



# Regulations on the Admission of New Mind Sports Disciplines

## Asian Mind Sports Association

### **Article 1: Purpose**

These Regulations are established to govern the admission of new mind sports disciplines into the governance framework of the Asian Mind Sports Association (AMSA), ensuring that such disciplines meet the essential criteria of mind sports, good governance, and sustainable development within Asia.

### **Article 2: Scope of Application**

These Regulations apply to all disciplines applying for inclusion in AMSA as Development mind sports disciplines, including but not limited to games based on strategy, logic, calculation, memory, or other forms of cognitive competition. Development Disciplines could be promoted to Exhibition Disciplines or Core Disciplines of AMSA with further approval procedures.

### **Article 3: Definition of Mind Sports**

For the purposes of these Regulations, a “Mind Sport” is defined as a competitive discipline in which intellectual, cognitive, logical, strategic, or calculative skills constitute the primary determinants of performance, and where outcomes are objectively determined by standardized rules.

### **Article 4: Three-Stage Admission System**

AMSA adopts a three-stage admission system for new Development mind sports Disciplines:

- (a) Observation Status
- (b) Pilot Status
- (c) Official Discipline Status

#### **Stage 1: Observation Status**

##### 1) Purpose of Observation Status

The purpose of the Observation Status is to assess whether the applying discipline demonstrates fundamental mind sports characteristics, basic governance capacity, and development potential.

##### 2) Eligibility Requirements

To be admitted to Observation Status, a discipline shall submit at minimum:

1. Letter of Application
2. Discipline Profile (History, Popularity, Countries, Number of Players, etc.)
3. Mind Sports Eligibility Statement
4. Preliminary Competition Rules
5. Description of the governing or provisional managing body



### 3) Rights and Limitations

A discipline under Observation Status:

- May be recognized as an “AMSA Observed Discipline”
- Shall not be eligible for AMSA official competitions or qualification events
- Shall not represent itself as an official AMSA discipline

### **Stage 2: Pilot Status**

#### 1) Purpose of Pilot Status

The Pilot Status serves to validate the discipline’s competition system, organizational capacity, and feasibility for sustainable development across Asia.

#### 2) Eligibility Requirements

To be admitted to Pilot Status, a discipline shall, following the Observation evaluation, submit:

1. Complete Technical Rules and Regulations
2. Statutes and governance structure
3. Evidence of participation by Asian countries or regions
4. Refereeing and technical officials system
5. Fair Play and Integrity Declaration

#### 3) Rights and Obligations

A discipline under Pilot Status:

- May organize pilot events under AMSA supervision
- May be included in AMSA development programs
- Shall be subject to continuous evaluation and oversight by AMSA

### **Stage 3: Official Discipline**

#### 1) Admission to Official Status (Developing Discipline)

Upon successful completion of the Pilot Status and approval by the AMSA Executive Committee, a discipline may be admitted as an Official AMSA Mind Sports Developing Discipline.

#### 2) Rights of Official Disciplines

Official Developing Disciplines shall have the right to:

- Operate as officially recognized AMSA disciplines
- Be included in AMSA competition and qualification systems
- Be considered for inclusion in AMSA and OCA multi-sport events

### **Article 5: Evaluation Authority**

The evaluation and stage determination of new disciplines shall be coordinated by the AMSA Secretariat, with relevant committees involved, and shall be subject to final approval by the Executive Committee.



## **Article 6: Downgrading, Suspension and Withdrawal**

### **Grounds for Review and Sanctions**

AMSA may initiate a review procedure for any discipline under Observation, Pilot, or Official status in the event of:

1. Failure to meet the fundamental characteristics of a mind sport;
2. Serious breaches of fair play, integrity, or governance principles;
3. Failure to meet the quantitative evaluation criteria of the relevant status;
4. Submission of false or misleading information;
5. Prolonged lack of substantive development activities within Asia.

### **Downgrading of Status**

Following evaluation, AMSA may decide to:

- Downgrade a Pilot Status discipline to Observation Status;
- Downgrade an Official Discipline to Pilot Status.

Any downgrading decision shall be approved by the Executive Committee and notified in writing to the governing body of the discipline.

### **Suspension**

Where significant compliance or governance risks are identified, AMSA may suspend the status of a discipline, during which the discipline shall not enjoy the rights attached to such status.

### **Withdrawal of Recognition**

In cases of serious or persistent violations not remedied within the prescribed timeframe, AMSA may withdraw the discipline's recognition as an AMSA mind sports discipline.

## **Article 7: Quantitative Evaluation Criteria**

Asian Mind Sports Association retains the final authority for the interpretation of these Regulations.

### **General Principles**

AMSA applies an evaluation mechanism primarily based on quantitative indicators, supplemented by qualitative assessment.

### **Observation Status Criteria**

A discipline under Observation Status should demonstrate:

1. Clearly defined and implementable competition rules;
2. Participation or organizational presence in at least 3–5 Asian countries or regions;
3. A stable governing or provisional management structure;
4. Basic evidence of competitions or organized activities.

### **Pilot Status Criteria**

A discipline under Pilot Status should demonstrate:



1. Participation from at least 8–12 Asian countries or regions;
2. Organization of no fewer than two cross-border or continental pilot events;
3. An established refereeing and technical officials system;
4. Fair play, anti-cheating, and data security mechanisms;
5. A 3-5 years Asian development plan.

- **Official Development Discipline Criteria**

An Official Development Discipline should demonstrate:

1. Stable organizational structures in at least 15 Asian countries or regions;
2. A regular Asian-level competition calendar;
3. Transparent, democratic, and effective governance;
4. Full compatibility with the AMSA competition and qualification system;
5. Realistic feasibility for inclusion in OCA multi-sport events (competition or demonstration).

### **Article 8: Final Authority**

Asian Mind Sports Association retains the final authority for the interpretation and amendment of these Regulations.



## Annex 1 – Application Form for New Mind Sports Discipline

### **Part A – Applicant Information**

- \* Name of Organization:
- \* Country / Region of Registration:
- \* Legal Status (Association / Federation / Other):
- \* Corporate Registration Numbers:
- \* Official Address:
- \* Official Website:
- \* Contact Email:

### **Part B – Discipline Information**

#### Basic Discipline Information

- \* Discipline Name (English):
- \* Category (Strategy / Logic / Calculation / Memory / Other):
- \* Origin and Brief Introduction (Max 300 words):
- \* Format (Individual / Team / Mixed):

### **Part C – Mind Sports Eligibility**

#### Demonstration of Mind Sports Attributes. Please briefly describe:

- \* Core Cognitive / Intellectual Elements:
- \* Criteria for Determining Victory/Defeat:
- \* Relation to Physical Fitness or Physical Confrontation (If none, please specify):

### **Part D – Governance & Organization**

#### Governance and Organization

- \* Name of Governing Body:



\* Has a Constitution/Statutes been established? (Yes / No):

\* List of Key Officials:

### **Part E – Asian Representation**

Development in Asia

\* Number of participating Asian Countries / Regions:

\* List of National or Regional Associations (May be attached separately):

### **Part F – Competition & Development**

Competitions and Development

\* History of Organized Events (If applicable):

\* Status of Referee / Technical Systems (Established or not):

\* Strategic Priorities for Development in Asia over the next 3–5 years:

### **Part G – Declarations**

On behalf of the applicant organization, I hereby confirm that:

- \* The materials submitted are true and accurate;
- \* We agree to abide by the AMSA Statutes and relevant regulations;
- \* We accept AMSA's decisions regarding evaluation, supervision, and phased adjustments.

Signature:

Name / Title:

Date:

Official Seal: