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Part One: Definitions

Article (1): Definitions

In the interpretation of these Statutes, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them respectively, unless the context requires otherwise. Words importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa; words importing the masculine shall include the feminine; and words importing natural persons shall include legal persons. Any definitions not provided in these Statutes but contained in the statutes, regulations and codes of FIFA and AFC shall be deemed incorporated into SAFF Statutes, as applicable.

Kingdom:	The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
Statutes:	The Statutes of the Saudi Arabian Football Federation.
Federation:	Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF).
AFC:	The Asian Football Confederation.
AFC Competitions:	Continental football competitions organized by AFC.
FIFA:	Fédération Internationale de Football Association (International Federation of Association Football).
FIFA Council:	FIFA strategic and supervisory body.
IFAB:	The body responsible for issuing the Laws of the Game.
UAFA:	Union of Arab Football Associations.
WAFF:	West Asian Football Federation.
Ministry:	The Ministry of Sport.
Organized Football:	Association Football organized under the auspices of FIFA, AFC or SAFF, or authorized by them.
Laws of the Game:	The laws of Association Football issued by IFAB in accordance with the relevant provisions of FIFA Statutes.

General Assembly:	The legislative body and the supreme authority of SAFF.
Member:	A natural or legal person admitted into membership by the General Assembly.
Representative:	A natural person representing a Member at a General Assembly meeting.
Club:	A sports entity with legal entity or a company officially licensed by the competent authority to participate in Football, which is a Member of SAFF or a Member of a League that enters at least one team in a competition.
Player:	A Football player officially registered with SAFF.
Board of Directors:	The elected Board of Directors formed under these Statutes.
Electoral Committee:	The body responsible for organizing and supervising elections and the procedures of their approval at SAFF level in accordance with these Statutes and SAFF Electoral Code.
Electoral List:	A list consisting of a maximum of twelve (12) candidates for the Board of Directors, namely the President, a maximum of two Vice Presidents, and the members elected together.
Standing Orders:	Rules governing General Assembly meetings.
Standing Committee:	An advisory body to the Board of Directors in the performance of its duties formed based on terms of reference contained in special regulations abiding by the Statutes of SAFF.
Judicial Committees:	The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and the Appeals Committee at SAFF.
Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS):	The international Court of Arbitration for Sport for the settlement of sports disputes, headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.
Saudi Sports Arbitration Centre (SSAC):	The judicial body having exclusive jurisdiction to hear, adjudicate and/or mediate all sports disputes and/or disputes related to sport after all

	internal channels of appeal within SAFF have been exhausted, in accordance with these Statutes and its regulations.
Ordinary Courts:	State courts and their judicial and quasi-judicial bodies that hear and determine public or private disputes falling outside the jurisdiction of SAFF.
General Secretariat:	SAFF Executive and Administrative Body.
General Secretary:	The person appointed as General Secretary, who serves as SAFF CEO.
Officials:	All members of the Board of Directors, committees, referees and their assistants, coaches and their assistants, officials of technical, medical and administrative affairs of SAFF, Professional Leagues, Clubs, and others.
SAFF Competitions:	Football competitions and tournaments organized and supervised by SAFF, including futsal, except the Professional League competition, which is organized by the Professional Leagues.
Participation License:	The license issued to a Club authorizing it to participate in competitions organized and supervised by SAFF.
League:	An organization with a legal and independent personality, financially and administratively. It operates under the supervision of SAFF.
Professional Leagues:	Leagues that are administratively, financially, and organizationally independent, subordinate to SAFF, responsible for organizing a particular league or competition.

Part Two: General Provisions

Article (2): Name, Headquarters and Legal Status

- 1) The Federation: A non-governmental sports body with an independent legal entity. It is autonomous and does not primarily seek to make a profit. It was established in accordance

with the laws of the Kingdom for an indefinite period and shall exercise the duties and powers entrusted thereto pursuant to these Statutes and the applicable laws and regulations of the Kingdom. The Federation was established on 18 May 1955 and was recognized by FIFA on 10 June 1956.

- 2) The headquarters of the Federation shall be in the city of Riyadh and may not be relocated to another city except by a resolution of the General Assembly. The Federation may establish one or more branches in the regions of the Kingdom.
- 3) The Federation is a member of WAFF, UAFA, AFC, and FIFA.
- 4) The Federation's logo consists of a falcon's head, a football, and a palm in a ball-shaped frame.
- 5) The abbreviation of the Federation's name in Arabic is "ساف" and in English is "SAFF".
- 6) The Federation's logo and abbreviation are registered trademarks with the official authorities in the Kingdom.

Article (3): Objectives of SAFF

The Federation shall pursue the following objectives:

- 1) To strengthen national belonging and reinforce the national identity among the people of the Kingdom through the sport of football.
- 2) To continuously improve, promote and develop the game of football and its components, in light of its common humanitarian, cultural and educational values.
- 3) To promote participation in football in accordance with humanitarian, cultural and educational values.
- 4) To continuously develop football and its supporting components in the Kingdom, ensure compliance with the Laws of the Game, and prevent any breach thereof.
- 5) To organize football competitions at the local and national levels in accordance with the principles of fair competition, fair play, sportsmanship and humanitarian values.
- 6) To establish regulations governing football activities and ensure the implementation thereof.

- 7) To protect its interests and the interests of its Members.
- 8) To fully comply at all times with the statutes, regulations, codes, circulars and decisions issued by FIFA, AFC and WAFF, the decisions of CAS rendered on appeal, the decisions of SSAC, as well as the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB, and to ensure that they are also respected by the Federation's Members and Officials.
- 9) To strengthen relations with local, regional, continental, and international institutions and bodies to achieve the honorable representation of the Kingdom in the game of football.
- 10) To manage domestic and international sporting relations relating to football in all its forms.
- 11) To host football competitions at the regional, continental and international levels.
- 12) To promote integrity, ethics and fair play in order to prevent all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, that may jeopardize the integrity of matches, competitions, Players, Officials and Clubs, or otherwise bring the sport of football into disrepute.
- 13) To comply with the laws and regulations in force in the Kingdom.
- 14) To organize studies, research, conferences and workshops relating to football and its various affairs.
- 15) To promote the development of women's football and the full participation of women at all levels of football governance.
- 16) To promote and strengthen recognized governance principles and practices at the national level and encourage Members to adopt their own recognized governance principles.

Article (4): Neutrality, Non-Discrimination and Anti-Racism

- 1) The Federation shall remain neutral in matters of politics and religion.
- 2) The Members of the Federation shall also remain neutral in matters of politics and religion and shall ensure that their own members observe such neutrality.

- 3) The Federation shall remain independent and avoid any form of undue political interference. The Federation shall manage its affairs independently and without any undue influence from any third parties.
- 4) Discrimination of any kind against a country, a person or a group of persons on account of race, sex, language, religion, political opinion, disability or any other reason is strictly prohibited and shall be punishable by suspension, expulsion or deregistration, in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations.

Article (5): Development and Strengthening of Friendly Relations

The Federation shall develop and strengthen friendly relations as follows:

- 1) By establishing, developing and promoting friendly relations between the Federation, its Members, Clubs, Officials, Players and within the community in pursuit of humanitarian objectives.
- 2) Every person and organization involved in the sport of football shall comply with these Statutes, the regulations, the principles of fair play, and the values of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
- 3) The Federation shall provide the necessary institutional framework for resolving any internal disputes arising among its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players.

Article (6): Players

- 1) The Board of Directors shall adopt the regulations and decisions governing the status and transfer of Players participating in the Federation Competitions and the Professional League, in accordance with the regulations of the Federation and those of FIFA.
- 2) Players are registered by the Federation in accordance with the governing regulations, provided that such regulations are not inconsistent with these Statutes or the mandatory regulations of FIFA.

Article (7): Laws of Game

- 1) The Federation and all its Members shall play Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB, which is the sole body authorized to issue and amend the Laws of the Game.
 - 2) The Federation and all its Members shall play futsal in compliance with the Futsal Laws of the Game issued by FIFA, which is the sole body authorized to issue and amend the Futsal Laws of the Game.
 - 3) The Federation and all its Members shall play beach soccer in compliance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game issued by FIFA, which is the sole body authorized to issue and amend the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.
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Article (8): Behavior of Bodies and Officials

- 1) All Bodies of the Federation (as set out in Article (20) of these Statutes) and its Officials shall, in the course of their activities, comply with these Statutes, the regulations, directives, decisions and codes of ethics issued by FIFA, AFC and SAFF.
 - 2) Every natural or legal person involved in Association Football, futsal or beach soccer in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shall comply with the Statutes and regulations issued by FIFA, AFC and SAFF, as well as any applicable legislation, together with the principles of fair play and the values of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
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Article (9): Official Languages

Arabic shall be the official language of the General Assembly and the Federation, including the Bodies and Committees thereof. Documents, records, minutes of meetings, correspondence and official statements shall be prepared in Arabic and may be translated into English where necessary. In the event of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the texts, the Arabic text shall prevail.

Part Three: Membership Provisions

Article (10): Admission, Suspension and Expulsion

- 1) The General Assembly shall decide on the admission, suspension or expulsion of a Member upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes.
 - 2) Membership shall be granted to the applicant if the requirements stipulated in these Statutes are met.
 - 3) Membership shall terminate either by withdrawal or expulsion by the Federation. Termination of membership shall not release the Member from its financial obligations towards the Federation or the other Members of the Federation; however, it shall result in the forfeiture of all rights vested in the Member with the Federation.
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Article (11): Membership

- 1) The Members of the Federation shall be the Clubs (Premier Division, First Division, Second Division, Third Division and Fourth Division Clubs), and any Club participating in the competitions organized and supervised by the Federation.
- 2) The Members of the Federation in the General Assembly shall be the Clubs specified in Article (22) of these Statutes.
- 3) Any legal person wishing to become a Member of the Federation shall submit a written application to the General Secretariat.
- 4) The following mandatory documents shall be accompanied to the application:
 - a. A copy of the applicant's Statutes and its applicable regulations currently in force.
 - b. A declaration undertaking to comply with these Statutes and the laws, rules, regulations, instructions and decisions issued by SAFF, AFC and FIFA, and to ensure that they are respected and complied with by its Officials, administrators and Players, with such obligation being incorporated into its own Statutes.
 - c. A declaration undertaking to comply with the Laws of the Game approved by IFAB and the Laws of the Game governing futsal and beach soccer issued by FIFA.

- d. A declaration recognizing the Judicial Committees of the Federation, the Dispute Resolution Chamber recognized by SAFF, SSAC and CAS.
- e. A declaration confirming that its headquarters are located in the Kingdom and that it is duly registered in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.
- f. A declaration undertaking to participate in all official matches and competitions organized by the Federation in accordance with these Statutes.
- g. A declaration confirming that the applicant's legal structure guarantees the independence of its decision-making process without interference from any external party.
- h. A declaration confirming that the members of its bodies have been elected or appointed through a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment process.
- i. A list of the names of its Officials and Members, identifying those authorized to sign legally binding agreements on its behalf with any other party.
- j. A declaration undertaking not to organize or participate in any official or friendly matches without obtaining the prior approval of the Federation.
- k. A certified true copy of the license issued by the competent local authority in accordance with the laws of the Kingdom.
- l. A copy of the minutes of the applicant's most recent General Assembly meeting.

Article (12): Membership Application Procedures

- 1) The procedures governing applications for and admission to membership shall be regulated by special regulations issued pursuant to these Statutes.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall recommend to the General Assembly whether an application for membership should be accepted or rejected. The applicant shall be entitled to present to the General Assembly the reasons supporting its application for membership.
- 3) Where necessary, the Board of Directors may grant provisional membership pending the next meeting of the General Assembly.

- 4) A new Member shall enjoy all rights and assume all obligations immediately upon admission to membership. Member representatives shall be entitled to participate in the voting, and election and to run for election immediately, in accordance with these Statutes.
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Article (13): Rights of Members

- 1) Members of the Federation shall have the following rights:
- a. To participate in the General Assembly, to receive prior notice of its agenda, to be invited to attend the General Assembly on the scheduled date, and to exercise their rights to actively participate in deliberations, discussions, elections and voting.
 - b. To submit proposals for inclusion on the agenda of the General Assembly.
 - c. To nominate candidates for the elective positions available within the Federation.
 - d. To elect the members of the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedures set out in these Statutes and the Federation's Electoral Code.
 - e. To participate in competitions and other sporting activities organized by the Federation.
 - f. To exercise all rights guaranteed to them under these Statutes and all regulations issued pursuant thereto.
 - g. To be notified of their own matters relating to the Federation.
- 2) The exercise of these rights by Members shall be subject to the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations issued for their implementation.
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Article (14): Duties of Members

- 1) Members of the Federation shall comply with the following obligations:
- a. To comply at all times with these Statutes, the regulations, instructions and decisions issued by FIFA, AFC and SAFF, its Committees and Bodies, as well as the decisions issued by SSAC and CAS, and to ensure that they are respected and complied with by their Officials, Members, employees, administrators and Players.
 - b. To ensure that the appointment or reappointment of the Judicial Committees and the Audit and Compliance Committee is ratified at least every four (4) years.

- c. To participate, where applicable, in the competitions and other sporting activities organized by the Federation.
 - d. To pay the membership subscription fees.
 - e. To comply with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB and FIFA, and to ensure such compliance by incorporating them into the Member's Statutes and regulations.
 - f. To include in its Statutes a provision stipulating that any dispute of a domestic nature relating to the Statutes, regulations, instructions or decisions issued by the Federation shall, after exhaustion of all internal remedies within the Federation, be referred to SSAC in accordance with its Statutes and regulations.
 - g. To include in its Statutes a provision stipulating that any dispute of an international nature relating to the Statutes, regulations, instructions or decisions issued by FIFA or AFC shall ultimately be submitted to CAS, in accordance with FIFA Statutes and AFC Statutes.
 - h. To notify the Federation of any amendment to its Statutes, regulations, or the list of its Officials and persons authorized to sign legally binding agreements with any other party.
 - i. To refrain from establishing any sporting relations with organizations that are not recognized or with any Member whose membership has been suspended or expelled.
 - j. To respect and uphold the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting conduct as an expression of the spirit of fair play, and to incorporate such principles into its Statutes and regulations.
 - k. To combat all forms of discrimination.
 - l. To encourage, develop and promote women's football.
 - m. To comply with the mandatory provisions set out in paragraph (4) of Article (11) of these Statutes throughout the period of its membership.
 - n. To maintain a record of members to be updated periodically and regularly.
 - o. To fully comply with all obligations arising from the implementation of these Statutes and all other regulations issued by SAFF, AFC and FIFA.
 - p. To manage its affairs independently and without any undue influence from third parties, and to ensure that its regulations comply with the requirements of these Statutes.
- 2) Any breach of the foregoing duties shall render the violating Member liable to the sanctions provided for in these Statutes and the relevant regulations.

- 3) A violation of paragraph (1)(n) above may also result in the imposition of sanctions, even where the undue influence of a third party is not attributable to the fault of the Member concerned. Each Member of the Federation shall be responsible to the Federation for any and all acts of its affiliated Members resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such affiliated Members.

Article (15): Suspension of Membership

- 1) The General Assembly may suspend the membership of a Member upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may, without referring the matter to the General Assembly, provisionally suspend the membership of a Member with immediate effect if the Member commits serious breaches of its obligations. Such suspension shall remain in force until the next meeting of the General Assembly, unless the Board of Directors lifts the suspension before the date of that meeting.
- 2) A meeting of the General Assembly convened to decide on the suspension of membership shall be valid only if attended by a majority of the Members (more than 50%) entitled to vote. The suspension of a Member, or the confirmation of a suspension imposed by the Board of Directors, shall require the approval of three-quarters of the votes of the Members present and entitled to vote. Failing such approval, the suspension shall automatically be lifted.
- 3) A Member whose membership has been suspended shall lose its membership rights. The other Members shall not establish any sporting relations with such Member, and the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose additional sanctions.
- 4) Members that do not participate in the activities of the Federation for one year shall lose their voting rights at General Assembly meetings, and their Representatives shall neither be elected nor appointed unless they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.
- 5) A suspension of membership shall be lifted by a resolution of the General Assembly upon the request of the suspended Member at the first meeting of the General Assembly following the submission of such request, provided that the grounds for the suspension have ceased to exist.

Article (16): Expulsion

- 1) Upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the General Assembly may expel a Member in any of the following cases:
 - a. If the Member fails to fulfill the duties stipulated in Article (14) of these Statutes or with its financial obligations towards the Federation.
 - b. If the Member commits a serious violation of its statutes, rules, regulations or Standing Orders, or those of SAFF, AFC or FIFA.
 - c. If the Member loses its legal capacity, or is liquidated, declared bankrupt or dissolved.
 - 2) Expulsion shall become effective only if the General Assembly meeting is attended by a majority (more than 50%) of the representatives of the Members entitled to vote, and the resolution for expulsion is approved by a three-quarters majority of the votes of the Members present and entitled to vote.
 - 3) A Member whose membership has been expelled may not reapply for membership of the Federation until one (1) year has elapsed from the date of its expulsion.
 - 4) A Member whose membership has been expelled shall have no claim to any part of the Federation's assets and shall return to the Federation, in good order and condition, any documents, records or other property belonging to the Federation.
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Article (17): Withdrawal

- 1) A Member may withdraw from membership of the Federation with effect from the end of the financial calendar year in which the notice of withdrawal is submitted, provided that written notice of withdrawal is sent by registered letter to the General Secretariat at least six (6) months before the end of the financial calendar year.
- 2) Withdrawal shall not become effective unless the Member seeking to withdraw has fulfilled all of its financial obligations towards the Federation and the other Members of the Federation.

- 3) A withdrawing Member shall have no claim to any part of the Federation's assets and shall return to the Federation, in good order and condition, any documents, records or other property belonging to the Federation.
- 4) A Member that has withdrawn shall not be eligible to reapply for membership of the Federation until four (4) years have elapsed from the date of its withdrawal.

Article (18): Status of Clubs, Leagues, and Other Groups of Clubs

- 1) No Club, League or any other group of Clubs affiliated with the Federation may organize or participate (or attempt to organize or participate) in any matches, competitions or tournaments that do not form part of Organized Football.
- 2) These Statutes shall define the scope of the powers, rights and obligations of Clubs and Leagues. Their Statutes and regulations shall comply with the requirements and obligations set out in the Statutes and regulations of the Federation. The Federation shall have primary responsibility for regulating matters relating to refereeing, anti-doping, player registration, club licensing and the imposition of disciplinary measures, including those relating to ethical misconduct, as well as the measures necessary to safeguard the integrity of competitions.
- 3) The Federation shall ensure that its Member Clubs are able to make all decisions on matters relating to their membership independently and without undue influence from any external party. This obligation shall apply regardless of the Club's corporate structure. In all circumstances, the Federation and the Clubs shall ensure that no natural or legal person (including holding companies and their subsidiaries), while exercising control in any manner whatsoever over one or more Clubs, compromises the integrity of any match or competition. The Board of Directors shall issue regulations in this regard based on the recommendations of the General Secretariat.

Article (19): Honorary President and Honorary Membership

- 1) The General Assembly may confer the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member upon any person in recognition of distinguished services rendered to football.

- 2) The Board of Directors shall nominate candidates for such honorary positions.
- 3) An Honorary President or Honorary Member shall be entitled to attend General Assembly meetings and participate in its deliberations, but shall have no right to vote.

Part Four: Organizational Structure

Article (20): Bodies of SAFF

- 1) The General Assembly, which is the supreme legislative body of the Federation.
- 2) The Board of Directors, which is the supervisory body of the Federation.
- 3) The Standing Committees and Temporary Committees, which advise and assist the Board of Directors in carrying out its duties. These Statutes shall define the duties, composition and operating procedures of such Committees, and the Board of Directors may issue regulations governing them.
- 4) The Judicial Committees and the Dispute Resolution Chamber, which shall perform their functions and duties in complete independence in accordance with these Statutes and the applicable regulations.
- 5) The Club Licensing Committee, which shall be responsible for administering the club licensing system within the Federation.
- 6) The General Secretariat, which is the executive and administrative body of the Federation.
- 7) The Club Control Body, which shall be responsible for monitoring the compliance of privately owned Clubs with the rules designed to safeguard the integrity of Saudi football.
- 8) The terms of office of the Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and members of the Standing Committees, Temporary Committees, Judicial Committees and the Dispute Resolution Chamber shall expire upon the expiry of the term of the Board of Directors. The newly elected Board of Directors may extend their terms.
- 9) The Federation shall elect or appoint the members of its Bodies in accordance with the procedures set out in these Statutes and without any interference from third parties, provided

that members of such Bodies have not previously been convicted of any criminal offence incompatible with the position.

- 10) Any member of a Body shall withdraw from any discussion and abstain from any decision whenever there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interest. In particular, members of the Bodies shall at all times be aware of, comply with and conduct themselves in accordance with the relevant provisions of FIFA Code of Ethics relating to conflicts of interest, as amended from time to time (e.g. abstaining from performing their duties, notifying the Chairperson in cases of potential conflicts of interest, etc.).

Section One: General Assembly

Article (21): Definition and Formation of General Assembly

- 1) The General Assembly is the body comprising the Members of the Federation. It shall constitute the legislative body and the supreme authority of the Federation and shall have the power to adopt resolutions. Its resolutions shall be valid and binding, provided that it is constituted in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes.
- 2) Meetings of the General Assembly shall be either Ordinary or Extraordinary.
- 3) The President of the Board of Directors shall preside over the General Assembly. In the President's absence, a Vice President shall preside. If neither is present, the oldest member of the Board of Directors shall chair the meeting.
- 4) The General Assembly may appoint observers, who shall have no right to participate in the discussions or to vote.
- 5) The Honorary President and Honorary Members may attend meetings of the General Assembly and participate in the discussions, but shall have no right to vote.

Article (22): Members, Representatives and Votes

- 1) The General Assembly shall consist of forty-nine (49) Representatives representing the Members of the Federation, as follows:

- a. Eighteen (18) Representatives representing the Premier Division Clubs, with one Representative for each Club.
 - b. Ten (10) Representatives representing the First Division Clubs, being the Clubs occupying the top ten positions in the last completed sporting season preceding the General Assembly meeting.
 - c. Ten (10) Representatives representing the Second Division Clubs, being the Clubs occupying the top ten positions in the last completed sporting season preceding the General Assembly meeting.
 - d. Eight (8) Representatives representing the Third Division Clubs, being the Clubs occupying the top eight positions in the last completed sporting season preceding the General Assembly meeting.
 - e. Three (3) Representatives representing the Fourth Division Clubs, being the Clubs occupying the top three positions in the last completed sporting season preceding the General Assembly meeting.
 - f. Special Provision: If it is not possible to determine the top eight (8) positions in the Third Division sporting season because the General Assembly is convened before the conclusion of the first season of the Third Division under its new competition format, the eight Representatives of the Third Division Clubs shall be the Clubs that have qualified for the quarter-final stage in the sporting season preceding the General Assembly.
 - g. Special Provision: If it is not possible to determine the three Representatives of the Fourth Division because the General Assembly is convened before the conclusion of the first season of the Fourth Division, the three Representatives of the Fourth Division shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the Fourth Division Representatives. In the event of a tie or if such election cannot be held, they shall be appointed by a resolution of the Board of Directors.
- 2) Representatives shall belong to the Member they represent and shall be appointed or elected by the competent body of that Member. They shall be able to provide evidence thereof upon request.
 - 3) Representatives attending the General Assembly on behalf of their Clubs shall be members of the Boards of Directors of those Clubs or their Chief Executive Officers.

- 4) A Representative of a Member shall have no record of any offence involving dishonor, dishonesty or lack of integrity, shall not have been subject to deregistration, expulsion or dismissal from any Club, federation, sports body or any other entity, and shall not have been convicted by a final judgment of any criminal offence by a domestic or foreign court within the preceding five (5) years.
- 5) Each Representative shall have one vote. Only the Representatives present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter shall not be permitted.
- 6) The members of the Board of Directors and the General Secretary of the Federation shall attend meetings of the General Assembly without the right to vote. During their term of office on the Board of Directors of the Federation, members of the Board of Directors may neither be appointed nor elected as Representatives of a Member of the General Assembly. Members of the Board of Directors may also not serve on any Independent Committee.

Article (23): Powers of General Assembly

The General Assembly shall have the following powers:

- 1) To adopt or amend these Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly.
- 2) To appoint three (3) Representatives to review the minutes of the General Assembly meeting.
- 3) To approve the minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting.
- 4) To elect the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedures set out in these Statutes.
- 5) To appoint three (3) independent scrutineers to assist in the counting of votes.
- 6) To approve the audited annual financial statements and adopt the budget.
- 7) To discuss and approve the activity report submitted by the President of the Board of Directors on the activities of the Board of Directors, the Standing Committees and the General Secretariat, as well as the strategic plan and its implementation.
- 8) To review the performance of the Board of Directors against the strategic plan.
- 9) To appoint an independent external auditor upon the proposal of the Board of Directors.

- 10) To approve the reappointment of the Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and members of the Judicial Committees and the Audit and Compliance Committee following their appointment by the Board of Directors.
- 11) To determine the amount of the membership subscriptions.
- 12) To confer the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member upon the nomination of the Board of Directors.
- 13) To admit, suspend or expel a Member.
- 14) To pass a vote of no confidence in the Board of Directors, subject to the provisions of Article (77) of these Statutes.
- 15) To delegate any or all of its powers to the President of the Board of Directors or to the Board of Directors.
- 16) To dismiss a person or a body.
- 17) To dissolve the Federation in accordance with these Statutes.
- 18) To adopt the Electoral Code.

Article (24): Quorum for General Assembly Meetings

- 1) Resolutions passed by the General Assembly shall be valid only if a majority (more than 50%) of the Representatives entitled to vote are present.
- 2) If a quorum is not achieved, another General Assembly meeting shall be convened within twenty-four (24) hours with the same agenda.
- 3) No quorum shall be required for the second General Assembly meeting unless the agenda includes any proposal to amend these Statutes, conduct an election, dismiss a person, suspend or expel a Member, pass a vote of no confidence in the Board of Directors, or dissolve the Federation.

- 4) Once the General Assembly has been duly convened and constituted in accordance with these Statutes, the quorum shall not be affected by the subsequent departure of any Representatives.
 - 5) Representatives arriving at the General Assembly meeting after the roll call has been completed shall not be entitled to vote.
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Article (25): Resolutions of General Assembly

- 1) Any matter requiring a vote shall be decided by a show of hands or by any other electronic voting system for counting votes, unless the General Assembly resolves otherwise. If the required majority cannot be clearly determined by a show of hands, the vote shall be conducted by calling the names of the Representatives in alphabetical order.
 - 2) Unless otherwise provided in these Statutes, a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast shall be sufficient for the adoption of a resolution of the General Assembly. Blank ballot papers, invalid votes, electronically manipulated votes in any form, and abstentions shall not be counted in calculating the majority.
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Article (26): Elections

- 1) Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. However, where there is only one Electoral List, it shall be elected by acclamation.
- 2) Elections of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with the Federation's Electoral Code, issued by the Board of Directors and adopted by the General Assembly. The Electoral Committee shall organize and supervise the elections.
- 3) Elections of the Board of Directors shall be conducted by means of the Electoral List system, whereby the election of an Electoral List constitutes the election of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of a maximum of twelve (12) members, including at least one (1) woman. The Board of Directors shall comprise the President, a maximum of two (2) Vice Presidents, and up to ten (10) members, depending on the number of Vice Presidents.

- 4) Each Electoral List shall be nominated by at least three (3) Representatives of the General Assembly and shall include at least one (1) woman. No Representative may nominate more than one Electoral List. Where a Representative nominates more than one Electoral List, all nominations made by that Representative shall be deemed null and void.
- 5) A General Assembly meeting convened to elect an Electoral List for the Board of Directors shall be valid only if attended by a majority (more than 50%) of the Representatives entitled to vote.
- 6) To determine the winning Electoral List, a majority of two-thirds of the valid votes cast by the Representatives present and entitled to vote shall be required in the first ballot. In the second ballot and any subsequent ballot, a simple majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast by the Representatives present and entitled to vote shall be sufficient to determine the winning Electoral List.
- 7) Where there are more than two Electoral Lists, the Electoral List receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated starting from the second ballot, and the process shall continue until only two Electoral Lists remain.
- 8) If the remaining two Electoral Lists are still tied after a maximum of three (3) ballots, the winning Electoral List shall be determined by drawing lots.
- 9) Blank ballot papers, invalid votes, electronically manipulated votes in any form and abstentions shall not be taken into account when calculating the required majority.
- 10) The Electoral Committee shall be the competent body responsible for organizing and supervising the elections and the procedures for approving their results at the Federation level, and shall be constituted in accordance with the Electoral Code.
- 11) Without prejudice to the powers of the General Secretary, the Chairperson of the Electoral Committee or the Electoral Appeal Committee, or any person delegated by either of them, shall conduct their internal and external correspondence within the scope of their respective competence.
- 12) Decisions of the Electoral Committee may be appealed in accordance with the Electoral Code.

- 13) The period following the elections shall be deemed a transitional period. The incumbent Board of Directors shall continue to perform its duties until the expiry of its four (4)-year term from the date of its appointment, after which the responsibilities shall be handed over to the newly elected Board of Directors.
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Article (27): Ordinary General Assembly

- 1) The Ordinary General Assembly shall be held once during each sporting season.
 - 2) The Board of Directors shall determine the venue and date of the meeting and shall notify the Members thereof in writing at least sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting.
 - 3) The official notice convening the meeting shall be sent in writing at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the General Assembly and shall be accompanied by the agenda, the President's report, the financial statements, the report of the independent external auditor, and any other relevant documents.
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Article (28): Agenda of Ordinary General Assembly

- 1) The General Secretariat shall prepare the agenda based on proposals submitted by the Board of Directors and the Members. Any Member wishing to submit a proposal to the Ordinary General Assembly shall send it in writing to the General Secretariat, together with a brief explanation, at least twenty (20) days before the date of the Ordinary General Assembly.
- 2) The agenda of the General Assembly shall include the following mandatory items:
 - a. A declaration that the General Assembly has been duly convened and constituted in accordance with SAFF Statutes.
 - b. Adoption of the agenda.
 - c. The speech of the Chairperson.
 - d. Appointment of three (3) Representatives to review the minutes of the meeting.
 - e. Appointment of the independent scrutineers.
 - f. Suspension or expulsion of a Member (if any).

- g. Approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting.
 - h. The Chairperson's report (including the activities carried out since the previous meeting).
 - i. Presentation of the external auditor's report and approval of the consolidated financial statements, including the consolidated statement of financial position and the consolidated statement of activities.
 - j. Admission of Members (if any).
 - k. Voting on proposals to amend these Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly (if any).
 - l. Discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Board of Directors.
 - m. Appointment of an independent certified public accountant upon the proposal of the Board of Directors (if any).
 - n. Election of the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedures set out in these Statutes (if any).
- 3) The General Assembly shall not take any decision on any matter not included in the agenda unless three-quarters of the Members present and entitled to vote approve the inclusion of such matter.
 - 4) The agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly may be amended, provided that three-quarters of the Representatives of the Members present and entitled to vote at the General Assembly approve the proposed amendment.

Article (29): Extraordinary General Assembly

- 1) The Board of Directors may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly at any time.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly if so requested in writing by more than one-third of the Members of the Federation. The request shall specify the items to be included on the agenda, and the meeting shall be held within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the request. If the meeting is not convened within that period, the Members who requested it may themselves convene the Extraordinary General Assembly. In such case, they shall notify all Members of the Federation and the Board of Directors of the

date and venue of the Extraordinary General Assembly, together with the agenda items to be included in accordance with paragraph (3) below.

- 3) The Members shall be notified of the venue, date and agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting, subject to the exception set out in Article (76) of these Statutes.
- 4) Where an Extraordinary General Assembly is convened on the initiative of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall prepare the agenda. Where it is convened at the request of the Members of the General Assembly, the agenda shall contain the matters raised by those Members.
- 5) The agenda of an Extraordinary General Assembly may not be amended.

Article (30): Amendment of Statutes and Standing Orders of General Assembly

- 1) The General Assembly shall be responsible for amending these Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly.
- 2) Any proposal to amend these Statutes or the Standing Orders shall be submitted in writing, together with a brief explanation, to the General Secretariat by a Member or the Board of Directors. A proposal submitted by a Member shall be valid only if it is supported in writing by three (3) Members of the General Assembly.
- 3) A General Assembly meeting convened to amend these Statutes or the Standing Orders shall be valid only if attended by a majority (more than 50%) of the Members of the General Assembly entitled to vote.
- 4) Any resolution of the General Assembly to amend these Statutes or the Standing Orders of the General Assembly shall require the approval of three-quarters of the Representatives of the Members present and entitled to vote.

Article (31): Minutes of Meeting

- 1) The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting. The minutes shall be verified by the Representatives appointed for that purpose and approved at the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- 2) The Members of the Federation shall receive a copy of the minutes of the meeting within sixty (60) days from the date of the conclusion of the meeting.

Article (32): Validity of Resolutions of General Assembly

Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly shall enter into force immediately upon their adoption, unless the General Assembly determines another date for their enforcement.

Section Two: Board of Directors

Article (33): Formation of Board of Directors

- 1) The Board of Directors shall consist of a maximum of twelve (12) members, including at least one (1) woman, to hold the following positions:
 - a. President of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Up to two (2) Vice Presidents.
 - c. Nine (9) ordinary members where two Vice Presidents are appointed, or ten (10) ordinary members where one Vice President is appointed.
- 2) Subject to the restrictions set out in the Federation's Electoral Code:
 - a. Members of the Board of Directors, including the President and the Vice Presidents, shall be at least twenty-eight (28) years of age and not more than seventy (70) years of age. They shall have no record of any offence involving dishonor, dishonesty or lack of integrity, and shall not have been subject to deregistration, expulsion or dismissal from any Club, federation, sports body or any other entity.
 - b. Members of the Board of Directors shall hold a university degree or possess high-level experience in the field of football.

- c. The President and the Vice Presidents shall be Saudi nationals residing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and shall hold a university degree and possess experience in the field of football.
 - d. The President of the Board of Directors shall have at least two (2) years of local or international football experience within the last five (5) years, during which he or she shall have held leadership positions or performed leadership functions at the local or international level, and shall be proficient in the English language.
- 3) Elections shall be conducted through the Electoral List system in the following cases:
- a. Upon the expiry of the four (4)-year term of office of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Where the President of the Board of Directors becomes permanently unable to perform his or her duties.
 - c. Where the President resigns before the expiry of the four (4)-year term of office of the Board of Directors.
 - d. Where the Board of Directors resolves not to complete its term of office. In such case, the electoral process shall commence, and all responsibilities of the incumbent Board of Directors shall be handed over to the newly elected Board of Directors in accordance with the election timetable approved by the Electoral Committee.
- 4) Where a vacancy arises in one position or in up to fifty per cent (50%) of the positions on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may fill such vacancy or recommend the appointment of a person to such position(s) until the next meeting of the General Assembly, at which the appointment to the vacant position(s) for the remainder of the Board's term of office shall be approved. Where more than fifty per cent (50%) of the positions on the Board of Directors become vacant, the General Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly of an electoral nature (i.e. at which elections are held) within the prescribed period.

Article (34): Meetings of Board of Directors

- 1) The Board of Directors shall meet at least eight (8) times per year.

- 2) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened by the President. If requested by half of the members of the Board of Directors, the President shall convene the meeting within seven (7) days.
- 3) The General Secretary shall prepare the agenda. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to propose items for inclusion on the agenda. Such proposals may be submitted to the General Secretariat at least four (4) days before the meeting. The agenda may be circulated to all members of the Board of Directors at least two (2) days before the meeting.
- 4) The quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors shall be seven (7) members.
- 5) The Board of Directors shall endeavor to reach its decisions by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority (more than 50%) of the votes cast by the members.
- 6) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall not be held in public. The Board of Directors may invite any person to attend a meeting, provided that such person shall have no voting rights and may express his or her views only with the permission of the Board of Directors.
- 7) If the President fails to convene the requested meeting within the prescribed period, the remaining members of the Board of Directors may convene the meeting themselves. In such case, they shall circulate the agenda to all members of the Board of Directors at least two (2) days before the meeting.
- 8) The General Secretary shall participate in meetings of the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity and shall have no voting rights. If the General Secretary is unable to attend a meeting, he or she may nominate a representative to attend on his or her behalf, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 9) The President may also convene an urgent meeting of the Board of Directors to deal with any matter requiring an immediate decision between two meetings of the Board of Directors. Where members of the Board of Directors are unable to attend the meeting in person, resolutions may be adopted by e-mail or, where necessary, through secure and encrypted messaging applications customarily used by the members of the Board of Directors for

Federation business, or through any other applications that the Board of Directors considers appropriate, secure and reliable for decision-making purposes.

- 10) In cases of force majeure or exceptional circumstances, meetings may be held through available means of communication, and the required approvals may be obtained by electronic signatures.

Article (35): Powers of Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have the following powers:

- 1) To pass decisions on all matters that do not fall within the competence of the General Assembly or any other Body or Committee under these Statutes, or that are not expressly assigned to the General Secretariat or the General Secretary.
- 2) To convene Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly meetings.
- 3) To appoint and/or dismiss the Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and members of the Standing Committees for a term of four (4) years, renewable, to reconstitute such Committees as required in the interests of the Federation, and to evaluate their performance periodically.
- 4) To appoint the Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and members of the Judicial Committees, the Chairperson of the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Club Control Body for a term of four (4) years, renewable.
- 5) To appoint and dismiss the General Secretary upon the proposal of the President. The Board of Directors may also dismiss the General Secretary on its own initiative.
- 6) To supervise the work of the General Secretariat.
- 7) To adopt the regulations governing the Standing Committees and Temporary Committees.
- 8) To establish Temporary Committees whenever necessary and at any time.
- 9) To appoint the coaches of the national teams upon the recommendation of the General Secretariat.
- 10) To nominate the independent external auditors for appointment by the General Assembly.

- 11) To approve the budget, the audited annual financial statements, including the consolidated financial statements, and the annual report to be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.
- 12) To nominate candidates for membership of the regional committees and the committees of WAFF, UAFA, AFC and FIFA, taking into consideration competence, experience, professional capability and the eligibility requirements and criteria established by those committees and confederations.
- 13) To approve the venues, dates and number of participating teams in Federation Competitions upon the proposal of the Competitions Committee.
- 14) To adopt the Federation's regulations and approve any amendments thereto.
- 15) To ensure the implementation of these Statutes and to adopt the measures necessary for their enforcement.
- 16) To suspend the membership of a Member until the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- 17) To delegate matters falling within its powers to other Bodies of the Federation or to any third party.
- 18) To approve the Federation's strategic plan proposed by the General Secretariat, monitor performance on a regular basis, and submit the relevant reports thereon to the General Assembly.
- 19) To establish the Federation's values and standards, taking into account the powers and responsibilities of the other Bodies of the Federation.
- 20) To approve the strategic plan proposed by the General Secretariat, which shall be based on achieving the Federation's principal strategic objectives relating to the success of the national teams and the development of participation.
- 21) Where a vacancy arises in any position within the Judicial Committees or the Audit and Compliance Committee, to appoint a person to the vacant position until the next meeting of the General Assembly, at which the appointment for the remainder of the relevant Committee's term of office shall be submitted for approval.

- 22) To appoint observers who may attend meetings of the General Assembly without the right to participate in discussions or vote.
- 23) To approve plans proposed by the General Secretariat to increase the Federation's revenues, including, without limitation, the conclusion of sponsorship, broadcasting, production and/or trademark and trade name licensing agreements.
- 24) To protect the interests of the Federation by applying best practices, complying with all applicable laws and regulations, and ensuring that all legal procedures are properly implemented.
- 25) To issue a decision granting exemption from, mitigation of, suspension of, or sporting amnesty in respect of a sanction imposed on a natural or legal person, upon a reasoned recommendation from the Committee that imposed the sanction.
- 26) To approve the establishment of separate Leagues for each division.
- 27) To appoint the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Dispute Resolution Chamber in accordance with the Regulations of the Dispute Resolution Chamber.
- 28) To approve the establishment of one or more companies affiliated with the Federation in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the Kingdom for the purpose of promoting commercial and investment activities.
- 29) To establish specialized centers for studies and research relating to football affairs, subject to the approval of the competent authorities.
- 30) To approve the establishment of one or more branches of the Federation in the regions of the Kingdom.

Article (36): Resolutions of Board of Directors

- 1) The Board of Directors may deliberate on matters only if a majority of its members (more than 50%) are present.
- 2) Resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be valid and effective only if approved by a majority (more than 50%) of the members of the Board of Directors present.

- 3) Any member of the Board of Directors shall withdraw from the discussion and abstain from the decision-making process where there is any actual or potential conflict of interest.
 - 4) All resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
 - 5) Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors shall enter into force immediately, unless the Board of Directors decides otherwise.
 - 6) Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors that require the approval of the General Assembly shall remain effective upon their adoption until the next meeting of the General Assembly.
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Article (37): Dismissal of a Person or Body

- 1) The General Assembly may dismiss any person or Body of the Federation falling within its competence.
- 2) The Board of Directors may dismiss any person or Body falling within its competence.
- 3) Any proposal for dismissal shall be duly reasoned and shall be circulated to the members of the Board of Directors and/or the Members of the General Assembly, as applicable, together with the relevant agenda.
- 4) The person or Body concerned shall have the right to present a defense before the Board of Directors and/or the General Assembly, as applicable.
- 5) Any decision on dismissal shall be taken by secret ballot in the Board of Directors and/or the General Assembly, as applicable. The resolution shall require a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast.
- 6) Any person or Body dismissed (whether provisionally or otherwise) shall cease to perform its duties with immediate effect.
- 7) A dismissed person shall have no claim to any part of the Federation's assets and shall return to the Federation all documents, records and other property in good order and condition.

8) A member or members of the Board of Directors shall be dismissed in the following cases:

8.1 General cases:

8.1.a Upon submission of a written resignation to SAFF President.

8.1.b Upon proof of physical or mental incapacity certified independently by the competent health authorities.

8.1.c Upon death.

8.2 Special cases:

8.2.a Where any of the eligibility requirements for election to the Board of Directors ceases to be fulfilled, including, without limitation, where a judicial decision is issued or a statutory provision prevents the member from serving on the Board of Directors in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

8.2.b Where FIFA, AFC or SAFF issues a decision prohibiting the member from participating in football.

8.2.c Upon a notice submitted by a member of the Board of Directors to the President requesting the dismissal of another member of the Board of Directors, provided that the proposed dismissal has been approved by at least fifty per cent (50%) of the members of the Board of Directors and that the President has also voted in favor of the dismissal.

Section Three: President of Board of Directors

Article (38): President

- 1) The President shall represent SAFF and shall be its highest executive authority.
- 2) The President shall, in particular, be responsible for:
 - a. Supervising the agenda and the organization of meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, as well as the implementation of their resolutions, with the assistance of the General Secretary and the General Secretariat.

- b. Promoting relations between the Federation and all Clubs that are Members of the General Assembly, government authorities, national associations, continental confederations, FIFA and other organizations.
 - c. Signing bank payment instructions and agreements in accordance with SAFF's approved Delegation of Authority Matrix and internal regulations.
- 3) The President shall chair meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors. The President shall have no voting rights at meetings of the General Assembly. At meetings of the Board of Directors, the President shall have one ordinary vote and, in the event of a tie, shall have the casting vote. In the absence or unavailability of the President, a Vice President shall act in his or her place and shall, during such absence or unavailability, exercise all powers vested in the President.

Article (39): Representation and Signature

The President shall be the legal representative of SAFF and shall be authorized to sign on its behalf or to delegate such authority or grant a power of attorney, in accordance with the Federation's internal regulations and policies governing delegations of authority and powers.

Section Four: Standing Committees and Other Bodies

Article (40): Standing Committees

- 1) The Standing Committees of the Federation shall be:
- a. Competitions Committee.
 - b. Professionalism and Players' Status Committee.
 - c. Social Responsibility and Public Participation Committee.
 - d. Main Referees Committee.
 - e. Audit and Compliance Committee.
 - f. Remuneration and Nominations Committee.

- 2) The Chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall be specialists in the fields relevant to the subject matter and functions of their respective Committees.
- 3) Each Chairperson shall represent his or her Committee and direct its activities in accordance with the relevant regulations issued by the Board of Directors.
- 4) The Chairperson of each Committee shall determine the dates of its meetings in coordination with the General Secretary, ensure the completion of all assigned tasks, and submit its reports to the Board of Directors.
- 5) Any regulatory policies issued by the Standing Committees shall be made pursuant to a delegation from the Board of Directors or shall require the approval of the Board of Directors in order to become effective.
- 6) A member of a Standing Committee shall not participate in the deliberations of any matter where a conflict of interest exists.
- 7) The quorum for meetings of a Standing Committee shall be no less than half of the Committee's appointed members, provided that the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson is present, subject to paragraph (6) of this Article.
- 8) The organizational and interpretative regulations of the Standing Committees shall set out all powers and responsibilities relating to their functions and activities. Each Committee may submit proposals for amendments to its own regulations.

Article (41): Competitions Committee

- 1) The Competitions Committee shall be responsible for all Federation Competitions. It shall propose the match schedules, prize amounts, venues and dates of competitions and submit them to the Board of Directors.
- 2) The Competitions Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and three (3) members possessing experience in the field of football and in matters relating to competitions and their organization.

- 3) Without prejudice to the powers of the Professional Leagues, the Competitions Committee shall coordinate with the competitions committees of the Professional Leagues in preparing the schedules of championships and competitions for submission to the Board of Directors.
- 4) Without prejudice to the powers of the General Secretary, the Chairperson of the Committee, or any person delegated by the Chairperson, shall conduct the Committee's internal and external correspondence within the scope of its competence and shall coordinate with the General Secretariat in relation to all such correspondence.

Article (42): Professionalism and Players' Status Committee

- 1) The Professionalism and Players' Status Committee shall regulate and supervise player transfer procedures in accordance with the Professionalism and Players' Status Regulations and FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- 2) The Professionalism and Players' Status Committee shall promote the culture of professionalism and its requirements among Clubs, Players, coaches and intermediaries.
- 3) The Professionalism and Players' Status Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and three (3) members possessing experience in the field of football and matters relating to professionalism. At least two (2) members shall hold, as a minimum, a bachelor's degree in law or an equivalent qualification.
- 4) Without prejudice to the powers of the General Secretary, the Chairperson of the Committee, or any person delegated by the Chairperson, shall conduct the Committee's internal and external correspondence within the scope of its competence and shall coordinate with the General Secretariat in relation to all such correspondence.

Article (43): Committee of Social Responsibility

- 1) The Committee of Social Responsibility shall provide support, guidance, and advice on developing initiatives aimed at increasing social participation in football activities within the Kingdom.

- 2) The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson, and at least three (3) members possessing adequate expertise in the Committee's field of work.
 - 3) Without prejudice to the powers of the General Secretary, the Chairperson of the Committee, or any person delegated by the Chairperson, shall be responsible for the Committee's internal and external correspondence in accordance with its competencies.
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Article (44): Main Referees Committee

- 1) The Main Referees Committee shall provide support, guidance, and advice on matters relating to the Laws of the Game, appoint referees to matches, establish refereeing standards, manage the refereeing body, recommend referees requiring further training or development, and develop referees to enhance their participation and representation.
 - 2) The Main Referees Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson, and at least three (3) members possessing the necessary knowledge, competence, and experience in football and refereeing-related matters.
 - 3) Without prejudice to the powers of the General Secretary, the Chairperson of the Committee, or any person delegated by the Chairperson, shall be responsible for the Committee's internal and external correspondence in accordance with its competencies and shall cooperate with the General Secretariat in relation to all such correspondence.
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Article (45): Audit and Compliance Committee

- 1) The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of financial reporting and shall review the financial statements, the consolidated financial statements and the reports of the independent external auditors. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and at least one (1) member. Its members shall possess knowledge and experience in financial, regulatory and/or legal matters and shall not participate in any decision affecting the operations of the Federation.

- 2) The Audit and Compliance Committee shall advise and assist the Board of Directors and oversee the Federation's financial and compliance matters. It shall establish compliance mechanisms and monitor compliance with the relevant Federation regulations. The Committee shall also oversee the General Secretariat in financial and compliance matters. Furthermore, the Audit and Compliance Committee shall monitor the Federation's financial and compliance affairs and submit recommendations to the appropriate Bodies regarding any measures it considers necessary as identified through its oversight activities. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall, with the assistance of the General Secretariat, implement a compliance program within SAFF.
 - 3) The responsibilities of the Audit and Compliance Committee, its internal cooperation and other procedural matters shall be governed by SAFF's internal regulations.
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Article (46): Remuneration and Nominations Committee

- 1) The Remuneration and Nominations Committee shall be established by the Board of Directors.
 - 2) The Committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to remuneration and nominations.
 - 3) The activities of the Committee shall be governed by its own regulations.
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Article (47): Futsal and Beach Soccer Department

- 1) The Futsal and Beach Soccer Department shall be responsible for organizing all futsal and beach soccer competitions, preparing match schedules, determining the venues and dates of matches, determining the value of championship prizes, and supervising and managing the Senior National Team and the Under-20 National Team.
- 2) The Futsal and Beach Soccer Department shall consist of a General Supervisor, a Director and the appropriate staff appointed by the General Secretary, provided that they possess the necessary knowledge, competence and experience in the fields of futsal and beach soccer.

- 3) Without prejudice to the powers of the General Secretary, the General Supervisor of the Department, or any person delegated by the General Supervisor, shall be responsible for the Department's internal and external correspondence in accordance with its competencies.
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Article (48): Temporary Committees

- 1) The Board of Directors may establish Temporary Committees for specific tasks and for a limited period.
 - 2) The Board of Directors shall appoint the Chairperson and members of such Committees.
 - 3) The duties and functions of the Temporary Committees shall be determined by temporary regulations.
 - 4) Each Temporary Committee shall submit its reports to the Board of Directors.
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Section Five: Leagues

Article (49): Leagues

The Board of Directors may establish Leagues organized as independent legal entities. Such Leagues shall be administratively, financially and organizationally independent and shall at all times operate under the authority of, and be recognized by, SAFF.

Article (50): Professional Leagues

- 1) The Professional Leagues shall be legal entities that are administratively, financially and organizationally independent and operate under the umbrella of SAFF.
- 2) The leagues of other divisions may establish a separate League for each division, with each League adopting its own Statutes and implementing regulations in accordance with the regulations of SAFF, AFC and FIFA, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 3) The Professional Leagues shall comprise the Saudi Pro League for Premier Division Clubs and the Saudi First Division League for First Division Clubs.

- 4) The Chairperson of each Professional League shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of the relevant League.
- 5) Every Club that is a Member of SAFF and classified as a Premier Division Club shall be entitled to membership of the Saudi Pro League, subject to the mandatory criteria set out in its Statutes and the requirements of AFC and FIFA.
- 6) Every Club that is a Member of SAFF and classified as a First Division Club shall be entitled to membership of the Saudi First Division League, subject to the mandatory criteria set out in its Statutes and the requirements of AFC and FIFA.
- 7) SAFF shall have one representative on the Board of Directors of the Professional Leagues, who shall be appointed by a resolution of the Board of Directors of SAFF.
- 8) The Professional Leagues shall prepare their Statutes and implementing regulations in accordance with the regulations of SAFF, AFC and FIFA.
- 9) The Members and Officials of the Professional Leagues shall comply with their Statutes, regulations, decisions and all agreements to which the Professional Leagues are a party, with a view to achieving the highest administrative, organizational and commercial standards and requirements.
- 10) The Professional Leagues shall organize, manage and market the Professional League and shall have the powers and responsibilities specified in their Statutes and regulations, including, without limitation, the following:
 - a. Organizing and managing Professional League matches.
 - b. Preparing the Professional League match schedule.
 - c. Establishing and implementing participation licensing rules.
 - d. Regulating the governance and financial affairs of the Clubs that are members of the Professional Leagues.
 - e. Negotiating and concluding all agreements relating to the commercial and financial rights of the Professional League, including agreements relating to broadcasting and sponsorship rights.

f. Determining and imposing sanctions on any Club that breaches its obligations under the Statutes or regulations of the Professional Leagues.

11) The Statutes of the Professional Leagues shall specify the commercial, financial and other rights owned by the Professional Leagues.

12) The Professional Leagues shall submit a semi-annual report on their financial, administrative and commercial performance to the Board of Directors of SAFF.

Section Six: General Secretariat

Article (51): General Secretariat

The General Secretariat shall be responsible for carrying out all executive and administrative functions of the Federation under the management of the General Secretary. The staff of the General Secretariat shall comply with the Federation's organizational regulations and internal policies, perform their duties to the highest professional standards, and shall be subject to Saudi Labor Law.

Article (52): General Secretary

- 1) The General Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer and the head of SAFF General Secretariat.
- 2) The General Secretary shall, in particular, be responsible for:
 - a. Implementing the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
 - b. Developing SAFF commercially and administratively, in coordination with the General Secretariat, approving the organizational structure and work policies, and establishing internal committees.
 - c. Working with the General Secretariat to develop the workforce and establish an organizational structure capable of operating and implementing SAFF's activities effectively and efficiently, with a view to implementing the strategic plan, safeguarding

the interests of the Federation and promoting a collaborative working environment throughout SAFF.

- d. Signing contracts, agreements, letters of engagement, bank payment instructions and correspondence in accordance with the Federation's approved Delegation of Authority Matrix and organizational regulations.
 - e. Maintaining relations between SAFF and all Clubs that are Members of the General Assembly, government authorities, national associations, continental confederations, FIFA and other organizations.
 - f. Submitting the annual budget prepared by the General Secretariat to the Board of Directors.
- 3) The General Secretary shall represent the General Secretariat at meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, provided that he or she is not a member of either Body. The General Secretary shall represent the Federation before judicial authorities and public and private entities and may delegate such authority to others.

Section Seven: Judicial Committees, Dispute Resolution Chamber, Club Control Body and Disciplinary Procedures

Article (53): Judicial Committees

- 1) The Judicial Committees of the Federation shall be:
 - a. Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
 - b. Appeals Committee.
- 2) The duties and powers of the Judicial Committees shall be governed by the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations.
- 3) The jurisdiction of the Judicial Committees shall not affect the powers of the other Committees of the Federation to take decisions within their respective competence.
- 4) The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and members of the Judicial Committees shall be approved by the General Assembly upon their appointment by the Board of Directors. They may be removed from office only by the General Assembly, shall not serve as members of any

other Body of the Federation, and shall satisfy the independence requirements. Where the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson or any member of a Judicial Committee permanently ceases to perform his or her official duties during the term of office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next meeting of the General Assembly, at which the appointment of the replacement shall be submitted to the Members of the General Assembly for approval.

- 5) Matters relating to the suspension, expulsion or dismissal of members shall be subject to the disciplinary powers of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.

Article (54): Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

- 1) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and three (3) members. The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson shall hold, as a minimum, a bachelor's degree in law or an equivalent qualification and shall possess the necessary knowledge, competence and experience in the field of football.
- 2) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall perform its functions in accordance with the Federation's Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations. The Committee shall not render any decision unless at least three (3) members are present. In special cases, the Chairperson may render a decision alone in accordance with the provisions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations.
- 3) Without prejudice to the powers of the General Secretary, the Chairperson of the Committee, or any person delegated by the Chairperson, shall conduct the Committee's internal and external correspondence within the scope of its competence and shall cooperate with the General Secretariat in relation to all such correspondence.
- 4) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose the sanctions provided for in these Statutes and the Federation's Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations on Members (Clubs and Leagues), Officials, administrators, Players, Clubs, match agents, intermediaries and others.
- 5) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose the sanctions provided for in FIFA Statutes and AFC Statutes on Members (Clubs and Leagues), Officials, administrators, Players, Clubs, match agents, intermediaries and others.

- 6) Decisions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may be appealed before the Appeals Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations.
 - 7) The Board of Directors shall issue the Federation's Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations in accordance with the principles set out in FIFA Disciplinary Code and FIFA Code of Ethics.
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Article (55): Appeals Committee

- 1) The Appeals Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and three (3) members. The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson shall hold, as a minimum, a bachelor's degree in law or an equivalent qualification and shall possess the necessary knowledge, competence and experience in the field of football.
 - 2) The Appeals Committee shall perform its functions in accordance with the Federation's Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations. The Committee shall not render any decision unless at least three (3) members are present. In special cases, the Chairperson may render a decision alone in accordance with the provisions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations.
 - 3) The Appeals Committee shall be responsible for hearing and deciding appeals against decisions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
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Article (56): Dispute Resolution Chamber

- 1) The Dispute Resolution Chamber shall be constituted in accordance with the Federation's Dispute Resolution Chamber Regulations and FIFA Standard Regulations for National Dispute Resolution Chambers.
- 2) The Dispute Resolution Chamber shall have jurisdiction to hear and decide disputes between Clubs and/or Players and/or intermediaries and/or coaches, disputes relating to training compensation or the solidarity contribution, and any other matters assigned to it under the Dispute Resolution Chamber Regulations.
- 3) Decisions of the Dispute Resolution Chamber may be appealed before SSAC.

- 4) Without prejudice to the powers of the General Secretary, the Chairperson of the Chamber, or any person delegated by the Chairperson, shall conduct its internal and external correspondence within the scope of its competence and shall cooperate with the General Secretariat in relation to all such correspondence.
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Article (57): Club Control Body

- 1) SAFF shall establish a Club Control Body responsible for monitoring the compliance of privately owned Clubs with the regulatory rules safeguarding the integrity of Saudi football.
 - 2) The Club Control Body shall consist of five (5) members: a Chairperson, two (2) members representing SAFF, and two (2) members representing the Saudi Pro League.
 - 3) The Board of Directors shall issue regulations governing the multi-club ownership of Clubs in accordance with the regulations of FIFA and AFC. Such regulations shall specify the Clubs to which they apply.
 - 4) The Club Control Body shall have the authority to investigate any suspected breach of such regulations and to take any of the decisions provided for therein. The Club Control Body may also impose any of the disciplinary sanctions provided for in these Statutes or in the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations.
 - 5) Decisions of the Club Control Body may be appealed before SSAC.
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Article (58): Disciplinary and Sanctions Procedures

- 1) The following disciplinary measures may be imposed on both natural and legal persons:
 - a. Reprimand.
 - b. Warning.
 - c. Fine.
 - d. Withdrawal of awards.
 - e. Withdrawal of title.

- f. Any other sanctions provided for in the regulations of the Federation, the organizer or the relevant League.
- 2) The following disciplinary measures may be imposed on natural persons only:
- a. Suspension for a specified number of matches or for a specified period.
 - b. Prohibition from entering the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench.
 - c. Prohibition from participating in any football-related activity.
 - d. Football-related community service.
- 3) The following disciplinary measures may be imposed on legal persons only:
- a. Registration ban.
 - b. Playing a match behind closed doors.
 - c. Playing a match with a limited number of spectators.
 - d. Playing a match on neutral ground.
 - e. Prohibition from playing at a particular stadium.
 - f. Annulling the result of a match.
 - g. Deduction of points.
 - h. Relegation to a lower division.
 - i. Exclusion from an ongoing competition or from future competitions.
 - j. Forfeit of a match.
 - k. Replay of a match.
 - l. Implementation of a compliance plan to prevent recurrence of the violation.
 - m. Withdrawal or refusal of a license to participate in championships or competitions organized by the Federation or the relevant organizing body.
 - n. Any other sanctions provided for in the regulations of the Federation, the organizer or the relevant League.

Article (59): Jurisdiction

- 1) The Federation shall have jurisdiction over domestic disputes arising within the Federation, namely disputes between parties belonging or affiliated to the Federation. Recourse to the

Ordinary Courts shall be prohibited in respect of disputes within the Federation or disputes affecting Leagues, Clubs, Club members, Players, Officials and other Federation officials, unless the regulations of FIFA, AFC or WAFF, or mandatory legal provisions, expressly permit recourse to the Ordinary Courts. The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee of the Federation shall impose sanctions on any party that fails to comply with this obligation. Likewise, any appeal against such sanctions shall be submitted exclusively to the competent arbitration center and not to the Ordinary Courts.

- 2) FIFA and/or AFC shall have jurisdiction over international disputes, namely disputes between parties belonging to different member associations and/or different confederations, in accordance with the applicable regulations.
- 3) The Federation shall comply at all times with the decisions of FIFA, AFC, WAFF, CAS and SSAC, and shall ensure that its Members also comply with and respect such decisions.
- 4) Without prejudice to the powers of the Professional Leagues under their Statutes and regulations, the Judicial Committees of the Federation shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all disciplinary matters relating to the Professional Leagues.

Article (60): Arbitration

- 1) Disputes arising within the Federation, or disputes affecting Leagues, Clubs, Club members, Players and Officials, may ultimately (i.e. after exhaustion of all internal remedies within the Federation) be referred to SSAC, which shall settle such disputes finally, to the exclusion of recourse to any Ordinary Court, unless the laws of the Kingdom expressly prohibit such recourse.
- 2) International disputes arising out of or in connection with the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA or AFC may ultimately be referred to CAS, in accordance with the provisions of FIFA Statutes and AFC Statutes.

Article (61): Saudi Sports Arbitration Centre (SSAC)

- 1) Pursuant to these Statutes, the Professional Leagues, Member Clubs, Officials, Players, intermediaries, match agents, other sports entities affiliated with the Federation and all other relevant persons acknowledge and undertake that:
 - a. SSAC shall be the supreme judicial body having exclusive jurisdiction to hear, adjudicate and/or mediate all sports disputes and/or disputes related to sport after all internal channels of appeal within the Federation have been exhausted, in accordance with these Statutes and its regulations.
 - b. No appeal may be submitted to SSAC unless all internal channels of appeal within the Saudi Arabian Football Federation have been exhausted. Any appeal shall be filed with SSAC within twenty-one (21) days from the date on which the parties are notified of the decision through the prescribed means. The Federation or the relevant organizing body may prescribe additional provisions or amend the time limit for filing appeals in its relevant regulations, depending on the circumstances of each case.
 - c. The decisions of SSAC shall be final, binding and not subject to appeal before any domestic or international authority.
- 2) The following matters shall fall outside the jurisdiction of SSAC:
 - a. Disputes relating to the application of the Laws of the Game.
 - b. Sanctions imposed on a Club requiring it to play behind closed doors, in whole or in part, or on neutral ground, or prohibiting it from playing at its home stadium for four (4) matches or fewer.
 - c. Sanctions imposed on a natural person consisting of a suspension not exceeding three (3) months or fewer than eight (8) matches, except for decisions issued by the Anti-Doping Committee.
 - d. Sanctions imposed on a Club or a natural person consisting of a reprimand, warning or a fine of SAR 300,000 (three hundred thousand Saudi Riyals) or less.
 - e. Matters which these Statutes or the Federation's regulations expressly provide to be final and binding.
 - f. Decisions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee relating to non-compliance with the enforcement of decisions.

- 3) By way of exception to paragraph (2) above, decisions of the Professionalism and Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber may be appealed before SSAC, unless otherwise provided in their respective regulations.
- 4) In doping cases, FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall apply in full. In the event of any conflict between the national anti-doping regulations and FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the provisions of FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall prevail. The Anti-Doping Committee in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia shall have jurisdiction to hear doping cases in accordance with the applicable anti-doping regulations, the World Anti-Doping Code and FIFA Statutes.
- 5) The Federation, its Members, Players, coaches, Officials, match agents, intermediaries and all other relevant persons undertake not to bring before the Ordinary Courts any dispute relating to the practice of football activities, unless expressly permitted by these Statutes or FIFA regulations.

Article (62): Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

- 1) Subject to the relevant provisions of FIFA Statutes and AFC Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding decision issued by FIFA or AFC may be lodged with CAS. CAS shall not have jurisdiction to hear appeals relating to breaches of the Laws of the Game or in respect of matters excluded under FIFA Statutes or AFC Statutes.
- 2) The Federation undertakes to comply fully with, and to ensure that its Members, Players, coaches, Officials, match agents and intermediaries comply with, the final decisions issued by the Bodies of FIFA or by CAS.

Part Five: Financial Issues

Article (63): Financial Period

- 1) The financial period of the Federation shall commence on 1 January and end on 31 December. The Federation's financial report shall cover this period.

- 2) The budget of the Federation's income and expenditure shall be prepared to cover the financial period. The Federation shall ensure that its future financial obligations can be met by maintaining sufficient reserves to satisfy such obligations.
- 3) The Chief Financial Officer and/or the Director of the Finance Department, together with the General Secretary, shall be responsible for preparing the Federation's annual budget and its schedules by 31 December of each year. The budget shall be prepared on the basis of balanced income and expenditure.
- 4) The Chief Financial Officer and/or the Director of the Finance Department shall maintain proper accounting records under the supervision of the General Secretary.
- 5) The Federation shall maintain a bank account with a bank in the Kingdom in the name of the Federation, into which all funds of the Federation shall be deposited and from which all payments shall be made in accordance with the Federation's Financial Regulations.
- 6) At the end of each financial period, the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Director of the Finance Department shall prepare the annual financial statements for the completed financial year. The independent external auditor shall submit such statements to the Board of Directors for approval and shall prepare a report to be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.
- 7) The Board of Directors shall issue the Federation's Financial Regulations, which shall specify the procedures for collecting revenues, expenditure items, the persons authorized to sign payment orders and cheques, expenditure limits, and the rules governing transfers between budget items.
- 8) The Federation shall have an Internal Financial Controller appointed by the Board of Directors. The powers and responsibilities of the Internal Financial Controller shall be determined in the Federation's Financial Regulations.

Article (64): Revenues

The Federation's revenues shall be derived from the following sources:

- 1) Funds allocated by the State to support the Federation.

- 2) Annual membership subscriptions.
- 3) All amounts generated from the commercialization of the Federation's rights, including broadcasting rights.
- 4) Financial distributions made to the Federation by the Professional Leagues (where applicable) in accordance with their Statutes.
- 5) Income generated from the Federation's activities, as well as returns from its assets and investment income.
- 6) Fines imposed by the competent Bodies of the Federation.
- 7) Subscriptions and any other amounts received in furtherance of the objectives of the Federation.
- 8) Registration fees for the contracts of Saudi and non-Saudi coaches.
- 9) Donations and grants received for the achievement of the Federation's objectives, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 10) Revenues generated from any investments of the Federation's funds approved by the Board of Directors.

Article (65): Expenditures

The Federation shall incur the following expenditures:

- 1) Expenditures provided for in the Federation's budget.
- 2) Other expenditures approved by the General Assembly and those authorized by the Board of Directors within the scope of its powers.
- 3) Any other expenditures that are consistent with and serve the objectives of the Federation.

Article (66): Independent Auditors (External Auditor)

- 1) The Board of Directors shall nominate the independent auditors (as external auditors) for a term of one (1) year, renewable for a maximum period of six (6) years, subject to the approval of the General Assembly. The Board of Directors may also recommend to the General Assembly that the independent auditors be replaced.
 - 2) The independent auditors shall audit the accounts prepared by the Chief Financial Officer and/or the Director of the Finance Department in conjunction with the General Secretary, in accordance with the accounting principles and standards applicable in the Kingdom, before they are submitted to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.
 - 3) The independent auditors shall be appointed by the General Assembly for a term of one (1) year, renewable. The Board of Directors may recommend to the General Assembly that the independent auditor be replaced where this is considered to be in the public interest.
 - 4) The Chief Financial Officer and/or the Director of the Finance Department, together with the General Secretary, shall provide the independent auditor with unrestricted access to all data, information, records and documents required for the performance of the auditor's duties.
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Article (67): Membership Subscriptions

- 1) Membership subscriptions shall become due and payable on 1 July of each year. The annual subscription payable by new Members for their first year of membership shall be paid within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of the General Assembly meeting at which their membership is approved.
 - 2) The General Assembly shall determine the amount of the annual membership subscriptions every four (4) years upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors. The subscription fee shall be uniform for all Members and shall not exceed SAR 10,000 (ten thousand Saudi Riyals).
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Article (68): Financial Settlement

The Federation may deduct any amounts due from Members from their accounts maintained with the Federation in settlement of any sums payable pursuant to final judicial decisions and/or

settlement agreements concluded between the Member and the other party, subject to the approval of the Federation. The Federation shall include provisions governing financial settlements in its Financial Regulations.

Part Six: Competitions and Rights in Competitions

Article (69): Competitions

- 1) The Federation shall organize and coordinate the following official competitions held in the Kingdom:
 - a. Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Cup Competition.
 - b. Saudi Super Cup final on the Ministry of Sports Cup.
 - c. Saudi Pro League.
 - d. Prince Mohammed bin Salman First Division League.
 - e. Second Division League.
 - f. Third Division League.
 - g. Kingdom Fourth Division Championship.
 - h. U-19 Youth Premier League.
 - i. Kingdom Under-19 Youth Clubs Championship.
 - j. U-17 Junior Premier League.
 - k. U-17 Junior First Division League.
 - l. Kingdom U-17 Junior Clubs Championship.
 - m. U-15 Junior Premier League.
 - n. Kingdom U-15 Junior Clubs Championship.
 - o. U-13 Junior Premier League.
 - p. Kingdom U-13 Junior Clubs Championship.
 - q. Futsal Premier League.
 - r. Kingdom First Division Futsal Championship.
 - s. Women's Premier League.
 - t. Women's First Division League.

- u. Any other competitions or championships established by the Federation in accordance with these Statutes.
 - 2) Without prejudice to the powers of the Federation in relation to the Professional League under these Statutes, the Professional Leagues shall be responsible for organizing and managing the Professional League competition and the Clubs participating therein, and for issuing the regulations and rules governing such competition.
 - 3) The Board of Directors may delegate to the Leagues or the regional committees affiliated with, or operating under the umbrella of, the Federation the authority to organize competitions, provided that such competitions do not conflict with competitions organized by the Federation, which shall have priority.
 - 4) The Board of Directors shall issue the regulations governing the competitions referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article.
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Article (70): Club Licensing

- 1) The Federation shall implement a Club Licensing System in accordance with the Club Licensing principles and regulations adopted by AFC and FIFA.
- 2) The Club Licensing System aims to safeguard the credibility and integrity of fair competition among Clubs, improve the professional standards of Clubs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and promote sporting values in accordance with the principles of fair play. It also aims to ensure the safety and security of the match environment and to enhance transparency in all matters relating to the financing, ownership and management of Clubs.
- 3) The Board of Directors shall issue the Club Licensing Regulations governing the Club Licensing System. Such Regulations shall specify the Clubs to which the Club Licensing System applies.
- 4) The Board of Directors shall establish the Club Licensing System in accordance with the minimum requirements of AFC Club Licensing Regulations, which shall govern:
 - a. The minimum criteria to be fulfilled by Clubs in order to be admitted to competitions organized by the Federation.

- b. The licensing procedure (including the minimum requirements for the Club Licensing Bodies).
 - c. The minimum requirements to be complied with by Club Licensors.
- 5) The Club Licensing Bodies shall consist of a First Instance Body and an Appeal Body. The Club Licensing Bodies shall act independently in the exercise of their duties and shall also be independent from one another. The members of the Club Licensing Bodies shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Each Body shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and at least three (3) members. At least one member of each Body shall be a certified public accountant, and at least one other member shall possess legal qualifications in accordance with the Club Licensing Regulations.
- 6) The First Instance Body shall be the Club Licensing Committee. The First Instance Body shall have the authority to grant or refuse Club license applications on the basis of the documentation submitted within the relevant deadlines in accordance with the Club Licensing Regulations.
- 7) The Appeal Body shall be the Club Licensing Appeals Committee. The Appeal Body shall have the authority to decide any appeal lodged by a Club against a decision of the First Instance Body in accordance with the Club Licensing Regulations.

Article (71): Rights

- 1) The Federation and the Clubs shall be the original owners of all rights arising from competitions and other events falling within their respective competence, without any restriction as to content, time, place or form. Such rights shall include, without limitation, all types of financial rights, audiovisual and audio recordings, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing rights, promotional rights, sponsorship rights, including logos and names, and production rights under the Press and Publications Law and copyright, except for competitions and events in respect of which the Saudi Professional Leagues exclusively own such rights in accordance with these Statutes.

- 2) The Board of Directors shall determine the scope and manner of exploitation of the rights falling within its competence pursuant to paragraph (1) of this Article and shall issue the regulations governing such matters. The Board of Directors shall also approve amendments to the Commercial Rights Distribution Matrix determining the shares of such revenues to be distributed among the participating Clubs, and shall determine whether such rights are to be exploited exclusively, jointly with other parties or entirely through a third party, in accordance with these Statutes.

Article (72): Licensing

The Federation and its Members shall have the exclusive responsibility for licensing the distribution of images, sound and other data carriers relating to football matches, competitions and events falling within their respective competence, without any restriction as to content, time, place or technical and legal aspects. The Board of Directors shall issue special regulations governing such matters.

Part Seven: International Competitions and Matches

Article (73): International Competitions and Matches

- 1) FIFA, the Confederations and the Member Associations of FIFA shall be the only bodies authorized to organize international matches and competitions involving representative teams, Clubs, League bodies, Club teams and composite teams. No such match or competition shall be organized without the prior approval of FIFA, the relevant Confederation and the relevant Member Association, in accordance with FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.
- 2) The Federation shall comply with the International Match Calendar issued by FIFA.
- 3) The Federation shall be responsible for supervising, administering and managing all affairs relating to the Saudi Arabian National Football Teams across all age categories.

Article (74): Contacts

SAFF shall not play matches or hold sporting contacts with any federation that is (a) a suspended member of FIFA, (b) not a member of FIFA, or (c) not a member of AFC, without a prior approval of FIFA (and, if applicable, AFC).

Article (75): Approval

Clubs, Leagues and all other groups of Clubs affiliated with SAFF shall not join another Member Association or participate in competitions in the territory of another Member Association without the approval of SAFF, the other Member Association and FIFA, in accordance with FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

Part Eight: Closing Provisions

Article (76): Force Majeure

- 1) The Board of Directors may issue decisions on unforeseen emergencies and force majeure events for which no provision is made in these Statutes (or in any other regulations of the Federation). Where any such matter falls within the powers of the General Assembly, a report thereon shall be submitted for ratification at the next meeting of the General Assembly. Ratification of such decision shall require the approval of two-thirds of the votes of the Members' Representatives present and entitled to vote.
 - 2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1) above, the Board of Directors may submit non-urgent matters for which no provision is made in these Statutes to the next meeting of the General Assembly, or to an Extraordinary General Assembly convened to consider the relevant matter and proposal. Adoption of such decision shall require the approval of two-thirds of the Representatives present and entitled to vote.
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Article (77): Vote of No Confidence in Board of Directors and Dissolving SAFF

- 1) The General Assembly shall have the right to adopt a resolution of no confidence in the Board of Directors in any of the following cases:

- a. Where corruption and/or financial irregularities on the part of the Board of Directors have been established by a final decision issued by a competent Body of FIFA or AFC.
 - b. Where the quorum for meetings of the Board of Directors cannot be achieved for four (4) consecutive meetings or for eight (8) separate meetings within one year.
 - c. Where the General Assembly is not convened for two (2) consecutive Ordinary General Assembly meetings without a lawful reason.
 - d. Where more than half of the members of the Board of Directors resign or are removed from office.
 - e. Where SAFF's recognition by FIFA or the relevant Confederation is withdrawn or suspended, or its participation is suspended.
- 2) Any resolution concerning a vote of no confidence in the Board of Directors shall require the approval of three-quarters of the total Representatives of the General Assembly and shall be adopted only at an Extraordinary General Assembly convened specifically for that purpose.
 - 3) In the event of the dissolution of SAFF, its funds, assets and properties shall be transferred to the Ministry of Sport, which shall hold such funds, assets and properties in trust and return them to SAFF upon its re-establishment. Any resolution concerning the dissolution of SAFF shall require the approval of two-thirds of the Representatives of all Members of the Federation at a General Assembly convened specifically for that purpose.
 - 4) New elections for the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with Article (33) of these Statutes upon the occurrence of one or more of the cases set out in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph (1) of this Article.

Article (78): Enforcement and Validity

- 1) Amendments to these Statutes were approved and declared at the Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting convened on [23/01/1448 A.H.], corresponding to [08/07/2026 A.D.], and these amendments shall be valid and enforceable pursuant to Articles (30) and (32) of these Statutes.

- 2) The provisions of these Statutes shall prevail over all laws, regulations, circulars or resolutions that contradict therewith; and any provision contrary to the provisions of these Statutes shall be held null and void.
- 3) The Board of Directors shall have the sole discretion to interpret the present Statutes in the event of a conflict of provisions.