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CIVIL PRACTICE REFERENCE — SECTION · ORDER · RULE CONCORDANCE

Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 — Topic-Wise Map of Sections With Corresponding Orders & Rules

Every practice topic in one row: the governing Section(s) from the body of the Code, clubbed with the matching procedural Order(s) & Rule(s) from the First Schedule

HOW THE CODE IS SPLIT	Body of the Act (Ss.1–158, in XI Parts) = substantive/general law; First Schedule = 51 Orders with detailed procedural Rules
WHY THIS NOTE EXISTS	Sections tell you the power/right; the matching Order & Rule tell you the exact procedure to exercise it — both are needed together in drafting & argument
HOW TO USE	Find your practice stage/topic below → cite the Section for the substantive power → cite the Order/Rule for the procedural mechanism
SCOPE	19 practice-topic clusters spanning institution of suit to execution, appeal, reference, review & revision

PHASE A INSTITUTION OF SUIT — JURISDICTION TO WRITTEN STATEMENT

#	PRACTICE TOPIC	CPC SECTIONS	ORDER & RULES	WHAT IT COVERS / PRACTICE POINT
1	Jurisdiction & Place of Suing	Ss.9, 15–20	No dedicated Order — Sections only	S.9 bars the court from trying suits of a civil nature only where expressly/impliedly barred; S.15 requires suing in the court of the lowest competent grade; Ss.16–20 fix territorial jurisdiction (immovable property at S.16–18, other suits at S.19–20, incl. corporations). Always plead jurisdictional facts in the plaint itself.
2	Parties to Suits	S.99	Order I, Rules 1–10	Order I governs joinder/misjoinder/non-joinder of plaintiffs & defendants, necessary vs. proper parties, striking-out/adding parties (R.10), and representative suits (R.8). S.99 saves a decree from reversal for mere mis/non-joinder unless it affects the merits — a useful defence to a technical objection.
3	Frame of Suit & Cause of Action	Ss.9, 10, 11	Order II, Rules 1–7	Order II requires every suit to include the whole claim arising from one cause of action (R.1–2, on pain of relinquishment) and governs joinder of causes of action/splitting of claims (R.3–7). S.10 (stay for pending suit) and S.11 (res judicata) sit alongside — check both before drafting or opposing a fresh suit.
4	Pleadings, Plaint & Institution of Suit	S.26	Order IV; Order VI, Rules 1–18; Order VII, Rules 1–18	S.26 provides every suit is instituted by presenting a plaint (Order IV). Order VI lays down the general rules of pleading (material facts only, signing, verification, amendment under R.17). Order VII is plaintiff-specific — particulars (R.1), grounds for rejection (R.11), and return of plaint for want of jurisdiction (R.10).
5	Written Statement, Set-Off & Counter-Claim	S.27 (link to summons)	Order VIII, Rules 1–14	Order VIII, R.1 prescribes the (extendable, capped) period for filing the written statement; R.6 governs legal set-off; R.6A–6G govern counter-claim (treated as a cross-suit); R.10 empowers the court to pronounce judgment where the WS is not filed. Always calendar the R.1 outer limit from the date of service.
6	Summons & Service of Process	Ss.27–32	Order V, Rules 1–30	Ss.27–29 empower issue of summons to defendants/witnesses; Order V prescribes the modes of service — personal (R.10–16), substituted service by affixation/publication (R.20), and service on agents/corporations (R.90 read with company law). Defective service under Order V is a frequent, and frequently overlooked, ground to set aside an ex-parte decree.

PHASE B TRIAL PROCESS — APPEARANCE TO EVIDENCE

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7	Appearance of Parties, Default & Ex-Parte Proceedings	S.148 (time)	Order IX, Rules 1–14	Order IX governs the consequences of non-appearance — dismissal for plaintiff's default (R.8), ex-parte decree on defendant's default (R.6), and setting aside either on sufficient cause (R.4, R.13). The R.13 "sufficient cause" application is one of the most heavily litigated provisions in daily civil practice.
8	Death, Marriage & Insolvency of Parties; Withdrawal & Compromise	S.146	Order XXII, Rules 1–12; Order XXIII, Rules 1–3	Order XXII: death of a party does not abate the suit if the right to sue survives (R.1–2); legal representatives must be brought on record within the Limitation Act period, failing which the suit abates (R.3–4) subject to an application to set aside abatement. Order XXIII governs withdrawal (R.1, with/without liberty to file afresh) and lawful compromise (R.3, recordable and binding once verified).
9	Discovery, Interrogatories, Inspection & Admissions	S.30	Order X, Rules 1–4; Order XI, Rules 1–22; Order XII, Rules 1–11	S.30 gives the court general power to order discovery/production/inspection. Order X is examination of parties at the first hearing to clarify/admit facts; Order XI is formal discovery by interrogatories and inspection of documents; Order XII covers admissions (R.6 — judgment on admissions, a fast, under-used route to partial/full decree).
10	Framing of Issues & Disposal at First Hearing	— (procedural, no dedicated Section)	Order XIV, Rules 1–7; Order XV, Rules 1–5	Order XIV requires the court to frame issues (of fact and law) from the pleadings after examining parties/documents — the issues then govern the entire trial's scope of evidence. Order XV allows disposal at the first hearing itself where parties are not at issue on any material proposition.
11	Summoning & Attendance of Witnesses	S.32	Order XVI, Rules 1–14; Order XVIIA	Order XVI governs summoning witnesses (R.1, list to be filed within the time fixed), witness expenses (R.2), and consequences of default/non-attendance (R.10, incl. attachment of property); Order XVIIA covers expert witnesses. S.32 empowers the court to compel attendance and penalise default.
12	Adjournments, Hearing of Suit, Evidence & Affidavits	Ss.148, 151	Order XVII, Rules 1–3; Order XVIII, Rules 1–18; Order XIX, Rules 1–3	Order XVII (adjournments — courts are directed to be sparing, esp. post-1999/2002 amendments) and Order XVIII (right to begin, examination-in-chief by affidavit under R.4, recording of evidence, arguments) structure the trial itself. Order XIX permits proof by affidavit for interlocutory applications, subject to the court ordering cross-examination.

PHASE C INTERIM RELIEFS, COMMISSIONS & SPECIAL-CATEGORY SUITS

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13	Attachment Before Judgment, Temporary Injunctions & Interlocutory Orders	Ss.94, 95	Order XXXVIII, Rules 1–13; Order XXXIX, Rules 1–10	S.94 (supplemental proceedings) and S.95 (compensation for wrongful attachment/injunction obtained on insufficient grounds) are the substantive anchor. Order XXXVIII covers arrest/attachment before judgment to defeat a defendant's attempt to obstruct decree execution; Order XXXIX (R.1–2) is the everyday temporary-injunction provision, decided on prima facie case, balance of convenience & irreparable injury.
14	Commissions & Appointment of Receivers	Ss.75–78	Order XXVI, Rules 1–22; Order XL, Rules 1–5	Ss.75–78 empower the court to issue commissions (examine witnesses, make local investigations, examine/adjust accounts, hold scientific investigation, sale of movables, partition). Order XXVI sets out the detailed procedure for each type of commission. Order XL governs appointment of a Receiver pendente lite to preserve suit property.
15	Special-Category Suits — Government, Minors/Unsound Mind, Indigent Persons, Interpleader, Public Nuisance/Charities	Ss.79–82, 88, 91–92	Order XXVII, Rules 1–8B; Order XXXII, Rules 1–16; Order XXXIII, Rules 1–18; Order XXXV, Rules 1–6	S.79–82 (suits by/against Government/public officers — 2-month notice u/ S.80) with Order XXVII procedure; Order XXXII protects minors/persons of unsound mind (suit through next friend/guardian, R.1, R.3); Order XXXIII lets indigent persons sue without court fee upfront; S.88 (interpleader) with Order XXXV; Ss.91–92 govern suits for public nuisance and breach of public charitable/religious trusts (leave of court/ Advocate General required).

PHASE D JUDGMENT TO EXECUTION, APPEAL & BEYOND

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16	Judgment, Decree & Costs	Ss.33–35B	Order XX, Rules 1–20; Order XXA, Rules 1–3	S.33 (judgment & decree follow the verdict); Ss.34–35 (interest, costs — generally follow the event); S.35A (compensatory costs for false/vexatious claims/defences); S.35B (costs for causing delay). Order XX prescribes the contents/form of judgment (R.4–5, findings on each issue) and decree (R.6–19, incl. preliminary/final decrees for partition, accounts, mortgage suits). Order XXA lists specific heads of allowable costs.
17	Execution of Decrees & Orders	Ss.36–74	Order XXI, Rules 1–106	The largest, most-used Order in daily practice. Ss.36–74 set out the substantive framework — courts that may execute (S.38), transfer of decree for execution (S.39), modes of execution, limitation-linked bars, and resistance/obstruction (S.74). Order XXI's 106 rules supply the mechanics: attachment (R.41–57), sale of movable/immovable property (R.64–94), delivery of possession (R.95–106), and objections/claims to attachment (R.58–63) — always check the specific Rule for the mode of execution sought (money decree, possession, injunction) before drafting the execution application.
18	Appeals, Reference, Review & Revision	Ss.96–115	Order XLI (first appeal); Order XLII (second appeal); Order XLIII (misc. appeals); Order XLV (Supreme Court appeals); Order XLVI (reference); Order XLVII (review)	S.96 (first appeal from decree), S.100 (second appeal — only on a substantial question of law), S.104 + Order XLIII (appeals from specified orders, e.g. injunction/receiver orders), S.109 + Order XLV (Supreme Court appeals), S.113 + Order XLVI (reference to High Court on a question of law), S.114 + Order XLVII (review — on discovery of new evidence, error apparent, or other sufficient reason), and S.115 (revision — High Court's supervisory jurisdiction over jurisdictional errors, no corresponding Order).
19	Miscellaneous Powers — Restitution, Transfer/Withdrawal, Inherent Powers & Enlargement of Time	Ss.22–25, 144, 148–149, 151	No dedicated Order for most; Order XLVII overlaps for review-linked restitution	Ss.22–25 (transfer/withdrawal of suits between courts, incl. Supreme Court's power u/S.25); S.144 (restitution — restoring a party to its position where a decree is varied/reversed on appeal); S.148 (court's discretion to enlarge time fixed under the Code); S.149 (allowing payment of deficient court fee); S.151 (inherent powers to secure the ends of justice/prevent abuse of process) — the residual toolkit reached for when no specific Section/Order fits the relief sought.

PRACTICE NOTES

Cite the Section for Power, the Order/Rule for Procedure

A ground raised only under an Order/Rule without the enabling Section (or vice versa) invites an easy technical objection — plead and argue both together, as clubbed in each row above.

Order XXI Deserves Its Own Working Copy

Given its 106 Rules and the sheer volume of execution practice, keep a separately tabbed/annotated copy of Order XXI alongside this concordance — this note gives the map, not the full mechanics of each Rule.

Check the Relevant High Court Amendments

Several States (including Maharashtra) have made local amendments to CPC Orders/Rules (e.g. Order VI, Order XVII) — always cross-check the Bombay High Court Rules/amendments applicable in Mumbai before relying on the unamended Central text.

Limitation Runs Alongside, Not Within, the Code

The Limitation Act, 1963 (not the CPC) prescribes the time limits for most of the above steps (filing suit, appeal, execution application, setting aside ex-parte decree) — always cross-check the applicable Article before advising on any of the 19 topics above.

For internal practice reference only — a topic-wise concordance of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (as amended, incl. the 1999 & 2002 Amendment Acts) clubbing principal Sections with corresponding First Schedule Orders/Rules for 19 major civil-practice clusters. Not exhaustive of every Section/Rule (e.g. Orders XXIV, XXV, XXVIII–XXXI, XXXIV, XXXVI–XXXVII, XLVIII–LI are not separately tabulated) — cross-check the bare Act/Schedule and applicable High Court Rules before relying on this in drafting or argument. Prepared 11 August 2026.

Primary sources: The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, as amended, and its First Schedule (indiacode.nic.in); commentary and Order-wise summaries via LatestLaws, Vidhi Judicial Academy, iPleaders, LawFoyer, and AAPTaxLaw's Order-wise CPC series.