



IJCCI Bonsai Chapter

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. Objectives of the Chapter

The Objective of the 'IJCCI Bonsai Chapter' (hereinafter called 'the Chapter') shall include but not limited to the following:

- A. To popularize the ancient Japanese art of Bonsai amongst the Citizens of India.
- B. To advance education among its participants and the public in the aesthetic, historical, horticultural and business aspects of the art of Bonsai and related arts.
- C. To promote knowledge, interest, appreciation and enjoyment of the art of Bonsai and its related arts through various publications identified by the Board of Directors, Secretary General, Expert Committee of Indo Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IJCCI).
- D. To promote the art of Bonsai and its related arts in Schools and Colleges across India.
- E. To encourage individual participants to work with IJCCI in the furtherance of the art of Bonsai and its related arts.
- F. To impart training in the art of Bonsai to the participants and the general public through senior Indian /Overseas Bonsai Professionals.
- G. To provide a Forum through meetings, exhibits, conventions and publications, whereby participants may join in accomplishing the purposes herein stated.
- H. To conduct Seminars, Workshops, Conferences for disseminating the art of Bonsai to the participants and the general public.
- I. To organise Bonsai tours as and when necessary by the Bonsai Chapter.
- J. To receive donations, participation fees and any other emoluments for the efficacious functioning of the Chapter.

II. Eligibility for Admission as a Participant

- A. The participation shall be open for Citizens of India and foreign nationals residing in India.
- B. The participation is open for individuals who have completed 12 (twelve) years of age.
- C. The admission of any individual for participation shall remain at the sole discretion of the Chapter.

III. Terms of the Participation

1. All persons, regardless of race, creed, colour, disability, marital status, sex are eligible for participation to IJCCI Bonsai Chapter.
2. Any participant whose dues is in arrears by 30 (thirty) days after the due date will be dropped automatically from the active participant list.
3. The participation in the Chapter is categorized into four forms:

A) Regular Participant(s)

Regular participants are individuals who have paid their annual participant fee for the Bonsai Chapter.

B) Honorary Participant(s)

Honorary participants are individual participants recognized by the Board for special non-financial contributions to IJCCI. Such participation is conferred to outstanding Bonsai Masters from India / abroad who at the discretion of the Board will add value to the Chapter.

C) Patron(s)

Patron participants are individual participants who contribute a one-time minimum sum stipulated below. The patron shall have the privilege to propose two individuals who will enjoy the participation in the Chapter as a regular participant during their lifetime.

4. The participant fee to be paid is as follows:
 - a) Regular Participant – A sum of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only) as an annual fee towards the participation in the Chapter.
 - b) Honorary Participant – Exempt
 - c) Patron(s) – An honourable Citizen who contributes a minimum sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) for the advancement of the Chapter.
5. There shall be no limit upon the number of participants in the Chapter.
6. The participation fee paid by the participant is not transferable.
7. The participation fee paid by the regular participant is calculated on the basis of financial year (1st April to 31st March).

IV. Officebearers of the Chapter- Roles and Responsibilities

The Board of Directors of IJCCI shall induct the following Officebearers based on their terms of engagement as detailed in the relevant heading.

The Officebearers shall consist of:

a. Director

The Director will be the steering head of the Chapter. The Director shall render support to the President and the team. The role includes but not limited to looking into administrative and functional manoeuvres of the Chapter.

b. President

The President will be an individual holding expertise in Bonsai Art. The role includes but not limited to overseeing the entire operations of the Chapter.

c. Vice-President

The Vice-President will be an individual holding expertise in Bonsai Art. The role includes rendering assistance to the President towards the efficient functioning of the Chapter.

d. Secretary

The Secretary will be a technical /non-technical person. The role includes but not limited to maintenance of records, facilitating meetings for the Chapter.

e. Secretary General

The Secretary General of IJCCI shall oversee the functions of the Chapter and act as a catalyst between IJCCI and the Chapter.

f. Treasurer

The Treasurer on appointment will administer, manage the accounts and co-ordinate with other officebearers for the smooth functioning of the Chapter.

g. Executive Committee

Three participants of the Chapter at the discretion of the President of the Chapter shall be appointed for a term of 3 years who shall also form part of the office of the Chapter.

h. Special Committees

Special Committee(s) shall be formed from time to time based on the requirements. The President of the Chapter may establish and appoint committees as necessary for specific purposes, to accomplish the duties of his/her office. They shall be disbanded upon completion of their task. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of Bonsai Chapter.

V. Terms on their Engagement

1. The Bonsai Chapter is a wing of the IJCCI, henceforth the overall administration and control shall vest with the Board of Directors of IJCCI.
2. All the officer's viz., the Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of IJCCI and serve a term of three years, or until their successors are elected. All officers may be re-elected to serve a consecutive term, limited to six years in any one position.
3. All the officers are eligible for re-appointment by the Board of Directors of IJCCI.
4. All officers will serve without monetary compensation and for the advancement of the Bonsai art.
5. The Board of Directors of IJCCI shall have the right to call for a change in the occupancy of any Officer or Director position prior to the expiration of the term of office, should it be deemed necessary if:

- a) a participant no longer fulfils his obligations towards IJCCI according to the rules and regulations of the Chapter;
- b) is unable or unwilling to undertake the duties of their office as determined by a majority vote of the Board;
- c) a participant manifestly acts in violation of the rules and regulations of the IJCCI code of ethics, or if the participant harms the good name of IJCCI in an unreasonable way. This must be based upon hard evidence and not hearsay, determined by a majority vote of the Board.

VI. Meetings

The Officers and Committees shall meet at least once in every 3 (three) months and discuss on the agenda set forth in the previous meeting.

The Bonsai Chapter shall conduct meetings every month and the participants are expected to attend such meetings. The President of the Chapter and the Board of Directors of IJCCI shall at all times be the deciding authority and any such decision from them is final and binding on the chapter and its participants.

VII. Obligations of the Participants of the Bonsai Chapter

The Participants apart from the rules and regulations as set forth above shall adhere to the following:

1. The Participants of the Chapter shall actively practice Bonsai and participate in spreading awareness about the art among the public at large.
2. The Participants of the Chapter shall actively participate in achieving the objectives set forth in the Rules and Regulations of the Chapter.
3. The Participants of the Committee shall at all times uphold the dignity of the Chapter.
4. The Participants shall not indulge in any activity that affects the goodwill of the Chapter.
5. The Participants shall discuss the activities of the Chapter only during the time of the meeting.

VIII. Indemnity

If any participant commits breach of the rules and regulations thereof, such participant shall at all times stand to indemnify for the breach, resultant loss to the Chapter. The quantum of such loss shall be determined by the Chapter.
