

Rules and Regulations for the Incorporation and Operation of Overseas Branches of D. S. Senanayake College Old Boys' Association

The following Rules and Regulations are proposed & approved by General Committee to be implemented for the incorporation and operation of overseas Branches ("Branch(es)") of D. S. Senanayake College Old Boys' Association ("OBA"), in concurrence with Article 6.4 of the Constitution of the D. S. Senanayake College Old Boys' Association ("Constitution").

- (01) Incorporation of any OBA Branch outside Sri Lanka shall be incorporated with the approval and the supervision of the Executive Committee and the General Committee of the OBA.
- (02) The objectives of incorporation of the OBA Branch in any overseas country shall be consistent with Articles 2.1 & 2.2 of the Constitution.
- (03) All overseas Branches shall adhere to the Constitution. Notwithstanding, if any Branch wishes to have a constitution and/or amendments thereto, pertaining to the rules and regulations of the relevant Branch, the draft of such constitution and/or amendment shall be first submitted for approval of the Executive Committee and the General Committee on the advice of the lawyers' panel of the OBA to determine the constitutionality of the same vis-à-vis the Constitution
- (04) All Branches shall duly notify and inform in writing the appointment of their committee members for each administrative year ("Term") along with their contact information to the OBA.
- (05) The committee of the Branch shall at all times possible be appointed with the unanimous decision of its respective registered members. In the event that there is more than one candidate proposed for the same post, a transparent election shall be held to select the member for such office. All members of the Branches shall have the Membership Card of the OBA issued in Sri Lanka and any valid document of visa and/or Residence Permit (for more than six (06) months period) in order to qualify to be proposed, consent and/or vote at such election and or selection. All voting shall be in person and not by proxy. Committee member will be confirmed only if he is a registered member of OBA.
- (06) All Branches shall submit a statement of accounts/audited accounts for the period commencing from 01st April and ending on 31st March each year along with an Annual Report to the OBA. The OBA shall present the said information to the General Committee and the OBA shall have the right to seek clarifications, raise concerns and make inquiry from the Branches on the accuracy of the contents of the said information and make recommendations where it deems necessary which the relevant Branch shall forthwith implement. All accounts shall be corrected, certified and approved by the authorized members of the committee of the Branch prior to submission to the OBA
- (07) The Branches shall maintain a separate bank account in the name of the "D. S. Senanayake College Old Boys' Association" and/or in the name of the relevant Branch. However, if and only if any Branch cannot maintain an account in the name of "D. S. Senanayake Old Boys' Association" and/or in the name of the relevant Branch due to laws of such country, it may open an account jointly in the names of any two or members of such Branch, with the approval of its committee exclusively for such purpose and such account shall be maintained in a transparent manner.
- (08) Only the Branches which follow and adhere to these Rules and Regulations shall be entitled to be recognized as OBA affiliated organizations.

- (09) The OBA shall have the right to publish the information received from the Branches in its official website, Annual Report and any other such document at its sole discretion and the accuracy of same shall be the responsibility of the relevant Branch.
- (10) The OBA Exco with OBA general committee approval shall have the power to warn and or delist any Branch that is not strictly adhering the provisions of these Rules and Regulations after due inquiry held on the advice on the lawyers' panel of the OBA. The OBA general committee shall also act as an Arbitrator in the event of any dispute that may arise in the operation and affairs of the Branches where the decision of the OBA general committee shall be final and conclusive.
- (11) The members of the Branches who have not obtained OBA membership shall obtain OBA membership facilitated via the relevant Branch at the payment of equivalent of US\$ (as per schedule 1) per life membership and each Branch shall pay to the OBA an annual subscription fee of USD (as per schedule 1) if its registered membership is over twenty five members, also shall pay USD (as per schedule 1) if the membership is between five and twenty five members. No annual subscription is payable for Branches with less than five members. The said annual subscription fee shall be considered as an administrative fee of the OBA for any services provided by the OBA.
- (12) These Rules and Regulations maybe amended from time to time with the approval of the General Committee on the advice of the lawyers' panel of the OBA. No amendment shall be valid unless it is duly published in the official website of the OBA and such publication shall be deemed due notice given to the Branches. Notwithstanding, the OBA shall consider the concerns raised by Branches in making any amendments to these Rules and Regulations.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2022

Schedule 1

OBA membership application fee from outside Sri Lanka (Including administration & postage cost)	- US\$ 15
Annual Branch Subscription fee - Members above 25	- US\$ 100
Annual Branch Subscription fee - Members above 5 but below 25	- US\$ 50