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Part One: Definitions

Article (1): Definitions

In the interpretation of these Statutes, the following terms shall have the meanings so defined unless the context requires otherwise. Words importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, words importing the masculine include the feminine and words importing persons shall include bodies corporate. Any definitions not provided hereunder but contained within FIFA and AFC Statutes, Regulations and Codes are incorporated into the SAFF Statutes where appropriate.

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| AFC Competitions: | Continental football competitions organized by the AFC. |
| AFC: | The Asian Football Confederation. |
| Organized Football: | Association Football organized under the auspices of FIFA, AFC and SAFF, or authorized by them. |
| Board of Directors: | The executive body of the Federation. |
| Club: | A sports institution with a legal entity or a company officially licensed by the Authority to participate in Football which is a member of the Federation or member of a League that enters at least one team in a competition. |
| CAS: | The international Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. |
| Electoral Committee: | The body responsible for organizing and supervising elections and procedures of their approval at SAFF level. |
| Electoral List: | A list that consists of eleven (11) candidates for the Board of Directors, namely the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, and the members, who are elected together. |
| Federation Competitions: | Football competitions and tournaments organized and supervised by the Federation, including futsal, except a professional League competition, which is organized by a professional League. |
| Federation: | Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF). |
| FIFA: | Fédération Internationale de Football Association (International Federation of Association Football). |

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| General Assembly: | The legislative body and the supreme authority in the Federation. |
| General Secretariat: | The administrative body of the Federation. |
| IFAB: | The International Football Association Board. |
| Judicial Committees: | The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and the Appeals Committee at SAFF. |
| Kingdom: | The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. |
| Laws of the Game: | The laws of Association Football issued by IFAB in accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes. |
| League: | An organization with a legal and independent personality that is subordinate to SAFF. |
| Member: | A natural or legal person that has been admitted into membership by the General Assembly. |
| Ministry: | The Ministry of Sport. |
| Officials | All members of the Board of Directors, committees, referees and assistants, coaches and assistants, officials of technical, medical, and administrative affairs in the Federation and the League of professional clubs, non-professional clubs, and others. |
| Ordinary Courts: | State courts that consider and adjudicate public and private disputes. |
| Participation License: | A license issued to Clubs to authorize them to participate in a professional league. |
| Player: | Football player officially registered with SAFF. |
| Professional Leagues: | Leagues that are administratively, financially, and organizationally independent, subordinate to SAFF, responsible for organizing a particular league or competition. |
| Saudi Sports Arbitration Center: | The judicial body that has exclusive jurisdiction over hearing and/or adjudicating and/or mediating in all sports disputes and/or disputes related to sports after exhaustion of all |

internal channels of appeal within SAFF according to these Statutes and its regulations.

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| 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. |
| Statutes: | The Statutes of the Saudi Arabian Football Federation. |
| UAFA: | Union of Arab Football Associations. |
| WAFF: | West Asian Football Federation. |

Part Two: General Provisions

Article (2): Name, Headquarters and Legal Status

- 1) The Federation: a special sports body with an independent legal entity, established in accordance with the Kingdom's laws on 02/02/1376 AH, corresponding to 06/09/1956 AD, for an indefinite period, and exercising its functions and powers vested in it by virtue of these Statutes and the related regulations in the Kingdom. The Federation is entitled to establish a company or companies belonging to it, in accordance with the laws in force in the Kingdom, to enhance its commercial and investment activities.
- 2) The headquarters of the Federation is in the city of Riyadh and may not be relocated to another city except under a resolution by the General Assembly. SAFF may open one or more branches in KSA regions.
- 3) The Federation is a member of WAFF, UAFA, AFC, and FIFA.
- 4) The Federation flag is the flag of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 5) The Federation logo is a falcon head, a football, and a palm in a ball-shaped frame.
- 6) The abbreviation of the Federation's name in Arabic is ساف, and in English is SAFF.
- 7) The logo and the abbreviation are registered trademarks with the official authorities in the Kingdom.

Article (3): Objectives of the Federation

The Federation has the following objectives:

- 1) To deepen national belonging and to consolidate the national identity among the citizens of the Kingdom through the sport of football.
- 2) To continuously improve and promote the game of football and the development of its components, in light of its unified human, cultural and educational values.
- 3) To spread the practice of football in light of human, cultural and educational values.
- 4) To develop the game of football and its complementary elements continuously within the Kingdom, to ensure respect for the Laws of the Game and to prevent violations thereof.
- 5) To organize football competitions at the local and national levels, in accordance with the principles of transparent competition, fair play, sportsmanship and human values.
- 6) To prepare regulations for the practice of football activities and to ensure the implementation thereof.
- 7) To protect its interests and the interests of its Members.
- 8) To comply fully and at all times with the regulations, statutes, circulars and decisions of FIFA, AFC and WAFF and the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) passed on appeal and the Saudi Sports Arbitration Centre, as well as the Laws of the Game issued by The IFAB and to ensure that these are also respected by the Members and officials of SAFF.
- 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 local and international sports relations related to football in all its forms.
- 11) To host competitions at the regional, continental and international levels, related to football.
- 12) To promote integrity, ethics and fair play with a view to preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardise the

integrity of matches, competitions, players, officials and clubs or give rise to abuse of football.

- 13) To respect the laws and regulations in force in the Kingdom.
- 14) To organize studies, research, conferences, and workshops about football and its various related 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 good governance principles and practices at national level and encourage its Members to adopt their own good governance principles.

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

- 1) The Federation is neutral in all political and religious matters.
- 2) The Members of the Federation shall also be neutral in matters of politics and religion and shall ensure that their own members remain neutral.
- 3) The Federation shall remain independent and shall avoid any form of undue political interference. The Federation shall manage its affairs independently and shall ensure that its own affairs are not influenced by any third parties.
- 4) All forms of discrimination are strictly prohibited, whether against a state, a particular person or a group of persons, on an ethnic, sexual, linguistic, religious, political, disability or other grounds, and shall be subject to punishment by suspension or exclusion.

Article (5): Development and Strengthening of Friendly Relations

The Federation aims to develop and promote friendly relations as follows:

- 1) By establishing, developing and promoting friendly relations between the Federation and its Members, Clubs, Officials, Players and within the community, for humanitarian purposes.
- 2) Every person or organization involved in football must adhere to these Statutes, regulations, principles of fair play, values of loyalty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

- 3) The Federation shall establish the institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise among its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players.
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Article (6): Players

- 1) The Board of Directors shall regulate the conditions and transfers of the Players participating in the competitions of the Federation and the Professional League in accordance with the regulations and laws of the Federation and the regulations of FIFA.
 - 2) Players are registered by the Federation in accordance with the governing regulations, with a commitment not to conflict with these Statutes and the binding regulations of FIFA.
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Article (7): Laws of the Game

- 1) The Federation and each of its Members shall play association football in accordance with the Laws of the Game of the IFAB, which is the sole authority to enact and amend the Laws of the Game.
 - 2) The Federation and each of its Members shall play futsal in accordance with the laws of the game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the futsal laws of the game.
 - 3) The Federation and each of its Members shall play beach soccer in accordance with the beach soccer laws of the game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the beach soccer laws of the game.
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Article (8): Behaviour of Bodies and Officials

- 1) All Bodies (as defined in Article 20 of these Statutes) and Officials of the Federation shall observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of AFC and the Federation in their activities.
- 2) Every person and organization involved in the game of association football, futsal and beach soccer in the Kingdom is obliged to observe the Statutes and regulations of FIFA, of AFC, the Federation, and any other relevant statutes, as well as the principles of fair play, loyalty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Article (9): Official Languages

Arabic is the official language of the General Assembly and the Federation. Documents, minutes of meetings, correspondence and official statements shall be executed in Arabic and may be translated into English when needed. In the case of a difference in the interpretation of texts, the text written in Arabic shall be the prevailing one.

Part Three: Membership Provisions

Article (10): Admission, Suspension and Expulsion

- 1) It is the General Assembly that decides admission, suspension or expulsion of a Member, 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 ends either by withdrawal or expulsion by the Federation. The termination of membership shall not relieve the member from his financial obligations to the Federation or other Members of the Federation, but would lead to the forfeiture of all his rights with the Federation.

Article (11): The Membership

- 1) Members of the Federation are: Clubs (Premier, First, Second, Third and Fourth Division Clubs).
- 2) Any legal person wishing to be a member of the Federation shall submit a written application to the General Secretariat.
- 3) The following mandatory documents shall be attached to the application:
 1. A copy of the statutes and regulations in force for the applicant.

- ب. Acknowledgment of compliance with these Statutes, rules, regulations, instructions and resolutions issued by the Federation, AFC and FIFA, with the need to be respected and adhered to by its officials, administrators and players, which are stipulated by its statutes.
- ج. Acknowledgment of compliance with the Laws of the Game approved by IFAB, as well as the rules for the futsal and beach soccer competitions, issued by the FIFA Council.
- د. Acknowledgment of the recognition of the Judicial Committees of the Federation, the Dispute Resolution Chamber recognized by the Federation, the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center and CAS.
- هـ. Acknowledgment that the headquarters of the applicant is in the Kingdom and registered in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.
- و. Acknowledgment of commitment to participate in all official games and competitions organized by the Federation in accordance with these Statutes.
- ز. Acknowledgment that the legal form of the applicant guarantees the independence of its decisions, without any intervention of any third party.
- ح. A declaration to the effect that the members of its own bodies were elected or appointed as a result of a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment.
- ط. A list of the names of the officials and members, specifying those authorized to sign binding agreements with any other party.
- ي. Acknowledgment of non-organization or participation in any official or friendly matches, without obtaining the approval of the Federation.
- ك. Acknowledgment of adherence to all regulations issued by the Federation.
- ل. A certified true copy of the license issued by the competent local authority in accordance with the laws of the Kingdom.
- م. A copy of the last minutes of the general assembly meeting of the applicant.

Article (12): Membership Application Procedures

- 1) Membership application procedures are regulated and accepted under a special regulation in accordance with these Statutes.
- 2) The Board of Directors recommends to the General Assembly the acceptance or rejection of a membership application, and the applicant shall be allowed to inform the General Assembly of the reasons for applying for membership.
- 3) The Board of Directors may, if needed, accept membership on a preliminary basis, until the next General Assembly.
- 4) The new Member shall enjoy all rights and duties upon the acceptance of their membership application. Member representatives shall be entitled to participate in the

voting, and election and to run for election immediately, in accordance with these Statutes.

Article (13): Rights of Members

- 1) Members of the Federation shall exercise the following rights:
 - أ. To participate in the General Assembly, knowing the agenda in advance, being invited to participate in the General Assembly on the specified date and exercising their rights to actively participate in the debates, discussions, elections, and votes.
 - ب. To submit proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly.
 - ج. To nominate candidates for the available electing positions within the Federation.
 - د. To elect the members of the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedures set out in these Statutes and the SAFF Electoral Code.
 - هـ. To participate in competitions and other sports activities organized by the Federation.
 - و. To exercise all the rights guaranteed by these Statutes and all related regulations.
 - ز. To be notified of their own matters relating to the Federation.
 - 2) The exercise of these rights by Members of the Federation shall be subject to the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations which are valid for its application.
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Article (14): Duties of Members

- 1) Members of the Federation shall have the following duties:
 - a. To fully comply at all times with the statutes, regulations, instructions and decisions issued by FIFA, AFC and SAFF, and to ensure that same is respected and adhered to by its officials, members, staff, administrators and players.
 - b. To ensure approval of the formation or reformation of the Judicial Committees and the Audit and Compliance Committee no later than every four years.
 - c. To participate in competitions for those concerned, and other sporting activities organized by the Federation.
 - d. To pay membership fees.
 - e. To respect the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB and the FIFA Council and ensure compliance with them by foreseeing them in the Member's statutes and bylaws.
 - f. To adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute of a national dimension arising from or related to the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of SAFF may only be referred, after exhaustion of all internal channels within SAFF, to the Saudi Sports Arbitration Centre in accordance with its statutes and regulations.

- g. To adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute of an international dimension arising from or related to the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA or AFC may only be referred in the last instance to CAS, as specified in the statutes of FIFA and AFC.
 - h. To notify the Federation of any amendment to its statutes and regulations and the list of officials and persons authorized to sign binding agreements with any other party.
 - i. To refrain from establishing any relations of a sporting nature with any non-recognized parties, or with any member of the Federation whose membership has been suspended or expelled.
 - j. To respect and observe the principles of belonging, integrity and fair sports behavior, as an expression of the spirit of fair play, and stipulating such matters in the statutes and regulations.
 - k. To comply with the mandatory provisions set out in paragraph (3) of Article (11) of these Statutes during the validity period of the membership.
 - l. To maintain a record of members to be updated periodically and regularly.
 - m. To fully comply with all duties arising from the application of the statutes and other regulations issued by SAFF, AFC and FIFA.
 - n. To manage its affairs independently and with no undue influence from third parties to ratify statutes that are in accordance with the requirements of these Statutes.
- 2) Violation of any of the above duties shall cause the violating Member to be subject to sanctions provided for in these Statutes and relevant regulations.
- 3) Violation of paragraph 1 lit. n) above may also lead to sanctions, even if the third-party influence was not the fault of the Member concerned. Each Member of the Federation is responsible towards it for any and all acts of the members of their bodies caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such members.

Article (15): Suspension of Membership

- 1) The General Assembly is the body responsible for suspending the Member's membership. However, the Board of Directors may suspend the membership of any Member with immediate effect if such Member has flagrantly breached its duties. This suspension shall continue until the next General Assembly unless the Board of Directors raises the suspension before the date of the General Assembly if the reasons for the suspension cease to exist.
- 2) The presence of a majority (more than 50%) of the Members eligible to vote is necessary for a vote on suspension to be valid. A three-quarter majority of the Members present and eligible to vote shall be required to suspend a Member or, in the case of a suspension of a Member imposed by the Board of Directors, to confirm a suspension. If it is not confirmed, the suspension shall be automatically lifted.

- 3) A Member whose membership is suspended loses his membership rights, and other Members shall not establish any sporting relations with such Member. The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions on that Member.
- 4) Members who do not participate in the activities of the Federation for one year shall be deprived from voting at the General Assembly, and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed, unless they fulfill their obligations in this regard.
- 5) Suspension of membership shall be canceled by a decision of the General Assembly upon a request by the Member whose membership was suspended at the meeting following the submission of the application, in case the reasons for the suspension of membership have ceased to exist.

Article (16): Expulsion

- 1) The General Assembly is entitled to expel a Member in the following cases:
 - a. If the Member fails to fulfill the duties stipulated in Article (14) of these Statutes or its financial obligations towards the Federation.
 - b. If the Member seriously violates its own statutes, codes, rules, regulations and standing orders or those of SAFF, AFC, or FIFA.
 - c. If the Member has lost its eligibility or has been liquidated, bankrupt, or dissolved.
- 2) The presence of a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members eligible to vote at the General Assembly is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of the valid votes cast.
- 3) A Member whose membership has been expelled shall not be eligible for membership of the Federation until after one year from the date of termination of his membership.
- 4) A Member whose membership has been expelled shall not be eligible for claiming ownership of any part of the Federation's property, and shall return to the Federation, in a proper and intact manner, any documents, records or attachments.

Article (17): Withdrawal

- 1) A Member may withdraw from the membership of the Federation, as of the end of the financial calendar year in which he requested to withdraw, provided that the notice of withdrawal shall be received by the General Secretariat by way of a registered letter six months prior to the end of the financial calendar year.

- 2) The withdrawal shall not be accepted until the Member willing to withdraw has fulfilled all financial obligations to the Federation and other Members of the Federation.
 - 3) A Member who withdraws shall not be eligible for claiming the ownership of any part of the Federation's property, and shall return to the Federation, in a proper and intact manner, any documents, records or attachments.
 - 4) A Member who withdraws shall not be eligible for membership in the Federation again until after four (4) years from the date of the withdrawal from membership.
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Article (18): Status of Clubs, Leagues and Other Groups of Clubs

- 1) No Club, League, or other groups of Clubs affiliated to the Federation shall form or participate in (or attempt to form or participate in) any matches, competitions or tournaments which are not part of Organized Football.
 - 2) These Statutes define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of the Clubs and Leagues. Their statutes and regulations shall be in line with the requirements and obligations of the Statutes and regulations of the Federation. The Federation shall have the primary responsibility to regulate matters relating to refereeing, the fight against doping, the registration of players, club licensing, the imposition of disciplinary actions, including for ethical misconduct, as well as measures required to protect the integrity of competitions.
 - 3) SAFF shall ensure that its Clubs are able to take all decisions on any matters related to membership independently from any third party. This obligation applies regardless of the Club's organizational structure. In any case, SAFF and the Clubs shall ensure the independence of any natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) while exercising control in whatsoever way over one or more Clubs in a way that does not disrupt the integrity of any match or competition.
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Article (19): Honorary President and Honorary Membership

- 1) The General Assembly may grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member to any person for their venerable services to football.

- 2) The Board of Directors shall nominate these positions.
- 3) The Honorary President or Honorary Member shall be entitled to attend the General Assembly meetings and participate in its deliberations, without having the right to vote.

Part Four: Organizational Structure

Article (20): The Bodies of the Federation

- 1) The General Assembly is the legislative body and supreme authority of the Federation.
- 2) The Board of Directors is the executive body of the Federation.
- 3) Standing or temporary committees which provide advice and assistance to the Board of Directors in the performance of its functions. These Statutes set out the duties, formation, and working methods of these committees, and the Board of Directors may develop its own regulations.
- 4) The Judicial Committees shall fulfill their functions and activities in full independence in accordance with these Statutes and applicable regulations.
- 5) The Club Licensing Committee is responsible for the licensing regulations for Clubs within the Federation.
- 6) The General Secretariat is the administrative body of the Federation.
- 7) Dispute Resolution Chamber.
- 8) The membership of the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the Standing, Temporary, and Judiciary Committees and Dispute Resolution Chamber shall end upon the expiry of the Board of Directors' term. The new Board of Directors may extend the said membership.
- 9) The Federation shall elect or appoint members of its bodies under the procedures set forth in these Statutes, without any interference from any third party. The members of the bodies shall not have previously been found guilty of any criminal offense incompatible with the position.
- 10) Any member of the body must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interest. In particular, members of the bodies shall always be aware of, and comply with, the relevant provisions of the FIFA Code of Ethics on conflicts of interest and adjust their conduct as necessary (e.g. abstain from performing their duties, notify the chairperson in cases of potential conflicts of interest, etc.).

Section One: The General Assembly

Article (21): Definition and Formation of the General Assembly

- 1) A general assembly is a meeting that includes all Members of the Federation. It represents the legislature and the supreme authority of the Federation and has the power to make decisions, which shall be effective and binding, and formed in accordance with the provisions contained in these Statutes.
- 2) The meetings of the General Assembly may be ordinary or extraordinary.
- 3) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall preside over the General Assembly and, in his absence, shall be replaced by the Deputy Chairperson, and in his absence, the longest serving member of the Board of Directors shall preside over the meeting, but in an equal situation, the eldest member shall preside over the meeting. If none of those persons are present, the present members of the Board of Directors shall choose from amongst those members present to act as the Chairperson of the General Assembly.
- 4) The General Assembly may appoint observers, without having the right to debate or vote.
- 5) The Honorary President or Honorary Member may attend the General Assembly meetings and participate in its deliberations, without having the right to vote.

Article (22): Representatives and Votes

- 1) The General Assembly consists of forty-nine (49) members, who are representatives of the Members of the Federation, as follows:
 - (a) Eighteen (18) Members representing Premier League Clubs, one representative per club.
 - (b) Ten (10) Members representing First Division Clubs with the first ten places in the sports season before the General Assembly meeting.
 - (c) Ten (10) Members representing Saudi Second Division Clubs with the first ten places in the sports season before the General Assembly meeting.
 - (d) Eight (8) Members representing Saudi Third Division Clubs with the first eight places in the sports season before the General Assembly meeting.
 - (e) Three (3) Members representing Saudi Fourth Division Clubs with the first three places in the sports season before the General Assembly meeting.
 - (f) Transitional Provision: if it is not possible to identify the first eight (8) places in the sports season of the Third Division because the General

Assembly is being held before the completion of the first Third Division sports season in its new format, then the eight (8) Members representing Saudi Third Division Clubs shall be those Clubs qualified for the qualifying round in the sports season before the General Assembly meeting.

(g) Transitional Provision: if it is not possible to identify the three (3) Members representing the Fourth Division because the General Assembly is being held before the completion of the first sports season of the Fourth Division, then the three (3) Members representing the Saudi Fourth Division shall be those Clubs democratically elected for that purpose by a simple majority of the Saudi Fourth Division Clubs or, in the event of a tie or impossibility, by decision of the Board of Directors.

- 2) Representatives shall be affiliated with the Member they represent and are appointed or elected by a member of the Assembly. They must have the ability to demonstrate this upon request.
- 3) The representatives of the General Assembly representing their Clubs shall be members of the Board of Directors of these Clubs or their CEOs.
- 4) The Civil Status Record of the representative of the Member shall be free from any moral violation of honor, honesty, or integrity, and shall not be subject to the penalty of dismissal, the expulsion of the membership, or expulsion from any of the clubs, federations or sporting bodies, or other bodies, including any final criminal conviction by a domestic or foreign court in the past five (5) years.
- 5) Each member of the General Assembly shall have only one vote and shall not vote for others, except those present, and voting shall not be permitted by proxy or correspondence.
- 6) Members of the Board of Directors and the General Secretary of the Federation shall attend the meetings of the General Assembly and shall not be entitled to vote. The members of the Board of Directors of the Federation may not be elected or nominated as representatives of a Member of the General Assembly during their term of office in the Board of Directors of the Federation. Members of the Board of Directors may also not be part of the Independent Committees.

Article (23): Powers of the General Assembly

The General Assembly shall have the following powers:

- 1) Adopting or amending these Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly.
- 2) Appointing three (3) members to review the minutes of the General Assembly meeting.

- 3)** Approving the minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting.
- 4)** Election of the Board of Directors, in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Statutes.
- 5)** Appointing three (3) independent scrutineers to assist with vote sorting.
- 6)** Adoption of the budget and approval of the annual audited financial report.
- 7)** Discussion and approval of the activity report submitted by the Chairperson of the Federation's Board of Directors regarding the activities of the Board of Directors, the Standing Committees, the General Secretariat, and the strategic plan and its implementation.
- 8)** Discussion of the performance of the Federation's Board of Directors based on the strategic plan.
- 9)** Appointment of an independent and external auditor based on a proposal of the Board of Directors.
- 10)** Approval of the reformation of SAFF's Judicial Committees and the Audit and Compliance Committee, including chairpersons, deputy chairpersons, and members, based on their appointment by the Board of Directors.
- 11)** Determine the value of membership subscriptions.
- 12)** Granting the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member, upon nomination by the Board of Directors.
- 13)** Accepting a member, suspending or expelling his membership.
- 14)** To hold no confidence in the Board of Directors of the Federation, subject to the provisions of Article (78) of these Statutes.
- 15)** Delegate some and/or all powers granted to the General Assembly to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors or the Board of Directors.
- 16)** Dismissal of a person or a body.
- 17)** Dissolving the Federation in accordance with these Statutes.
- 18)** Adoption of the election list.

Article (24): Quorum for General Assembly Meetings

- 1) Decisions passed by the General Assembly shall only be valid if a majority (more than 50%) of its representatives eligible to vote are present.
- 2) If a quorum is not met, another General Assembly shall be convened within (24) hours with the same agenda.
- 3) The quorum for the second General Assembly meeting is not required unless the agenda contains any proposals for amending the Statutes of the Federation, conducting an election, dismissal of a person, suspension or expulsion of a Member, withdrawing of confidence in the Board of Directors, or the dissolution of the Federation.
- 4) Once it is declared that the General Assembly has been convened and composed in accordance with these Statutes, the quorum shall not be influenced by delegates departing.
- 5) The representatives who come to the General Assembly meeting after the roll is called may not vote.

Article (25): Resolutions of the General Assembly

- 1) A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count unless decided otherwise by the General Assembly. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.
- 2) Unless otherwise stipulated in these Statutes, a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is sufficient for a decision to be valid. Blank ballot papers, invalid votes or electronic votes manipulated in any way as well as abstentions shall be disregarded when calculating the majority.

Article (26): Elections

- 1) Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot, unless there is only one electoral list, in which case it shall be elected by acclamation.

- 2) The elections of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with the Electoral Code of the Federation, issued by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly. The Electoral Committee shall organize and supervise the elections.
- 3) The elections for the positions of the Board of Directors shall be conducted by way of electoral list (also referred to as "election by list"). Election by list means election of a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) members, at least one of whom shall be a woman. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson, and nine (9) ordinary members.
- 4) Every electoral list must be supported by at least three (3) members of the General Assembly and shall include at least one female candidate. Each member of the General Assembly shall support no more than one list. If a member of the General Assembly supports more than one list, none of its expressions of support shall be considered valid.
- 5) The General Assembly meeting, in case of election of any electoral list for the Board of Directors of the Federation, shall only be valid if a majority (more than 50%) of the General Assembly members eligible to vote are present.
- 6) The successful Electoral List shall require a two-thirds majority of the valid votes from the total number of members present and eligible to vote at the General Assembly in the first round of balloting. In the second round or any other round, the successful Electoral List shall require a majority (more than 50%).
- 7) In the case of more than two Electoral Lists, the Electoral List with the lowest number of votes shall be excluded from the beginning of the second round of balloting. This shall continue until only two lists remain.
- 8) If the two lists remain neutral after a maximum of three (3) rounds, there shall be a draw to determine the elected list.
- 9) Blank ballot papers, invalid votes or electronic votes manipulated in any way as well as abstentions shall be disregarded when calculating the majority.
- 10) The Electoral Committee is the body responsible for organizing, supervising and approving the elections at the level of SAFF, and it shall be formed in accordance with the Electoral Code.
- 11) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the head of the Electoral Committee or the Electoral Appeals Committee or the person authorized by him shall handle its internal and external communications according to its competence.
- 12) The resolutions of the Electoral Committee may be appealed in accordance with the Electoral Code.

- 13) The post-election period shall be deemed a transitional period, and the works of the current Board of Directors shall continue until the completion of four (4) years from the date of its appointment. Then, works are handed over to the new Board of Directors.

Article (27): Ordinary General Assembly

- 1) The Ordinary General Assembly shall be held once in each sport season.
- 2) The Board of Directors of the Federation shall determine the venue and date of the meeting. Members shall be notified in writing at least sixty (60) days before such date.
- 3) The official invitation must be sent in writing at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the General Assembly and shall be accompanied by the agenda, the Chairperson's report, the financial reports, the independent and external auditor's report and any other documents.

Article (28): Agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly

- 1) The General Secretary shall prepare the agenda based on proposals submitted by the Board of Directors and Members. Anyone who wishes to submit any proposal to the Ordinary General Assembly shall send it to the General Secretariat in writing, 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 convened and formed, in accordance with the Statutes of the Federation.
 - b. Adoption of the agenda.
 - c. The speech of the Chairperson.
 - d. Appointment of three (3) members to review the minutes.
 - e. Appointment of independent observers.
 - f. Suspension or expulsion of membership (if any).
 - g. Approving the minutes of the previous meeting of the General Assembly.
 - h. Report of the Chairperson, which includes activities performed since the previous meeting.
 - i. Presentation of the budget statement after review and audit, highlighting the profit and loss.
 - j. Ratification of the financial report.
 - k. Adoption of the budget.
 - l. Acceptance of membership (if any).

- m. Vote on proposals for amending these Statutes and the standing orders of the General Assembly (if any).
 - n. Discussion of proposals submitted by Members and the Board of Directors.
 - o. Appointment of an independent certified accountant based on the proposal of the Board of Directors (if any).
 - p. Election of the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedures stipulated in these Statutes (if any).
- 3) The General Assembly shall not be allowed to take any decisions on matters not included in the agenda unless three-quarters of the Members present and eligible to vote have agreed to include the matter.
- 4) The agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly may be altered, provided three-quarters of the delegates representing the Members present at the General Assembly and eligible to vote to agree to such a motion.

Article (29): Extraordinary General Assembly

- 1) The Board of Directors may call for 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 (1/3) of SAFF members, provided that the agenda items shall be indicated in the request. The meeting shall be held within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the request. In the event that it is not possible to be convened, the members who requested it may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly meeting by themselves. In doing so, they shall inform all the Members of the Federation and the Board of Directors of the date and location of the Extraordinary General Assembly, along with the items to be included in the agenda in accordance with paragraph (3) below.
- 3) Members shall be notified of the place, date, and agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly at least seven (7) days before the date of the Extraordinary General Assembly, accounting for the exception contained in Article (74) of these Statutes.
- 4) When convening an Extraordinary General Assembly at the initiative of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall prepare the agenda. When calling to convene it at the request of members of the General Assembly, the agenda shall contain the subjects raised by such members.
- 5) It is not permitted to amend the agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly.

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

- 1) The General Assembly is responsible for the amendment of these Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly.
- 2) Any proposals for the amendment of these Statutes and the Standing Orders shall be submitted in writing, with a brief explanation, to the General Secretariat by a member or the Board of Directors. The proposals submitted by the member shall be valid, provided that they are supported and approved in writing by three (3) of the members of the General Assembly.
- 3) The meeting of the General Assembly for the amendment of these Statutes and the Standing Orders shall be valid if attended by a majority (more than 50%) of the members of the General Assembly eligible to vote.
- 4) The validity of the General Assembly's decision to amend these Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly requires the approval of three-quarters of the representatives of the members present and eligible to vote.

Article (31): Minutes of the Meeting

- 1) The Secretary of the General Assembly shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting. The minutes shall be audited by the designated members and shall be adopted at the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- 2) Members of the Federation shall receive a copy of the minutes of the meeting within sixty (60) days from the date of the end of the meeting.

Article (32): The Validity of the Resolutions of the General Assembly

Resolutions issued by the General Assembly shall take effect immediately upon their issuance unless the General Assembly sets another date for the enforcement of the resolution.

Section Two: Board of Directors

Article (33): Formation of Board of Directors

- 1) The Board of Directors consists of eleven (11) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be a woman, to assume the following positions:
 - a. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Deputy Chairperson.
 - c. Nine (9) ordinary members.
- 2) Taking into account the prohibitions contained in the Electoral Code of the Federation:
 - a) All members of the Board of Directors (including the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson) shall be at least twenty-eight (28) years old and not more than seventy (70) years old, their Civil Status Record shall be free from any moral violation of honor, honesty, and integrity, and shall not be subject to the penalty of dismissal, the expulsion of the membership or dismissal from any of the Clubs, federations or sporting bodies, or other bodies;
 - b) The ordinary members shall have a university qualification or experience in the field of football at the highest level;
 - c) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall each be a Saudi Arabian national, shall each reside in Saudi Arabia and shall each have a university qualification and experience in the field of football;
 - d) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall have experience in the field of football, locally or internationally, not less than two (2) years in the last five (5) years, during which he carried out tasks and works or assumed leadership positions locally or internationally and shall also be proficient in English.
- 3) Elections shall be held by way of an electoral list in the following cases:
 - a. After the expiration of the term of office of the Board of Directors which is specified as four (4) years.
 - b. In the event that the Chairperson of the Board of Directors is unable to perform his functions permanently.
 - c. In case the Chairperson of the Board of Directors resigns before the expiration of the term of office of the Board of Directors which is specified as four (4) years.
- 4) If a position or up to 50% of the positions of the Board of Directors become(s) vacant, the Board of Directors shall fill the position(s) in question until the next General Assembly, when replacement(s) for the position(s) will be elected for the remaining period of office. If more than 50% of the positions of the Board of Directors become vacant, the General Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly of an elective nature (i.e. at which elections shall be held) within the prescribed period.

Article (34): Meetings of the Board of Directors

- 1) The Board of Directors shall hold at least eight (8) meetings per year.
- 2) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall convene meetings of the Board of Directors. If half of the members request a meeting, the Chairperson may call for holding the meeting within seven (7) days.
- 3) The General Secretary shall prepare the agenda, and each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to submit items for inclusion in the agenda. These items shall be submitted to the General Secretariat at least four (4) days before the meeting. The agenda may also be sent to all members of the Board of Directors at least two (2) days before the meeting.
- 4) The quorum for the transaction of business of the Board of Directors shall be six (6).
- 5) Decisions of the Board of Directors shall be taken by consensus among the members. If a consensus cannot be reached, decisions shall be taken by a majority (more than 50%) of the votes of the members.
- 6) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall not be held in public. The Board may invite whoever it wishes to attend the meeting, but he is not entitled to vote; he is only allowed to express his views with the permission of the Board of Directors.
- 7) If the Chairperson does not convene the requested meeting by the aforementioned deadline, the other members of the Board of Directors shall convene it themselves but must send the agenda to all members of the Board of Directors at least two (2) days before the meeting.
- 8) The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Board of Directors in a consultative role and without voting rights. If the General Secretary is unable to attend a meeting, he may nominate a representative to attend the meeting on his behalf, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 9) The Chairperson may also convene the Board of Directors on an urgent basis to deal with any matter requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Board of Directors. If the members of the Board of Directors cannot meet physically, decisions may be passed by email or, if required, by way of communication through secure and encrypted messaging apps which are commonly used by the members of the Board of Directors for communications related to the business of the Federation or are deemed by the Board of Directors as suitable, secure and reliable to pass a decision.
- 10) In the event of force majeure or exceptional conditions, the meeting may take place via available telecommunication technologies, and the necessary approvals can be obtained by electronic signatures.

Article (35): Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Federation has the following powers:

- 1) Issuing decisions in all cases that do not fall within the powers of the General Assembly, or those that are not vested in any other body or committee under these Statutes.
- 2) Preparation and convening of the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly.
- 3) Appointment and/or dismissal of the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the Standing Committees, for a renewable four-year term. These committees may be reformed as the best interests of SAFF may require with their business being periodically evaluated.
- 4) The chairpersons, deputy chairpersons, and members of SAFF Judicial Committees and the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be appointed for a renewable four-year term.
- 5) Prepare the regulations for the structure of standing and temporary committees.
- 6) Formation of temporary committees when necessary and at any time.
- 7) Appointing coaches of the national teams and their technical, administrative, and medical staff.
- 8) Nomination of independent certified accountants to the General Assembly for approval.
- 9) Selection of its candidates for membership of the regional, WAFF, UAFA, AFC and FIFA committees, taking into consideration the competence, experience and professional ability, and the availability of the requirements and conditions of nomination prepared by these committees and federations.
- 10) Approve the places and dates of the Federation's competitions and the number of teams participating in them following the proposal of the Competitions Committee.
- 11) Adoption of the regulations of the Federation and approval of amendments to such regulations.
- 12) Ensure the implementation of these Statutes, and take the necessary executive means to implement them.
- 13) Suspension of the membership until the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- 14) Delegate tasks falling within the scope of its powers to other entities or bodies of the Federation or any third party.

- 15) Development of the strategic plan of the Federation, regular monitoring of performance and issuing the necessary reports thereon to the General Assembly.
- 16) Setting the values and criteria of the Federation, accounting for the competence of the other bodies of the Federation.
- 17) Develop a strategic plan based on achieving the main strategic objectives for the success of national teams and development of participation.
- 18) In case of vacancy of any position in the Judicial Committees or the Audit and Compliance Committee, the Board of Directors shall appoint a person to fill the vacant position until the next General Assembly, in which such person's appointment to the vacant position for the remaining period of the Committee's term shall be approved.
- 19) Appointing observers who may take part in the General Assembly without the right to debate or to vote.
- 20) Working to increase the revenues of the Federation, for example, but not limited to, entering into sponsorship and/or transportation and/or production and/or licensing agreements using the brand and the trade name of the Federation.
- 21) Protecting the interests of the Federation, for example, but not limited to, termination of sponsorship and/or transportation and/or production and/or licensing agreements using the brand and the trade name of the Federation.
- 22) The Board of Directors may issue a decision to exempt and/or mitigate and/or suspend the sanction and/or sports amnesty for the natural and/or legal person who was sanctioned based on a recommendation accompanied by justifications by the committee that issued the sanction at the Federation.
- 23) Approve the creation of private club leagues for each league.
- 24) Appointing a chairperson, deputy, and members of the Dispute Resolution Chamber in accordance with the Dispute Resolution regulations.
- 25) Approve the establishment of SAFF subsidiary or subsidiaries in accordance with applicable laws in KSA to promote commercial and investment activities.
- 26) Establishing specialized centers for studies and research related to football affairs, after the approval of the concerned authorities.
- 27) Approve the opening of one or more SAFF branches in KSA regions.

Article (36): Decisions of the Board of Directors

- 1) The Board of Directors may not discuss any subject except in the presence of a majority (more than 50%) of its members.
- 2) The decisions of the Board of Directors shall not be valid and enforceable except with the approval of a majority (more than 50%) of the members of the Board of Directors that are present.
- 3) Any Board member must withdraw from the discussion and from the decision-making process if there is a potential conflict of interest.
- 4) The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 5) Decisions taken by the Board of Directors shall be effective and come into force immediately unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.
- 6) Decisions taken by the Board of Directors which require the approval of the General Assembly shall be effective as soon as they are issued until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Article (37): Dismissal of a Person or Entity

- 1) The General Assembly may dismiss a person or entity who is a member of a body that is subject to the statutory remit of the General Assembly.
- 2) The Board of Directors may dismiss a person or entity from bodies falling within its jurisdiction (such as the General Secretariat or Standing Committees), but it may not dismiss any of the Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and/or members of the Judicial Committees and the Audit and Compliance Committee.
- 3) The motion for dismissal must be justified and shall be sent to the members of the Board of Directors and/or to the members of the General Assembly, as appropriate, along with the respective agenda.
- 4) The concerned person or the entity has the right to defend himself/itself in front of the Board of Directors and/or the General Assembly, as appropriate.
- 5) The motion for dismissal shall be decided by means of a secret ballot at the Board of Directors and/or the General Assembly, as appropriate. For the motion to be passed, a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast is required.

- 6) The person or entity dismissed (provisionally or otherwise) is relieved of his / its functions with immediate effect.
- 7) The person that has been dismissed shall not be eligible for claiming the ownership of any part of the Federation's property and shall return to the Federation, in a proper and intact manner, any documents, records or attachments.

Section Three: Chairperson of Board of Directors

Article (38): The Chairperson

- 1) The Chairperson represents the Federation legally.
- 2) The Chairperson is primarily responsible for the following:
 - a. Implementation of resolutions issued by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors with the assistance of the General Secretary and the General Secretariat.
 - b. Ensuring that the Federation's Members work effectively to achieve the objectives set out in these Statutes.
 - c. Supervising the work of the General Secretariat.
 - d. Appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.
 - e. Relations between the Federation and its Members, WAFF, UAFA, AFC, FIFA, the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, government agencies and other organizations.
 - f. Supervising the agenda prepared by the General Secretary for meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
 - g. Delegate to third parties and grant a power of attorney to sign memorandums of understanding and/or contracts and/or agreements after their approval by the Board of Directors.
 - h. He, together with the General Secretary, may delegate to third parties and grant a general power of attorney including all powers before the competent judicial authorities in the Kingdom in matters of pleading and other matters before any bodies inside and outside the Kingdom.
 - i. Signing and/or authorizing bank disbursement orders.
 - j. He has the right to grant, on an exceptional basis, financial rewards up to five hundred thousand Saudi Riyals (SAR 500,000) per annum to the members of the Board of Directors and/or employees of the Federation.
 - k. Preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, and such committees, in which he is appointed as a chairperson.
- 3) The Chairperson shall have a normal vote at the meeting of the Board of Directors, but if there is a tie, he shall have the casting vote.

- 4) Any additional powers of the Chairperson shall be determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with the internal regulations of the Federation.
- 5) In the absence or non-presence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson shall act on his behalf, and in this case, he shall have the right to exercise all powers granted to the Chairperson throughout the period of absence or non-presence of the Chairperson.

Article (39): Representation and Signature

The Chairperson shall represent the Federation legally, and shall be entitled to sign on its behalf. The Board of Directors may prepare internal regulations regarding the joint signature of officials, especially when the Chairperson is absent, and all matters of interest to the Federation.

Section Four: Standing Committees and Other Bodies

Article (40): Standing Committees

- 1) The Standing Committees of the Federation are:
 - a. The Competitions Committee.
 - b. The Professionalism and Players' Status Committee.
 - c. The Committee of Social Responsibility and Public Participation.
 - d. The Main Referees Committee.
 - e. The Audit and Compliance Committee.
- 2) The chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall be specialists in the fields relevant to the subject and functions of the Committees.
- 3) The chairperson of each Committee shall represent it and manage its business in accordance with the relevant regulations issued by the Board of Directors.
- 4) The chairperson of each Committee shall determine the dates of meetings, in coordination with the General Secretary, and ensure that all tasks are completed and reported to the Board of Directors.
- 5) Any regulatory policies issued by Standing Committees shall be under the authorization of the Board of Directors or approved by the Board of Directors to be effective.

- 6) A member of a Standing Committee shall not be entitled to participate in the deliberations of any matter where there is a conflict of interest.
- 7) The quorum for meetings of the Standing Committees shall not be less than half of the members forming the Committee, provided that the chairperson of the Committee, or his deputy, shall be present, taking into account paragraph (6) of this Article.
- 8) The regulations and interpretation of the Standing Committees shall include all the functions related to their work and activity. Each Committee shall be allowed to make proposals for amendments to its regulations.

Article (41): Competitions Committee

- 1) The Competitions Committee shall be responsible for the organization of all competitions of the Federation, proposing schedules, prize values, places and dates of competitions for the consideration of the Board of Directors.
- 2) The Committee shall consist of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson, and three (3) members, provided that the members shall have experience in the field of football and in fields related to competitions and their organization.
- 3) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the Professional League association, the Competitions Committee shall coordinate with the competitions committee(s) of the Professional League when preparing tournament and competition schedules for the consideration of the Board of Directors.
- 4) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the chairperson of the Committee or his authorized deputy may address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference and shall collaborate with the General Secretariat with regard to all such communications.

Article (42): Professionalism and Players' Status Committee

- 1) The Professionalism and Players' Status Committee shall undertake the organizing and supervising of the transfer procedures of players according to the Regulations on Professionalism, Status and Transfer of Players of the Federation, as well as the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players of FIFA.

- 2) The Professionalism and Players' Status Committee shall undertake the spreading of the culture of professionalism and its requirements amongst Clubs, Players, coaches and intermediaries.
 - 3) The Professionalism and Players' Status Committee shall consist of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson and three (3) members, provided that the members shall have experience in the field of football and in fields related to professionalism. At least two members shall have a bachelor's degree in law or equivalent as a minimum.
 - 4) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the chairperson of the Committee or his authorized deputy may address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference, and shall collaborate with the General Secretariat with regard to all such communications.
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Article (43): Committee of Social Responsibility

- 1) The Committee of Social Responsibility provides assistance, advice and consultation in developing ideas to increase football participation and social engagement through football in the Kingdom.
 - 2) The Committee shall consist of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson and at least three (3) members, provided that the members shall have sufficient experience relevant to the work of the Committee.
 - 3) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the chairperson of the Committee or his authorized deputy may address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference.
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Article (44): Main Referees Committee

- 1) The Main Referees Committee provides assistance, advice and consultation on matters relating to the Laws of the Game, the assignment of referees to matches, the standards of practice, the management of the Referees Body, the recommendation of the referees who require further training or qualification and the development of referees for good participation and representation.

- 2) The Main Referees Committee shall consist of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson and at least three (3) members, provided that the members shall have the necessary knowledge, ability and expertise in the field of football and in areas related to refereeing.
- 3) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the chairperson of the Committee or his authorized deputy may address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference and shall collaborate with the General Secretariat with regard to all such communications.

Article (45): Audit and Compliance Committee

- 1) The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the financial statements, the consolidated financial statements and the independent and external auditors' reports. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall consist of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson and at least one (1) another member. Its members shall be knowledgeable and experienced in financial and/or regulatory and/or legal matters and may not be involved in any decision affecting the operations of SAFF.
- 2) The Audit and Compliance Committee shall advise, assist and oversee the Board of Directors in monitoring SAFF's financial and compliance matters, set up compliance mechanisms and monitor compliance with the relevant regulations of SAFF. It shall also supervise the General Secretariat in financial and compliance issues. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall furthermore monitor SAFF's financial and compliance matters and suggest to the appropriate bodies any action that it deems necessary as a result of such monitoring. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall, with the assistance of the General Secretariat, implement a compliance program within SAFF.
- 3) Details on the Audit and Compliance Committee's responsibilities, its internal cooperation and other procedural matters are stipulated in the internal regulations of SAFF.

Article (46): Futsal and Beach Soccer Department

- 1) The Futsal and Beach Soccer Department shall undertake to organize all competitions related to futsal and beach soccer, preparation of schedules, locations and dates of competition, determine the value of tournament prizes and supervise and work on the first national team and the Under-20 national team.

- 2) The Futsal and Beach Soccer Department shall consist of a General Supervisor and a Director, in addition to the appropriate staff appointed by the General Secretary, provided they have the necessary knowledge, ability and expertise in the field of futsal and beach soccer.
- 1) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the General Supervisor of the Department or his authorized representative shall address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference.

Article (47): Temporary Committees

- 1) The Board of Directors shall have the right to form temporary committees for special tasks and a limited period.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall appoint the chairperson and members of such committees.
- 3) The functions and tasks of these committees shall be determined by temporary special regulations.
- 4) The temporary committee shall report to the Board of Directors.

Section Five: Leagues

Article (48): Leagues

The Board of Directors is entitled to establish Leagues which shall be organized as separate legal entities and which are administratively, financially, and organizationally independent. Such Leagues shall remain at all times subordinate to and subject to the authority of the Federation.

Article (49): Professional Leagues

- 1) The Professional Leagues are a legal entity that is administratively, financially, and organizationally independent, and works under the umbrella of the Federation.
- 2) Leagues of the clubs of other divisions may establish a private league for each league with preparation of the Statutes and Executive Regulations for each league, according to the regulations of SAFF, AFC and FIFA, and after obtaining the approval of the Board of Directors.

- 3) The Professional Leagues are represented in the Saudi Professional League for the Premier Division Clubs and the Saudi First Division League for the First Division Clubs.
- 4) The chairperson of the Professional Leagues shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of the statutes of each League.
- 5) Each Member Club of the Federation classified within the Premier Division Clubs, shall have the right to be a member of the Saudi Professional League association, in accordance with the mandatory standards outlined in its statutes and the requirements of AFC and FIFA.
- 6) Each Member Club of the Federation classified within the First Division Clubs, shall have the right to be a member of the First Division Clubs League association, in accordance with the mandatory standards outlined in its statutes and the requirements of AFC and FIFA.
- 7) The Federation shall have one (1) representative on the board of directors of the Professional Leagues. This representative shall be nominated by a decision issued by the Board of Directors of the Federation. His vote shall be the casting vote in the event of a tied vote regarding any decision presented to the board of directors of the Professional Leagues.
- 8) The Professional Leagues shall prepare their own statutes and executive regulations, in accordance with the regulations of SAFF, AFC and FIFA.
- 9) Members and officials of the Professional Leagues shall abide by their statutes, regulations, decisions and the agreements to which the Professional Leagues are a party, to achieve the best standards and requirements for administrative, regulatory, and marketing matters.
- 10) The Professional Leagues shall abide by organizing, managing and marketing the Professional League, and shall have, for that purpose, the powers and competencies specified in its statutes and regulations, provided that such competencies shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a) Organizing and managing Professional League matches.
 - b) Preparation of the Professional League schedule.
 - c) Develop and apply rules on Participation Licenses.
 - d) Organizing the governance of the Clubs that are members of Professional Leagues and their financial affairs.
 - e) Conclude and negotiate all contracts related to commercial and financial rights for the Professional League, including contracts related to broadcasting and sponsorship rights.
 - f) Determine and impose sanctions on a Club in case of breach of any of the obligations imposed on it under the statutes and regulations of the Professional Leagues.
- 11) The statutes of the Professional Leagues shall define commercial, financial, and other rights that they have.
- 12) The Professional Leagues shall provide a semi-annual report on their financial, administrative and marketing performance to the Board of Directors of the Federation.

Section Six: The General Secretariat

Article (50): The General Secretariat

The General Secretariat shall carry out all administrative works of the Federation under the General Secretary. The staff of the General Secretariat shall abide by the internal regulations of the Federation, perform their duties in the best manner and be subject to the Labor Law of the Kingdom.

Article (51): The General Secretary

- 1) The General Secretary is the Executive Director of the General Secretariat.
- 2) The General Secretary shall be appointed under a contract of employment governed by Labor Law of the Kingdom, and shall have the required professional qualifications, a university degree and be fluent in English (written and spoken).
- 3) The responsibilities of the General Secretary are summarized as follows:
 - a. Implement the decisions issued by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors in accordance with the directives of the President.
 - b. Develop the Federation commercially and seek to increase revenues, to provide the necessary resources to achieve the strategic plan.
 - c. Develop an administrative team and structure capable of operating the Federation effectively and efficiently to put the strategic plan into practice and in the interest of the Federation.
 - d. Assign secretaries to support the work of committees upon receiving such requests from their chairperson.
 - e. Organize meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and other bodies.
 - f. Prepare minutes of meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Standing and Temporary Committees.
 - g. Address the Federation's correspondence.
 - h. Establish relations with Members, Committees, WAFF, UAFA, AFC and FIFA.
 - i. Lead and organize the required change process at Federation level.
 - j. Encourage the creation of a collective working environment at Federation level.
 - k. Develop the administrative structure of the General Secretariat in line with the interests of the Federation.
 - l. Lead the administrative team, set goals and priorities for staff and conduct the annual staff assessment of his subordinate department managers.
 - m. Has the right to grant financial rewards to the staff of the Federation.

- n. Submit an annual budget prepared by members of the administrative team and the Board of Directors.
 - o. Organize the General Secretariat.
 - p. Form the committees that contribute to the organization of the work of the Federation.
 - q. Liaise with banks and financing entities to obtain credit facilities and request funding for the Federation.
 - r. Sign memorandums of understanding and/or contracts and/or agreements and/or endorsements where the President authorizes him to sign.
 - s. Sign and/or authorize bank disbursement orders.
- 4) The General Secretary shall not be a member of the General Assembly.

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

Article (52): The Judicial Committees

- 1) The Judicial Committees of the Federation are:
 - a. The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
 - b. The Appeals Committee.
- 2) The responsibilities and competencies of the respective Judicial Committees shall be determined in accordance with the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations of the Federation.
- 3) The powers of the respective Judicial Committees shall not affect the powers of the other committees of the Federation in making its decisions.
- 4) The chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the Judicial Committees shall be elected by the General Assembly, upon the proposal made by the Board of Directors and may only be relieved of their duties by the General Assembly. They shall not join any other SAFF bodies and they shall fulfill the independence requirements. Where the chairperson, deputy chairperson, or a member of the Judicial Committee is permanently unable to perform his official duties during his tenure, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement thereof to assume the office up until the convention of the following general assembly during which the general assembly members approve the replacement member.
- 5) Provisions 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 (53): Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

- 1) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee consists of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson and three (3) members. The chairperson and deputy chairperson of the Committee shall have at least a bachelor's degree in law or equivalent, with the necessary knowledge, ability and expertise in the field of football.
- 2) The performance of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee is subject to the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations issued by the Federation. The Committee shall not issue any resolution except with the presence of at least three members. In special cases, the chairperson may take a decision, at his sole discretion, in accordance with the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations.
- 3) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the chairperson of the Committee or the person authorized by him shall handle its internal and external communications according to its competence and shall collaborate with the General Secretariat with regard to all such communications.
- 4) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may apply the sanctions provided for in these Statutes and the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations issued by the Federation, on the members (Clubs and Leagues), Officials, administrators, Players, Clubs, match agents, intermediaries and others.
- 5) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may apply the sanctions provided for in the statutes of FIFA and AFC, on the members (Clubs and Leagues), Officials, administrators, Players, Clubs, match agents, intermediaries and others.
- 6) The 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 Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations of the Federation, which shall be in accordance with the principles laid down in the Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics of FIFA.

Article (54): The Appeals Committee

- 1) The Appeals Committee consists of the chairperson, the deputy chairperson and three (3) members. The chairperson and the deputy chairperson of the Committee shall have at least a bachelor's degree in law or equivalent, with the necessary knowledge, ability and expertise in the field of football.

- 2) The performance of the Appeals Committee is subject to the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations issued by the Federation. The Committee shall not issue any resolution except with the presence of at least three members. In special cases, the chairperson may take a decision, at his sole discretion, in accordance with the Disciplinary and Ethics Regulations.
- 3) The Appeals Committee shall be responsible for considering and adjudicating the appeal against Disciplinary and Ethics Committee decisions.

Article (55): Dispute Resolution Chamber

- 1) The Dispute Resolution Chamber shall be formed in accordance with the provisions of the Dispute Resolution Chamber Regulations issued by the Federation, and the National Dispute Resolution Chamber Standard Regulations issued by FIFA.
- 2) The Dispute Resolution Chamber is competent to hear and adjudicate disputes amongst Clubs and/or Players and/or intermediaries and/or coaches, or disputes relating to training compensation and solidarity contribution, or any other competencies listed in the Dispute Resolution Chamber Regulations.
- 3) Decisions of the Dispute Resolution Chamber may be appealed before the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center.
- 4) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the chairperson of the Chamber or the person authorized by him shall address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference and shall collaborate with the General Secretariat with regard to all such communications.

Article (56): Disciplinary and Sanctions Procedures

- 1) The following disciplinary actions may be imposed on natural and legal persons:
 - a) warning;
 - b) reprimand;
 - c) fine;
 - d) return of awards;
 - e) withdrawal of a title;
 - f) Any other sanctions stipulated in the regulations of the Federation or the regulations of the organizing body or the League.
- 2) The following disciplinary actions may be imposed on natural persons only:
 - a) suspension for a specific number of matches or for a specific period;

- b) ban from dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
 - c) ban on taking part in any football-related activity;
 - d) community football service.
- 3) The following disciplinary actions may be imposed on legal persons only:
- a) ban on registration of players;
 - b) playing a match without spectators;
 - c) playing a match with a limited number of spectators;
 - d) playing a match on neutral territory;
 - e) ban on playing in a particular stadium;
 - f) annulment of the result of a match;
 - g) deduction of points;
 - h) relegation to a lower division;
 - i) expulsion from competition in progress or future competitions;
 - j) forfeit;
 - k) order that a match be replayed;
 - l) implementation of a prevention plan;
 - m) withdrawal or denial of a license to participate in a competition or championship organized by the Federation or the organizing body;
 - n) Any other sanctions stipulated in the regulations of the Federation or the regulations of the organizing body or the League.

Article (57): Jurisdiction

- 1) The Federation shall have jurisdiction over internal national disputes between Members of the Federation, i.e. disputes between parties belonging or affiliated to the Federation. It is prohibited to take disputes within the Federation or disputes affecting Leagues, Clubs, members of Clubs, Players, Officials, and other Federation officials to ordinary courts of law, unless FIFA regulations, AFC regulations, WAFF regulations or binding legal provisions specifically provide for or stipulate recourse to ordinary courts of law. The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee of the Federation shall impose sanctions on any party that fails to respect this obligation. Any appeal against such sanctions shall likewise be strictly submitted to arbitration, and not to ordinary courts of law.
- 2) FIFA and/or AFC shall have jurisdiction on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different associations and/or confederations, in accordance with the relevant regulations.
- 3) The Federation shall comply fully with the decisions of FIFA, AFC and WAFF and decisions of the CAS and the Saudi Sports Arbitration Centre at all times and shall ensure that these are also respected by its Members.

- 4) Taking into consideration the jurisdictions of the Professional Leagues provided for in their statutes and regulations, the Judicial Committees of the Federation shall have the jurisdiction to hear all the sanctions and disciplinary matters related to the Professional Leagues.

Article (58): Arbitration

- 1) Disputes within the Federation or disputes affecting Leagues, Clubs, members of Clubs, Players and Officials may be referred in the last instance (i.e. after exhaustion of all internal channels within the Federation) to the Saudi Sports Arbitration Centre which shall settle the dispute definitively to the exclusion of any ordinary court of law, unless expressly prohibited by the legislation of the Kingdom.
- 2) Disputes of international dimension arising from or related to the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA or AFC may be referred in the last instance to CAS as specified in the statutes of FIFA and of AFC.

Article (59): Saudi Sports Arbitration Centre

- 1) By virtue of these Statutes, the Professional Leagues, Member Clubs, Officials, Players, intermediaries, match agents and any other sports entities under SAFF's control and other entities shall acknowledge and comply with the following:
 - a. The Saudi Sports Arbitration Center shall be the supreme exclusive judicial body that has the jurisdiction over hearing and/or adjudicating and/or mediating in all sports disputes and/or disputes related to sports, after exhaustion of all internal channels of appeal within SAFF, according to these Statutes and its regulations.
 - b. The Saudi Sports Arbitration Center may be approached only after the exhaustion of all internal channels of appeal within SAFF. The appeal shall be filed to the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center within twenty-one (21) days from the date of notifying the parties of the resolution through valid ways. SAFF or the Regulator may add more provisions or amend the appeal filing deadline in its relevant regulations as appropriate.
 - c. The resolutions issued by the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center are final, binding and not appealable before any local or international body.
- 2) The judicial jurisdiction of the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center shall not include the following situations:
 - a. Disputes related to applying the Laws of the Game.
 - b. Imposing a sanction on a Club by forcing it to play a match without spectators, in full or in part, or to play a match on neutral territory, or preventing it from playing on its own territory for four (4) matches or less.

- c. Imposing a sanction on a natural person by suspending him for a period not more than three (3) months or less than eight (8) matches, except for the resolutions issued by the Anti-Doping Committee.
 - d. Imposing a sanction on a Club or a natural person by caution, warning or fine at an amount of three hundred thousand (300,000) Saudi Riyals or less.
 - e. The matters stipulated by the Statutes or regulations of the Federation as they are final and binding.
 - f. The resolutions issued by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for disrespecting the enforcement of the resolutions.
- 3) As an exception of the above Paragraph 2, the resolutions issued by the Professionalism and Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber may be appealed before the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center, unless otherwise stipulated in their regulations.
 - 4) In doping-related matters, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations apply in full. In the event of any discrepancy between the national regulations and the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the provisions set out in the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall prevail. The Saudi Arabian Anti-Doping Committee shall have the competence to hear doping-related matters by virtue of the anti-doping regulations in force and according to the regulations of the World Anti-Doping Agency and the statutes of FIFA.
 - 5) The Federation, Members of the Federation, Players, coaches, Officials, match agents, intermediaries and the other parties shall undertake not to litigate in the matters related to practicing the football activity before the ordinary courts of law, except if there is a provision stipulating that in these Statutes and in the regulations of FIFA.

Article (60): Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

- 1) By virtue of the provisions related to the statutes of FIFA or AFC, any binding and final resolution issued by FIFA or AFC may be appealed before the CAS, which shall not have competence to consider any appeal against breaches of the Laws of the Game or the situations stipulated in the statutes of FIFA or AFC.
- 2) The Federation shall undertake to comply in full with, and ensure that its Members, Players, coaches, Officials, match agents and intermediaries comply with the final resolutions issued by the authorities of FIFA or CAS.

Part Five: Financial Issues

Article (61): Financial Period

- 1) The financial year of the Federation shall start on 1 July and end on 30 June, and the financial report of the Federation shall cover this period.
- 2) The financial budget for the revenues and expenditures of the Federation shall be prepared for covering the financial period. The Federation must ensure that it performs its main obligations in the future by providing enough reserves for fulfilling these obligations.
- 3) The chief financial officer and/or the manager of the finance department, together with the General Secretary of the Federation, shall be responsible for preparing the financial budget of the Federation and its appendices up to 30 June of each year. The financial budget shall be identical with the income and the expenditures.
- 4) The chief financial officer and/or the manager of the finance department shall keep the accounting records correctly under the supervision of the General Secretary.
- 5) A bank account shall be opened in a bank of the Kingdom in the name of the Federation. All the Federation's money shall be deposited into that account. Money that shall be spent from that account should be according to the financial regulation of the Federation.
- 6) At the end of the financial year, the chief financial officer and/or the manager of the finance department shall prepare the final accounts of that year. The external finance auditor shall submit these accounts to the Board of Directors for approval. The finance auditor shall also prepare a report for submission to the General Assembly for approval.
- 7) The Board of Directors of the Federation shall prepare the financial regulation of the Federation, which shall specify the method of collecting the revenues, items of encashment, the officials authorized to sign the orders of encashment, checks, the allowed limits of encashment and controls of transfers within the items of the budget.
- 8) The Federation shall have an internal comptroller appointed by the Board of Directors and powers of that comptroller shall be specified in the financial regulation of the Federation.

Article (62): Revenues

Funds and revenues of the Federation shall be provided through the following:

- a. The money approved by the Kingdom for supporting the Federation.
- b. Subscriptions paid annually by the Members.
- c. All amounts resulting from marketing the rights of the Federation, including the rights deriving from T.V. broadcasting.
- d. The amount of money distributed to the Federation by Professional Leagues (if any) according to their statutes.
- e. Money earned by the Federation through practicing its activities and revenue from its properties and income of investments.
- f. Fines imposed by the competent authorities of the Federation.
- g. The subscriptions and other amounts received in agreement with the aims of the Federation.
- h. Fees for registering the contracts of Saudi coaches and non-Saudi coaches.
- i. Donations and grants taken to realize the aims of the Federation by virtue of approval given by the Board of Directors.
- j. The revenues resulting from any investments approved by the Board of Directors with the Federation's money.

Article (63): Expenditures

The Federation shall pay the following expenditures:

- a. The expenditures included in the budget of the Federation.
- b. The other expenditures approved by the General Assembly and such expenditures allowed to the Board of Directors in scope of its powers.
- c. All other expenditures in agreement with the aims of the Federation and which the Federation seeks to achieve.

Article (64): Independent Auditors (External Auditor)

- 1) The Board of Directors shall nominate the independent auditors (as external auditors) for one (1) renewable year with a maximum of three (3) years and to be approved by the

General Assembly. The Board of Directors may submit a recommendation to the General Assembly to ask it to change the independent auditors.

- 1) The independent auditors shall audit the accounts prepared by the chief financial officer and/or the manager of the finance department in cooperation with the General Secretary according to the accounting standards and principles applied in the Kingdom before submitting them to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.
- 2) The independent auditors shall be appointed for one (1) renewable year by virtue of a resolution issued by the General Assembly, and the Board of Directors may submit a recommendation to the General Assembly to ask it to change the independent auditor for the benefit of public interest.
- 3) The chief financial officer and/or the manager of the finance department together with the General Secretary shall give the independent auditor the power to review all details, information, documents and instruments needed by the independent auditor to perform the tasks authorized to him.

Article (65): Membership Subscriptions

- 1) The membership subscriptions shall be payable by 1 July every year. The annual subscriptions of the first year for new Members shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the end of the General Assembly meeting in which those Members are accepted.
- 2) The General Assembly shall determine the value of the annual subscriptions every four (4) years based on a recommendation issued by the Board of Directors. The value of the subscription shall be unified for all Members and shall not be more than ten thousand (10,000) Riyals.

Article (66): Financial Settlement

The Federation may deduct any financial amounts payable by the Members from their accounts held with the Federation for settling any amounts required to be paid by virtue of final judicial judgments and/or mutual consent agreement concluded between and by the Member and the other party provided that the Federation shall approve. The Federation shall include the subject of settling of the accounts in the financial regulations of the Federation.

Part Six: Competitions and Rights in Competitions

Article (67): Competitions

- 1) The Federation shall organize and coordinate the following official competitions that take place in the Kingdom:
 - a. Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Cup Competition.
 - b. Saudi Super Cup final on the Ministry of Sports Cup.
 - c. The Saudi Professional League for the Premier Division Clubs.
 - d. The Prince Mohammad bin Salman League for the First Division Professional Clubs.
 - e. The Second Division League Championship.
 - f. The Third Division League Championship.
 - g. The Kingdom Championship for the Fourth Division Clubs.
 - h. Youth League Championship (First Division) under 19 years.
 - i. The Kingdom Clubs Championship for the Youth Division under 19 years.
 - j. Beginners League Championship (Premier Division) under 17 years.
 - k. Beginners League Championship (First Division) under 17 years.
 - l. The Kingdom Clubs Championship for the Beginners Division under 19 years.
 - m. Al-Baraem League Championship (Premier Division) under 15 years.
 - n. The Kingdom Clubs Championship for Al-Baraem Division under 15 years.
 - o. Al-Baraem League Championship (Premier Division) under 13 years.
 - p. The Kingdom Clubs Championship for Al-Baraem Division under 13 years.
 - q. Futsal Premier League.
 - r. The Kingdom Futsal Championship for the First Division.
 - s. Premier League for Women.
 - t. First Division League for Women.
 - u. Any championships or competitions introduced by the Federation according to provisions of these Statutes.
- 2) Taking into consideration the powers of the Federation related to the Professional League provided for in these Statutes, the Professional Leagues shall organize and manage the Professional League Championship and the Clubs which participate therein and shall issue the regulations and the rules necessary for that.
- 3) The Board of Directors of the Federation shall have the right to give the associations or the regional committees under the control of the Federation or under its umbrella, the power to organize competitions provided that these competitions shall not contradict the competitions organized by the Federation, as these competitions shall have the priority.
- 4) The Board of Directors may issue the regulations of the competitions referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article.

Article (68): Club Licensing

- 1) The Federation shall operate a Club licensing system in accordance with the principles of the Club licensing regulations of AFC and FIFA.
- 2) The objective of the Club licensing system is to safeguard the credibility and integrity of Club competitions, to improve the level of professionalism of Clubs in the Kingdom, to promote sporting values in accordance with the principles of fair play as well as safe and secure match environments and to promote transparency in the finances, ownership and management of Clubs.
- 3) The Board of Directors shall issue Club licensing regulations governing the Club licensing system. The Club licensing regulations shall stipulate to which Clubs the system applies.
- 4) The Board of Directors shall define a Club licensing system in compliance with the minimum requirements of the Club licensing system as set up by AFC and FIFA governing:
 - a. the minimum criteria to be fulfilled by Clubs in order to be admitted to SAFF competitions;
 - b. the licensing process (including the minimum requirements for the Club licensing bodies); and
 - c. the minimum requirements to be observed by the Club licensors.
- 5) The Club licensing bodies shall consist of the first instance body and the appeals body. The Club licensing bodies shall act independently in the exercise of their duties and be independent of each other. The members of these Club licensing bodies shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Each body shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson, and a minimum of three (3) members. At least one (1) member of each of these bodies shall be a chartered accountant and at least one (1) member shall have a legal qualification 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 competence to approve or reject licensing applications from Clubs based on the documentation submitted by the relevant deadlines in accordance with the Club licensing regulations.
- 7) The appeals body shall be the Club Licensing Appeals Committee. The appeals body shall have the competence to pass a decision on any appeal lodged by a Club following a first instance body decision in accordance with the Club licensing regulations.

Article (69): Rights

- 1) The Federation and the Clubs are the original owners of the rights deriving from the competitions and the other events being under its powers without any restrictions as for the content, time, location and statutes. These rights shall include for example, but not limited to, all kinds of financial rights, audio and visual recordings, rights of reproduction and broadcasting, rights of multimedia and marketing, rights of promotion and rights of sponsorship such as slogans, name and rights resulting by virtue of the Law of Printed Materials and the author rights, except the competitions and the events in which the Professional Leagues own these rights exclusively according to these Statutes.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall determine the extent and the method of exercising the rights empowered to it according to paragraph (1) of this Article and shall issue special regulations to this end. The Board of Directors shall also approve amendment to “the balance of distributing the commercial rights” concerned with determining allotments of these revenues distributed to the Clubs participating in these shares and whether these rights are used exclusively or in participation with other parties or whether all these revenues are distributed through a third party according to these Statutes.

Article (70): Licensing

The Federation and the Members of the Federation shall be responsible exclusively for licensing distribution of the image, the sound and the other tools which transfer details of the football matches, the competitions and the events included in their jurisdiction without any limitations as for the content, the time, the place and the technical and legal aspects. The Board of Directors shall issue special regulations to this end.

Part Seven: International Competitions and Matches

Article (71): International Competitions and Matches

- 1) FIFA, the continental federations and the national federations which are members of FIFA are the only authorities entitled to organize international matches and competitions that take place between the national teams and the clubs and between the Professional Leagues teams and other teams. No match or competition shall be held without

obtaining prior permission from FIFA, the competent continental federation and the competent national federation according to the regulations applied by FIFA concerning international matches.

- 2) SAFF shall comply with the international match calendar as issued by FIFA.
- 3) SAFF shall be responsible for the Saudi Arabian national football team for all age categories and shall be responsible for managing and organizing all team affairs.

Article (72): 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, the AFC).

Article (73): Approval

The Clubs, Leagues and all other groups of Clubs affiliated to SAFF shall not have the right to join any other federation or participate in the competitions in the geographic scope of another federation without obtaining approval from SAFF, the other federation and FIFA, according to the FIFA regulations governing international matches.

Part Eight: Closing Provisions

Article (74): Force Majeure

- 1) The Board of Directors shall have the right to issue resolutions as for the unexpected incidental matters and the force majeure events for which no provision is provided in these Statutes (or any other regulations issued by the Federation). If any of these matters fall automatically within the powers of the General Assembly, a report about the same shall be submitted to the following General Assembly meeting for approval. For approving a resolution, two-thirds of the members of the General Assembly who attend and have the right to vote shall vote on the resolution.
- 2) Except for the cases mentioned in paragraph (1) above, the Board of Directors may submit the non-incidental cases concerning the matters not mentioned in these Statutes

to the following General Assembly meeting or to the Extraordinary General Assembly meeting held for submitting the subject and its proposal. Making a decision requires voting by two-thirds of the attending members.

Article (75): Vote of No Confidence in the Board of Directors and dissolving the Federation

- 1) The General Assembly shall have the right to issue a vote of no confidence in the Board of Directors in the following cases:
 - a. If it is proven by a final decision of a competent FIFA or AFC body that the Board of Directors committed an act of corruption and/or financial breaches.
 - b. If it is impossible to complete the quorum of the meetings of the Board of Directors for four (4) consecutive sessions or eight (8) separate sessions in a year.
 - c. If a General Assembly is not called for an ordinary meeting for two consecutive occasions without legal reason.
 - d. If more than half of the members of the Board of Directors resign or are dismissed.
 - e. If FIFA or AFC ceases to recognize SAFF or bans it or dismisses it.
- 2) Any vote of no confidence in the Board of Directors shall require approval given by three-quarters of the full members of the General Assembly, and this approval shall be obtained in an Extraordinary General Assembly convened specifically for this purpose.
- 3) If SAFF is dissolved, its funds, assets and properties shall be transferred to the Ministry of Sport to keep these funds, assets and properties as trusts and give them back to SAFF after being reinstated. Any decision relating to the dissolution of SAFF requires a majority of two-thirds of all SAFF Members, which must be obtained at a General Assembly convened specifically for this purpose.
- 4) New elections for the Board of Directors shall take place according to Article (33) of these Statutes if one or more of the cases provided for in paragraph 1 lit. a), b), c) and d) of this Article occur.

Article (76): Enforcement and Validity

- 1) Amendments to these Statutes were approved and declared in the General Assembly Meeting convened in Riyadh on [10/09/1445 A.H., corresponding to 20/03/2024 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.

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