a two-thirds majority of those present for the meeting.
- 10.3 Any amendment agreed upon by the JP2F4S- Goa Committee is to be confirmed by the Director, the Diocesan Youth Centre Director and approved by the Diocesan Authority.