

## MODEL CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS FOR LOCAL CLUB:

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1. **NAME AND AFFILIATION:** The name of this club shall be the  
Y'S MEN'S CLUB OF ....., duly chartered by the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs and under the jurisdiction of Y's Men International, ..... Region. This Club shall provide service in partnership with the YMCA.
2. **MOTTO:** The motto of this Club shall be "To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right".
3. **PURPOSE:** The International Association of Y's Men's Clubs is a world wide fellowship of persons of all faiths working together in mutual respect and affection based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and with common loyalty to the Young Men's Christian association, striving through active service to develop, encourage and provide leadership to build a better world for all mankind. The club subscribes to and fully accepts this purpose.
4. **OBJECTS:** The objects of the Club shall be
  - i) To support the activities of YMCA and other worthy organisations by members giving personal service through united effort.
  - ii) To encourage justice in civic, national and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics.
  - iii) To keep members informed of and actively involved in civic, economic, social and international matters.
  - iv) To cultivate good fellowship.
  - v) To support International, Area and Regional projects of the Association.
5. **MEMBERSHIP:**
  - vi) The members shall be known as 'Y's Men'.
  - vii) There shall be but one class of members with equal responsibilities and privileges.
  - viii) All Y's men are encouraged to join YMCA.
  - ix) No person shall be denied membership on the basis of race, creed or nationality, but neither shall any person claim membership as a matter of right.
  - x) Every member shall regularly pay the monthly subscription and other dues as applicable from time to time.
  - xi) Only persons of good standing shall be admitted as members of the club after the specific approval of the Board of Directors. The Board shall have the power to terminate the membership of persons who work against the club's objectives or in contravention of the club's Bye-Laws.
6. **GENERAL BODY:**
  - xii) All the members of the club, in good standing at the time of the General Body Meeting shall form the General Body. Members who are not in arrears and who have not been consecutively absent for the last three club meetings and whose absence has been accepted by the Board shall be deemed to be members of good standing.
  - xiii) Members shall receive the Notice and Agenda for every meeting two days in advance.
  - xiv) The General body's decision shall be on the basis of a simple majority vote and its decision shall be final and binding.
  - xv) The quorum for the transaction of any business at any meeting of the club shall be one third of the eligible members.
  - xvi) At least one General Body meeting shall be held every quarter of the year to consider the quarterly progress report and other items.
7. **MANAGEMENT:**

The general management of the club shall be vested in a Board of Directors comprising:

  - a) Club Office bearers that is the President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Jt. Secretary, Treasurer and Y's Guy.
  - b) The Immediate Past Club President, Immediate Past Secretary and the General Secretary of YMCA.
  - c) Any officer of the District, Region, Area or International, who is a resident of ..... shall, with the consent of the club expressed through simple majority vote, be an ex-officio member of the Board without voting rights.
  - d) The Board shall serve for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June of the next year or until a new Board is constituted.

- e) Club office bearers and Board members shall be elected by the General body based on the recommendation of the nomination committee constituted for this purpose by the General body.
- f) The club's audited accounts and annual report for the previous year and the proposed budget for the following year shall be submitted to and passed by the annual General Body meeting during July of each year.

**8. FUNDS:**

- i. Every member shall pay such entrance fee and monthly subscription as may be fixed by the General Body from time to time, for meeting the expenses and remitting the dues to the International, Area, Region and District.
- ii. The subscription from the members and their special payments and income from other sources shall form funds of the Club.
- iii. The account in the name of the Club shall be opened with a bank approved by the General body and shall be jointly operated by the Treasurer and President.
- iv. Every item of revenue received shall be deposited in the bank and then expenditure incurred.

**9. AMENDMENT:**

This constitution may be amended at any time by the General Body, provided that the portion to be amended along with reasons for the amendment is duly notified to all members two weeks in advance and the amendment is passed by two thirds vote of the members present and voting in the General body meeting.

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**President**

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**Secretary**