

Extract from the Rules and Regulations (2002) of the Indian Society of Soil Science

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Society shall be:

- (a) to cultivate and promote soil science and kindred branches soil science;
- (b) to disseminate the knowledge of soil science and its applications, through meetings, discussions, and publications;
- (c) to promote judicious interactive use of soil, water and other natural resources, fertilizer and other inputs to maintain quality and resilience of soil for sustainable agriculture;
- (d) to foster high standards in the teaching and education of soil science;
- (e) work in close association with learned societies and organizations having similar objectives;
- (f) to create public awareness about the importance of soil as finite natural resource;
- (g) to carry out research and to perform all other acts, matters, and things that may assist in, or be conducive to, or be necessary for the fulfilment of objectives and purposes of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP OF ISSS

The Indian Society of Soil Science shall consists of Honorary Members, Life Members, Members, Donor Members, Institutional Members, and Student Members.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

- (a) Members shall be individuals, holding a degree in Soil Science or kindred branches of science/ technology. Such an individual can apply for membership of the ISSS in the prescribed proforma. The Council of the Society shall have a discretion to admit or refuse admission on adequate grounds.
- (b) The admission fee and membership subscription are subject to changes, on the recommendation of the Council and on approval of the general body. The annual membership subscription shall be for a calendar year and shall be due on the 1st January each year. A Member who pays the annual membership subscription on or before 31st March each year only, shall have the right of voting, holding office, and other privileges of the ISSS. The defaulting members can rejoin the Society any time in that calendar year without having to pay be admission fee, but shall not have right to receive issues of Journal published prior to that date. The defaulting members on the 31st December of that year shall automatically cease to be members and their names shall be struck off from the register. If such a defaulting member wants to rejoin the ISSS, he/she can do so by paying admission fee, besides the membership subscription.
- (c) A Member shall have the privileges in accordance with the provisions contained in Article 3.4.2, of receiving, free of cost a copy of the Journal and Newsletter in the year of membership and other publications of the ISSS at a concessional rate, as fixed by the Council. A Member shall also have the privileges of attending the General Body Meetings, holding of offices of the ISSS, and presenting papers at the technical sessions, seminars and symposia, and other scientific conferences organized by the ISSS.
- (f) No one can be admitted as Life Member directly.

RELINQUISHING MEMBERSHIP

Any member may resign, on application in writing, from the membership of the ISSS, but shall not be entitled to any refund of any fees /subscription paid by him/her in advance. Should such a member decide to rejoin the ISSS, he/she shall be treated as a new member.

MEMBERSHIP DISQUALIFICATION

Any member found indulging in acts contrary to the objectives, purposes and activities of the ISSS can be removed from the membership by the Council by following the due procedure as laid down in bye-laws.