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Introduction and general provisions

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THESE REGULATIONS

These Governance Regulations are issued by the FIFA Council based on the FIFA Statutes and set out FIFA's general principles concerning its structure, internal organisation and the general regime of powers, responsibilities, competencies and elections.

ARTICLE 2: IMPLEMENTATION

These Governance Regulations shall be adhered to and implemented by the FIFA administration, the relevant FIFA bodies and all officials as further set out herein.

ARTICLE 3: ELIGIBILITY CHECKS

All members of the Council (including the President), chairpersons and deputy chairpersons of the standing committees, the independent committees, the expert panels, the normalisation committees and the Football Tribunal, as well as the Secretary General shall be required to fulfil eligibility checks in accordance with Annexe 1 to these regulations prior to their (re-)election or (re)appointment. Eligibility checks are carried out for all other members of the aforementioned committees in the first year of their appointment.

ARTICLE 4: INDEPENDENCE

Specific independence criteria applying to certain members of FIFA bodies are set out in Annexe 3.

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Duties, powers, responsibilities and organisation of FIFA bodies and holders of key positions

A. COUNCIL

ARTICLE 5: DUTIES, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 The Council defines FIFA's mission, strategic direction, policies and values, in particular with regard to the organisation and development of football and all related matters at a worldwide level. In particular, it:
- a) approves and issues FIFA regulations;
 - b) deals with global strategies for football and its political, economic and social status;
 - c) defines FIFA's overall strategy;
 - d) exercises general oversight of the activities of the standing committees and the overall management of FIFA;
 - e) appoints and dismisses the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the standing committees and of the chambers of the Football Tribunal; the Council may remove any member of a standing committee at any time;
 - f) may decide to establish expert panels or working groups;
 - g) proposes to the Congress for election the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the Disciplinary Committee, the Ethics Committee, the Appeal Committee and the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee;
 - h) may decide to set up bureaus and/or sub-committees;
 - i) appoints and dismisses the Secretary General upon the proposal of the President; the Council may also dismiss the Secretary General without such a proposal;
 - j) defines the standards, policies and procedures applicable to the awarding of commercial contracts by FIFA;
 - k) defines the standards, policies and procedures applicable to football development grants;
 - l) defines the standards, policies and procedures regarding the operational costs of FIFA;
 - m) defines the standards, policies and procedures regarding all other business- or finance-related matters of FIFA;

- n) approves the budget analysed by the Finance Committee to be submitted to the Congress for approval;
- o) approves the accounts and annual audited financial statements, including the consolidated financial statements, to be submitted to the Congress for approval;
- p) approves the annual report to be submitted to the Congress for approval;
- q) decides on the place and dates of the final competitions of FIFA tournaments and the number of teams taking part from each confederation, except for the place of the FIFA World Cup™ and FIFA Women's World Cup™ final competitions;
- r) appoints the three representatives of FIFA who shall attend the general assembly of The IFAB in addition to the President; furthermore, it is entitled to direct how the representatives of FIFA shall vote in The IFAB;
- s) supports the full participation of women at all levels of football, including in governance and technical roles; and
- t) may, under exceptional circumstances and in consultation with the relevant confederation, establish and/or approve the registration of a national or representative team for a competition organised by FIFA when a Member Association is unable to do so.

5.2 The Council determines the number of seats to be assigned to each confederation in the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and in the judicial bodies, and thereafter submits proposals for the members of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and the judicial bodies to the general secretariat in due time before the start of the relevant Congress.

5.3 The Council shall deal with all matters relating to FIFA that do not fall within the responsibility of another body. The Council shall not be competent for matters of an executive nature, including daily business and operational matters. Such matters fall under the responsibility of the President and/or the Secretary General.



ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS AND DECISION-MAKING

- 6.1 The Council shall meet ordinarily at least three times a year.
- 6.2 The President shall convene the ordinary meetings of the Council at least 14 days in advance, stating the date, time and place of the meeting as well as the agenda items. At least 19 members of the Council may request from the President the convening of an extraordinary meeting. Meetings may be held in person or remotely. Instead of making decisions during a meeting, the Council may pass a circular resolution. Meetings of the Bureau of the Council shall be convened promptly.
- 6.3 If the President is unable to attend, the longest-serving vice-president shall conduct the meeting as deputy chairperson. If the longest-serving vice-president is prevented from conducting the meeting, the next vice-president in line shall conduct the meeting.
- 6.4 Decisions are taken by a simple majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast. Each member of the Council has one vote. Abstentions are not counted.
- 6.5 Council meetings and their associated documentation are confidential.
- 6.6 The minutes of every meeting shall be recorded by the general secretariat.

ARTICLE 7: COUNCIL MEMBERS' DUTIES

- 7.1 The members of the Council shall participate in the meetings in person.
- 7.2 Council members shall recuse themselves in cases of conflicts of interest and shall immediately notify the President in cases of potential conflicts of interest.
- 7.3 Council members shall complete and submit the Related-Party Declaration as further detailed in Annexe 2.

ARTICLE 8: EXPENSES

Expenses of the Council members shall be reimbursed in accordance with the applicable FIFA Compensation, Expenses and Benefits Regulations for Senior Officials.

B. PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 9: CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FIFA

The relationship between FIFA and the President including, in particular, compensation matters, shall be governed by a written contract. The compensation shall be approved by the Compensation Sub-Committee and signed on behalf of FIFA by the Secretary General and a second person having the power to sign.

ARTICLE 10: ROLE, DUTIES, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1 The President represents FIFA.

10.2 The President chairs the Congress and the Council.

10.3 The President ensures that, in the management of all business, finance or sport-related matters of FIFA, FIFA's objectives, mission, strategic direction, policies and values are sustainably pursued, protected and implemented, and that a positive image of FIFA is fostered. The President shall be guided by the following principles:

- a) integrity, ethics and fair play;
- b) human rights and humanitarian values;
- c) non-discrimination, gender equality, equal treatment in general, and the stance against racism;
- d) solidarity and mutual respect in football, as well as in society in general; and
- e) promoting friendly and peaceful relations within FIFA, as well as in society in general for humanitarian reasons.

10.4 The President shall have joint powers of signature (with one other person).



10.5 The President has, in particular, the following specific duties:

- a) to propose FIFA's overall strategy to the Council, ensure that FIFA's overall strategy is implemented and appraise the Secretary General's performance;
- b) to prepare the business of the Council and the Congress;
- c) to convene meetings of the Bureau of the Council and notify the Council immediately of the decisions passed by the Bureau of the Council;
- d) to propose the appointment or dismissal of the Secretary General; and
- e) to engage the members of the President's Office and terminate their employment.

10.6 The President may delegate certain tasks to the Secretary General or individual members of the Council or committees, or other individuals, who shall report to the President for such delegated tasks.

C. SECRETARY GENERAL

ARTICLE 11: CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FIFA

The Secretary General shall be employed by FIFA on the basis of a written employment agreement. The employment contract of the Secretary General shall be signed on behalf of FIFA by the President and a second person having power to sign.

ARTICLE 12: ROLE, DUTIES, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

12.1 The Secretary General is responsible for the organisation, management and direction of the general secretariat. The Secretary General chairs and heads the Management Board.

12.2 The Secretary General shall have joint powers of signature (with one other person).

12.3 The main duties of the Secretary General are as follows:

- a) to propose targets for the various divisions in accordance with FIFA's overall strategy as determined by the President and the Council;
- b) to approve the organisational structures in each division or set up new divisions;
- c) to implement decisions passed by the FIFA bodies under the supervision of the President;

- d) to prepare the Congress;
- e) to appoint and/or dismiss their deputies and chief officers of FIFA;
- f) to grant limited signatory rights for FIFA, where necessary;
- g) to issue guidelines and directives for all FIFA employees;
- h) to propose the salary structure (including bonuses), as well as FIFA's social benefits to the President for approval;
- i) to issue guidelines concerning procurement;
- j) to approve the creation of FIFA subsidiaries and amendments to their structure, as well as acquiring participations and disposal of holdings in companies;
- k) to determine persons for representation in subsidiaries and companies in which FIFA has a stake;
- l) to organise the accounting, financial control and financial planning system required for the management of FIFA according to industry standards;
- m) to facilitate relations with the confederations, member associations and stakeholders;
- n) to compile the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, the Council and the standing committees; and
- o) to propose candidates for the chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the standing committees.

- 12.4** The Secretary General may delegate duties to one of their deputies or to the chief officers of the various divisions for a certain period, in particular, the Secretary General may delegate mandatory reporting and minutes-taking of the standing committees.
- 12.5** The Secretary General shall consult with the President concerning major decisions, such as the ones foreseen in this article.
- 12.6** The Secretary General shall ensure that the overall strategy is reflected in FIFA's day-to-day business.



ARTICLE 13: MANAGEMENT BOARD

- 13.1 The Management Board consists of the Secretary General, who chairs the Management Board, and the following members: the deputy or deputies and the chief officers. The President may also attend the Management Board meetings.
- 13.2 Meetings of the Management Board are held at regular intervals and/or as necessary.
- 13.3 The duties and responsibilities of the Management Board shall be set by the Secretary General.
- 13.4 The members of the Management Board shall have joint powers of signature (with one other person).

ARTICLE 14: DEPUTY/-IES AND CHIEF OFFICERS

- 14.1 The deputy/-ies and chief officers report to the Secretary General.
- 14.2 The duties and responsibilities of the deputy/-ies and the chief officers, including specific reporting lines, are set by the Secretary General.

D. STANDING COMMITTEES

GENERAL RULES

ARTICLE 15: ROLE AND DUTIES

Standing committees shall advise and assist the Council and the general secretariat in their respective fields of function.

ARTICLE 16: COMPOSITION AND TERM OF OFFICE

- 16.1 Unless stipulated otherwise, each standing committee shall consist of a chairperson, deputy chairperson and the necessary members in order to ensure appropriate representation, as well as sufficient and suitably diverse expertise for the proper functioning of each standing committee. Members of the FIFA Council may be appointed as specific representatives of that body to individual standing committees at the proposal of the FIFA President.
- 16.2 The committee shall contain members knowledgeable and experienced in the respective field of function of the committee to which they are appointed.
- 16.3 Committee members are appointed for a term of office of four years. Committee members may be removed by the Council on proposal of the proposing entity or at its discretion at any time. When a seat on a standing committee becomes vacant, the Council may, at any time, appoint a replacement for the remaining term of office.

ARTICLE 17: ORGANISATION

- 17.1 The Secretary General shall appoint an administrator for each standing committee from the FIFA administration who is responsible, together with the chairperson, for the preparation and organisation of the meetings.
- 17.2 The chairperson shall coordinate meeting dates with the general secretariat. Meetings may be held in person or remotely.
- 17.3 The chairperson shall draw up the agenda in conjunction with the general secretariat.



- 17.4 A meeting schedule for the year shall be drawn up by the general secretariat, which, as a general principle, and in the interest of organisational, environmental and financial optimisation and sustainability, shall contain no more than one in-person meeting and one virtual meeting of each committee, and any sub-committees or working groups annually, with any additional meetings that are deemed necessary taking place by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication.
- 17.5 The committee members shall take part in the meetings in person. Recurring unexcused failure to attend committee meetings is regarded as a reason for relieving members of their duties.

ARTICLE 18: DECISION-MAKING

- 18.1 If a vote is needed on any matter, a simple majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is required for the decision to be adopted. Each member of the committee has one vote. Votes are conducted openly. The chairperson (or where absent, the deputy) holds the casting vote. Abstentions are not counted.
- 18.2 Decisions may be passed without meeting by circular resolution, if required.
- 18.3 Except for the specific duties otherwise stipulated in the FIFA Statutes or in these regulations, standing committees shall not be competent for matters of an executive nature, including daily business and operational matters.
- 18.4 Committee meetings and their associated documentation are confidential.

ARTICLE 19: BUREAU

- 19.1 The chairperson may set up a bureau to settle urgent or specific matters between its meetings.
- 19.2 Each bureau shall be composed of the chairperson (or deputy chairperson if the chairperson is unable to take part or if they delegate the task to the deputy) and at least two ordinary members appointed by the chairperson (or deputy chairperson).
- 19.3 A bureau decides by a simple majority (more than 50%) of all its members with the chairperson or deputy chairperson holding the casting vote. Abstentions are not counted.
- 19.4 All decisions taken by a bureau shall be ratified by the respective committee at its next meeting.

SPECIFIC RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 20: FINANCE COMMITTEE

20.1 Composition

- a) The Finance Committee shall consist of at least three members and not more than the necessary number, all of whom must be qualified to deal with financial matters.
- b) No fewer than half of the committee's members shall fulfil the independence criteria defined in Annexe 3 to these regulations.

20.2 The Finance Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with the financial management of FIFA;
- b) analyses and prepares FIFA's budget to be submitted to the Council for approval;
- c) analyses and prepares the accounts and consolidated financial statements to be submitted to the Council;
- d) supervises the implementation of policies, rules and guidelines regarding FIFA's overall strategy in financial and asset management matters; and
- e) advises on and assists with any other relevant matters relating to FIFA's finances, except for operational matters.

ARTICLE 21: DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with the implementation of FIFA's global development programmes, and any other matters related to FIFA's development activity, as necessary;
- b) supervises the implementation of regulations for FIFA development programmes and guidelines for the specific support provided to the beneficiaries;
- c) reviews and approves the specific project applications for the use of FIFA development funds and the contracts of agreed objectives presented by the member associations and confederations together with the general secretariat;
- d) monitors the development and implementation of capacity-building support by the FIFA administration; and



- e) proposes new development activities and addresses the related budget matters, draws up guidelines and regulations on development programmes, approves the thematic focus, types of activity and budget allocation per continent and/or per member association, and instructs the administration on the execution of the Development Committee's decisions.

ARTICLE 22: COMPETITIONS COMMITTEES

22.1 The competitions committees:

- a) oversee the organisation of FIFA competitions in compliance with the provisions of the respective competition regulations, as well as the relevant hosting documents and hosting requirements;
- b) advise and assist regarding possible modifications to existing competitions, as well as the possible introduction of any new competitions; and
- c) advise on and assist with any other relevant FIFA competitions-related matters.

22.2 The Men's National Team Competitions Committee deals with matters relating to:

- a) the FIFA World Cup™;
- b) the FIFA Arab Cup™;
- c) the FIFA Series™; and
- d) any other senior men's national-team competition organised by FIFA.

22.3 The Women's National Team Competitions Committee deals with matters relating to:

- a) the FIFA Women's World Cup™; and
- b) any other senior women's national-team competition organised by FIFA.

22.4 The Men's Club Competitions Committee deals with matters relating to:

- a) the FIFA Club World Cup™;
- b) the FIFA Intercontinental Cup™ (replacing the previous FIFA Club World Cup); and
- c) any other club competition for men organised by FIFA (senior or youth).

22.5 The Women's Club Competitions Committee deals with matters relating to:

- a) the FIFA Women's Club World Cup™; and
- b) any other club competition for women organised by FIFA (senior or youth).

22.6 The Olympic Football Committee deals with matters relating to:

- a) the Men's Olympic Football Tournament;
- b) the Women's Olympic Football Tournament;
- c) the Men's Youth Olympic Futsal Tournament;
- d) the Women's Youth Olympic Futsal Tournament; and
- e) any other matter related to the role of football and all its disciplines in the Olympic Games.

22.7 The Youth Boys' Competitions Committee deals with matters relating to:

- a) the FIFA U-17 World Cup™;
- b) the FIFA U-20 World Cup™; and
- c) any other matter related to the organisation and development of youth football competitions for boys by FIFA generally.

22.8 The Youth Girls' Competitions Committee deals with matters relating to:

- a) the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup™;
- b) the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup™; and
- c) any other matter related to the organisation and development of youth football competitions for girls by FIFA generally.

22.9 The Futsal Committee deals with matters relating to:

- a) the FIFA Futsal World Cup™;
- b) the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup™;
- c) the organisation of FIFA futsal competitions; and
- d) the development of futsal as a discipline generally.



22.10 The Beach Soccer Committee deals with any matter relating to:

- a) the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup™;
- b) the organisation of FIFA beach soccer competitions; and
- c) the development of beach soccer as a discipline generally.

ARTICLE 23: MEN'S FOOTBALL STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE

The Men's Football Stakeholders Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all matters relating to men's professional football, particularly the structure of the game and the relationship between clubs, players, leagues, member associations, confederations, football fans and FIFA, as well as with issues relating to the interests of men's club football worldwide;
- b) makes recommendations and proposals to be submitted to the Council concerning the structural development of men's professional football;
- c) addresses fair-play matters, promotes the concept of fair play, promotes gender equality in football and fights discrimination in football worldwide;
- d) reviews and recommends, as necessary, updates to the Men's International Match Calendar; and
- e) advises on and assists with any other relevant men's professional football-related matters.

ARTICLE 24: WOMEN'S FOOTBALL STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE

The Women's Football Stakeholders Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all matters relating to women's professional football, particularly the structure of the game and the relationship between clubs, players, leagues, member associations, confederations, football fans and FIFA, as well as with issues relating to the interests of women's club football worldwide;
- b) makes recommendations and proposals to be submitted to the Council concerning the structural development of women's football;
- c) addresses fair-play matters, promotes the concept of fair play, promotes gender equality in football and fights discrimination in football worldwide;

- d) reviews and recommends, as necessary, updates to the Women's International Match Calendar; and
- e) advises on and assists with any other relevant women's professional football-related matters.

ARTICLE 25: MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE

The Member Associations Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all governance matters impacting the member associations;
- b) advises the member associations on matters relating to good governance and best-practice principles within their structures;
- c) examines any requests from member associations affected by exceptional circumstances, for presentation to the Council;
- d) submits to the Council procedures for the affiliation of any association applying for membership of FIFA and processes all the applications received in accordance with the applicable provisions of the FIFA Statutes and regulations;
- e) investigates any governance-related or regulatory issues arising in a member association and proposes suitable measures or actions to the Council to resolve the situation;
- f) monitors the evolution of statutes and regulations of the member associations; and
- g) advises on and assists with any other relevant governance-related member association matters.

ARTICLE 26: REFEREES COMMITTEE

The Referees Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all matters relating to refereeing;
- b) compiles a list of match officials eligible to officiate at international matches from among the nominations submitted by member associations;
- c) appoints match officials for matches in competitions organised by FIFA or for any other tournaments, whenever requested to do so;
- d) organises courses for match officials, referee instructors and referee observers;



- e) ensures that each member association has a properly constituted referees committee and that this committee functions properly;
- f) advises and assists the Council regarding matters related to the Laws of the Game for football in all its disciplines; and
- g) advises on and assists with any other relevant refereeing-related matters.

ARTICLE 27: MEDICAL COMMITTEE

The Medical Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all matters relating to sports medicine;
- b) draws up medical guidelines for coaches, players, referees and assistant referees;
- c) draws up instructions regarding medical services at international matches and tournaments;
- d) draws up guidelines for preventing injury and improving treatment;
- e) advises on anti-doping matters; and
- f) advises on and assists with any other relevant medical-related matters not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.

ARTICLE 28: MEN'S PLAYERS COMMITTEE

The Men's Players Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with player welfare and other player-related matters;
- b) considers player-related aspects related to the organisation and development of the men's game;
- c) may advise other bodies regarding potential amendments to the Laws of the Game; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant men's player-related matters not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.

ARTICLE 29: WOMEN'S PLAYERS COMMITTEE

The Women's Players Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with player welfare and other player-related matters, which have an impact on women footballers;
- b) considers player-related aspects related to the organisation and development of the women's game;
- c) may advise other bodies regarding potential amendments to the Laws of the Game; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant women's player-related matters not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.

ARTICLE 30: MEN'S COACHES COMMITTEE

The Men's Coaches Committee:

- a) advises and assists member associations regarding coach education matters with an emphasis on men's football;
- b) addresses the matter of coach licensing for men's football;
- c) facilitates access to innovative educational programmes dedicated to coaches and coach educators for men's football in each of FIFA's member associations; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant coach-related matters for men's football not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.

ARTICLE 31: WOMEN'S COACHES COMMITTEE

The Women's Coaches Committee:

- a) advises and assists member associations regarding coach education matters with an emphasis on women's football;
- b) addresses the matter of coach licensing for women's football;
- c) facilitates access to innovative educational programmes dedicated to coaches and coach educators for women's football in each of FIFA's member associations; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant coach-related matters for women's football not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.



ARTICLE 32: FANS COMMITTEE

The Fans Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all matters related to the interests of fans, particularly the sustainable development of the game globally, stadium safety, ticketing and tackling key social issues;
- b) safeguards and improves the fan experience at FIFA competitions;
- c) facilitates effective dialogue with fans aimed at improving the relationship between fans and other stakeholders within the game; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant fan-related matters not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.

ARTICLE 33: TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Technical Development Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all matters related to talent development, particularly the FIFA Talent Development Scheme and establishing talent development pathways;
- b) oversees the proper constitution of technical departments and talent development programmes in each member association;
- c) promotes the education of technical leaders;
- d) analyses how the game is progressing with regard to team performances at FIFA competitions; and
- e) advises on and assists with any other relevant technical development-related matters not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.

ARTICLE 34: WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Women's Football Development Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all matters related to women's football development, particularly the FIFA Women's Football Strategy;
- b) assists in drawing up and implementing the FIFA Women's Development Programme;
- c) promotes the development of women's football and the full participation of women at all levels of football;

- d) analyses the women's football landscape with the aim of guiding key decisions on the future of the women's game; and
- e) advises on and assists with any other relevant women's football-related matters.

ARTICLE 35: GRASSROOTS AND AMATEUR FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

The Grassroots and Amateur Football Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with regard to all grassroots and amateur football initiatives;
- b) assists in ensuring that as many participation opportunities exist as possible across the game, regardless of the level at which it is played and regardless of gender, age or ability;
- c) assists in drawing up grassroots programmes aimed at maintaining the popularity of football as a recreational activity;
- d) considers the amateur football landscape and its further development; and
- e) advises on and assists with any other relevant grassroots and amateur football-related matters.

ARTICLE 36: INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Institutional Relations Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with relations with other international sporting and non-sporting institutions;
- b) oversees a wide range of programmes and initiatives with global institutions aimed at delivering important social messages around relevant causes;
- c) fosters relations with relevant international sporting and non-sporting institutions; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant institutional relations-related matters.



ARTICLE 37: LEGAL COMMITTEE

The Legal Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with football-related legal issues and FIFA's legal obligations;
- b) provides legal advice on the FIFA Statutes and all of FIFA's rules and regulations; and
- c) provides legal advice on any disputes involving FIFA.

ARTICLE 38: STADIUM AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

The Stadium and Security Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all aspects concerning stadiums and security at football matches;
- b) monitors and assesses stadiums to be used for FIFA competitions;
- c) proposes guidelines and recommendations relating to stadium and safety requirements;
- d) promotes the safe development of football infrastructure; and
- e) advises on and assists with any other relevant stadium and security-related matters.

ARTICLE 39: ANTI-RACISM AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE

The Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with measures aimed at combating racism and discrimination in football;
- b) oversees anti-racism and anti-discrimination awareness, action and education campaigns;
- c) submits recommendations to assist and support member associations in the fight against racism and discrimination; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant anti-racism and anti-discrimination-related matters.

ARTICLE 40: FOOTBALL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE

The Football Social Responsibility Committee:

- a) advises on and assists with all matters related to football social responsibility;
- b) oversees initiatives aimed at promoting a fairer, more equal society through football;
- c) proposes joint projects with United Nations and international agencies as well as international and intergovernmental organisations to address global challenges; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant football social responsibility-related matters.

ARTICLE 41: FOOTBALL TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Football Technology, Innovation and Digital Transformation Committee:

- a) advises on and assists in harnessing technology to improve the game through research, development and innovation with the aim of enhancing the football experience on and off the pitch;
- b) explores both existing and emerging technologies to positively impact the game, especially in order to help referees to make correct decisions;
- c) oversees FIFA's football technology and innovation programmes;
- d) submits recommendations to develop FIFA's digital footprint; and
- e) advises on and assists with any other relevant matters relating to football technology, innovation and digital transformation not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.



ARTICLE 42: COMMERCIAL AND MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Commercial and Marketing Advisory Committee:

- a) advises on and assists in defining the commercial and marketing strategy of FIFA;
- b) makes recommendations on increasing commercial revenue streams for FIFA and the member associations; and
- c) advises on and assists with any other relevant commercial and marketing-related matters.

ARTICLE 43: MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Media and Communications Committee:

- a) advises on and assists in defining the media and communications strategy of FIFA;
- b) advises on FIFA publications;
- c) oversees the policy for media activities and accreditation at FIFA tournaments and events; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant media and communication matters.

ARTICLE 44: FOOTBALL ESPORT COMMITTEE

The Football Esport Committee:

- a) oversees the organisation of FIFA esport competitions in compliance with the provisions of the respective competition regulations;
- b) advises on and assists with possible modifications to existing competitions, as well as the possible introduction of any new competitions; and
- c) advises on and assists with any other relevant FIFA esport-related matters.

ARTICLE 45: FUTURE OF FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

The Future of Football Committee:

- a) advises on and assists in developing the football of the future;
- b) explores the possible impact of proposed changes to the future of football, particularly with regard to revised and new competition formats;
- c) makes recommendations regarding the structures of club and national-team competitions within the international match calendars for women's and men's football; and
- d) advises on and assists with any other relevant matters relating to the future of football not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.

ARTICLE 46: LAWS OF THE GAME COMMITTEE

The Laws of the Game Committee:

- a) advises and assists the Referees Committee regarding the Laws of the Game;
- b) may make representations to and interact with the IFAB regarding potential trials and potential amendments to the Laws of the Game in conjunction with the Referees Committee; and
- c) advises on and assists with any other relevant matters relating to the Laws of the Game not explicitly covered by other committees or bodies.



E. EXPERT PANELS

ARTICLE 47: ROLE AND DUTIES

Expert panels may be appointed to carry out special technical duties in specific matters of strategic interest relevant to global football. The role, responsibility and function of an expert panel shall be determined by the President, Secretary General or FIFA Council.

ARTICLE 48: ORGANISATION

- 48.1 In principle, the expert panels will work under the guidance of the general secretariat unless stipulated otherwise. The general secretariat is responsible for the preparation and organisation of the meetings.
- 48.2 Whenever possible, meetings of the expert panels shall take place by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication.

F. ANNUAL MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS CONFERENCE

ARTICLE 49: FIFA SUMMITS

- 49.1 The annual member associations conference, also called the FIFA summit, is organised under the direction of the FIFA President at least once a year.
- 49.2 The presidents of each member association shall be invited. They may be accompanied by their top executives, as required and subject to availabilities at the venue. The FIFA President may invite other participants depending on the topic.
- 49.3 The FIFA summits are dedicated to strategic discussions on issues of high relevance for the football world as provided for in the FIFA Statutes.
- 49.4 Conclusions reached at the FIFA summits shall constitute guidance for the FIFA Council and the FIFA Congress.

G. INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES

GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 50: ROLE AND DUTIES

- 50.1** In addition to the provisions of the FIFA Statutes, the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee has specific duties with regard to operational matters, financial reporting matters and governance, compliance and risk-management matters.
- 50.2** With regard to operational matters, the specific duties of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee are to:
- a) monitor the internal control environment;
 - b) review the external auditors' reports in order to ensure that appropriate action is taken if shortcomings have been detected in internal controls or procedures;
 - c) review, at least annually, tax matters, including the status of income tax reserves and governmental tax audits and developments in this area; and
 - d) review the Related-Party Declarations submitted by the members of the Council.
- 50.3** With regard to financial reporting matters, the specific duties of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee are to:
- a) review major issues regarding accounting policies and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes or applications of accounting principles;
 - b) provide the Finance Committee and the Council with an opinion on the approval of the financial statements;
 - c) monitor and review related-party transactions at least annually;
 - d) review the reports of the yearly independent audits of the FIFA member associations; and
 - e) review the general principles regarding compensation, expenses and benefits of FIFA employees and approve the FIFA Compensation, Expenses and Benefits Regulations for Senior Officials as drawn up by the Compensation Sub-Committee.



50.4 With regard to governance, compliance and risk-management matters, the specific duties of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee are to:

- a) monitor material changes to FIFA's governance-related regulations, as well as the introduction of new such regulations;
- b) monitor material changes to FIFA's other relevant regulations, as well as the introduction of new such regulations;
- c) review the status of FIFA's compliance with the law and FIFA's rules and regulations relating to compliance, as well as issuing any relevant guidelines;
- d) annually review the effectiveness of FIFA's internal control system, including the internal audit and risk management processes;
- e) approve the annual risk-based internal audit plan and the internal audit charter;
- f) review reports directly submitted by the relevant Chief Officer;
- g) review FIFA employees' compliance with the law and all relevant FIFA rules and regulations;
- h) regularly evaluate the effectiveness of FIFA's governance, risk management and control processes based on the results of internal audits;
- i) handle cases of alleged non-compliance; and
- j) review any major legislative and regulatory developments that may have a significant impact on FIFA.

50.5 The chairperson of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee shall:

- a) periodically meet separately with the chief officers and the external auditors as appropriate; and
- b) annually report to the Congress and inform the President and the Council on the committee's work.

50.6 The Congress may delegate further duties to the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee at any time.

ARTICLE 51: COMPOSITION AND TERM OF OFFICE

- 51.1 The composition and term of office of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee are as defined in the FIFA Statutes.
- 51.2 The deputy chairperson and members of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee shall consult with the chairperson before accepting membership on the audit committee of any other organisation or company.

ARTICLE 52: ORGANISATION

Article 17 of these regulations shall also apply with regard to the organisation of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and the bodies established under article 54 of these regulations.

ARTICLE 53: DECISION-MAKING

Article 18 of these regulations shall also apply with regard to the decision-making of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and its sub-committees and the bodies established under article 54 of these regulations.

ARTICLE 54: COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the FIFA Statutes, the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee shall establish:

- a) the Review Committee;
- b) the Human Rights and Sustainability Sub-Committee; and
- c) the Compensation Sub-Committee.



ARTICLE 55: REVIEW COMMITTEE

- 55.1** The Review Committee shall comprise the chairperson of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and, based on the chairperson's proposal, two additional members appointed by the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee, who shall remain members of the plenary committee.
- 55.2** The Review Committee shall, in particular:
- a) conduct, in accordance with Annexe 1, the eligibility checks as required by these regulations, except for the candidates for, or holders of, positions on the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee; and
 - b) conduct the independence reviews with regard to the candidates for, or holders of, the positions requiring such independence, except for the candidates for, or holders of, positions on the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee itself.

ARTICLE 56: HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABILITY SUB-COMMITTEE

- 56.1** The Human Rights and Sustainability Sub-Committee shall, based on the chairperson's proposal, be composed of one or more additional members appointed by the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee, who shall remain members of the plenary committee. Additional independent experts in these fields may be consulted to advise the sub-committee for specific agenda items during meetings.
- 56.2** The Human Rights and Sustainability Sub-Committee shall advise the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee on matters relating to human rights, safeguarding and child protection, and sustainable events.

ARTICLE 57: COMPENSATION SUB-COMMITTEE

- 57.1 The Compensation Sub-Committee shall comprise the chairperson of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and two independent members appointed by the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee on proposal of its chairperson.
- 57.2 The Compensation Sub-Committee shall, in particular:
- a) define and determine the compensation of the FIFA President, the members of the Council and the FIFA Secretary General and any other person concerned; and
 - b) monitor compliance with the Compensation Rules.



JUDICIAL BODIES

ARTICLE 58: JUDICIAL BODIES

58.1 The judicial bodies are:

- a) the Disciplinary Committee;
- b) the Ethics Committee; and
- c) the Appeal Committee.

58.2 The composition, powers and responsibilities as well as the proceedings of the FIFA judicial bodies are set forth in the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Disciplinary Code and the FIFA Code of Ethics.

58.3 Appropriate funding from FIFA shall be provided for payment of any outside counsel, experts or advisers to be engaged and for covering any ordinary administrative expenses of the judicial bodies that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out their duties. The expenses of the individual members of the judicial bodies shall be reimbursed in accordance with the applicable FIFA Compensation, Expenses and Benefits Regulations for Senior Officials.

58.4 According to the FIFA Statutes, candidates for any positions as members of the judicial bodies shall be subject to eligibility checks in accordance with Annexe 1 to these regulations. The incumbent members of the judicial bodies shall, prior to re-election or extension of the mandate, be subject to eligibility reviews.

58.5 Candidates for the offices of chairperson, deputy chairperson or member of the Disciplinary Committee, of each of the two chambers of the Ethics Committee and of the Appeal Committee shall fulfil the independence criteria defined in Annexe 3.

58.6 The incumbent chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the Disciplinary Committee, of each of the two chambers of the Ethics Committee and of the Appeal Committee shall, at least prior to re-election or extension of the mandate, be subject to independence reviews.



Football Tribunal

ARTICLE 59: FOOTBALL TRIBUNAL

59.1 The Football Tribunal shall consist of three chambers:

- a) the Dispute Resolution Chamber;
- b) the Players' Status Chamber; and
- c) the Agents Chamber.

59.2 The composition, powers and responsibilities as well as the proceedings of the Football Tribunal are set forth in the FIFA Statutes and the Procedural Rules Governing the Football Tribunal. The Football Tribunal is competent to pass decisions on specific football-related disputes and regulatory applications in accordance with the applicable regulations.

59.3 Candidates for any positions as members of the Football Tribunal shall be subject to eligibility checks in accordance with Annexe 1 to these regulations. The incumbent members of the Football Tribunal shall, at least prior to re-election or extension of the mandate, be subject to eligibility reviews.

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IV.

Election of the President

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 60: DEFINITIONS

Unless indicated otherwise, terms used in this section that correspond to terms included in the Definitions section of the FIFA Statutes shall be understood as described there.

ARTICLE 61: SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS SECTION

This section governs:

- a) the election for the position of President; and
- b) the special duties and competences of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee in this regard.

ARTICLE 62: SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The provisions of this section shall apply to all bodies of FIFA, the confederations, member associations, officials and candidates involved or participating in the election for the position of President.

ARTICLE 63: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Any election for the position of President shall be conducted in accordance with the fundamental principles of FIFA as laid down in the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Code of Ethics, such as democracy, separation of powers, transparency and openness.

ARTICLE 64: CALLING ELECTIONS

64.1 Implementation of the call

A FIFA presidential election shall be called by the Council in accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes and the pertinent FIFA regulations before a Congress and shall be included in the agenda of the Congress.

64.2 Content of the call

The call for election shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

- a) the electoral period, which shall last from the opening of the Congress taking place before the Congress during which the election will take place, until the end of the latter; and
- b) the electoral calendar.

64.3 Announcing the call

The call shall be sent to the FIFA member associations and to the confederations. It shall also be published on the official FIFA website.

ARTICLE 65: CANDIDATES

65.1 Candidates within the meaning of these regulations are all individuals who are proposed by FIFA member associations as a candidate for the office of President, as from the moment that those persons are proposed in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and article 68 of these regulations.

65.2 In addition, candidates for the FIFA presidency are all individuals who, irrespective of whether they have already been proposed as a candidate, declare themselves to be candidates or potential candidates for the position of President. If an individual engages in campaign or similar activities that give the appearance that the individual is a candidate, the electoral committee shall set a deadline of ten days for said individual to formally state, in writing, whether there is an intention of becoming a candidate. If the individual responds in the affirmative, the individual will be subject to these regulations from the time of the relevant declaration onwards. This shall also apply for the incumbent President. Notwithstanding this, in order to be eligible for admission as a candidate, the individual concerned must still be proposed as a candidate in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.

ARTICLE 66: CANDIDATURES

66.1 Candidatures and electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair and reputable manner and, more generally, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles and FIFA regulations.

66.2 Candidates shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidate(s), for FIFA itself and for its member associations.

66.3 Candidates shall refrain from carrying out any electoral campaigning prior to the start of the electoral period. Electoral campaigning shall be understood, for the purposes of these regulations, as all activities undertaken by candidates or those working for them with the aim of canvassing votes.

66.4 Candidates within the meaning of article 65 of these regulations acknowledge and submit themselves to the relevant electoral calendar.



- 66.5 Candidates who hold official positions within FIFA, the confederations, the FIFA member associations and/or any other body in association football are permitted to remain in office during the election campaign.

ARTICLE 67: ELIGIBILITY

- 67.1 Candidates for the office of President must meet the following requirements:
- a) the candidate shall have played an active role in association football (e.g. as a player or an official within FIFA, a confederation or an association, etc.) for two of the last five years before being proposed as a candidate and must pass an eligibility check carried out by the Review Committee;
 - b) the candidate shall have been proposed by a member association in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and article 68 of these regulations; and
 - c) the candidate shall present declarations of support from at least five member associations. Being proposed as a candidate by a member association shall be understood as a declaration of support. Each member association may only present a declaration of support for one person. If a member association presents declarations of support for more than one person, all of its declarations shall become invalid.
- 67.2 Member associations must notify the FIFA general secretariat, in writing, of a candidature for the office of President within the deadline stipulated in the FIFA Statutes.

ARTICLE 68: SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATURES

- 68.1 Candidatures for the office of President shall be proposed by member associations by the deadline specified in the FIFA Statutes, by a written proposal submission signed by the interested party and addressed to the FIFA general secretariat, including the candidate's identification details and declarations of support from at least five member associations.
- 68.2 The FIFA general secretariat shall forward all candidatures without any undue delay to the electoral committee for examination and for passing a decision on admission of the candidate.

ARTICLE 69: CALCULATION OF DEADLINES

The deadlines and time frames contained in these regulations shall be understood to refer to calendar days. A deadline shall be met if the respective submission is received by FIFA in the required format on the last day of the time limit/deadline by midnight (time zone at the legal domicile and headquarters of FIFA).

ARTICLE 70: MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matters not provided for in this section of these regulations shall be dealt with by the FIFA Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee.

B. PROPOSAL AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATURES

ARTICLE 71: ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATURES

- 71.1 Upon receipt of the proposed candidatures, the Review Committee or the electoral committee shall carry out in a timely manner the eligibility check in accordance with Annexe 1 and within the deadline specified in article 69 of these regulations and review the candidatures.
- 71.2 Upon receipt of the results of the eligibility checks carried out by the Review Committee, the electoral committee shall announce all candidatures it has admitted to the general secretariat.

ELECTION FORMAT

ARTICLE 72: TIME AND PLACE OF ELECTION

The President shall be elected by the Congress for a term of office of four years in the year following a FIFA World Cup. No person may serve as President for more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not). Previous terms served as a vice-president or as a member of the Council shall not be considered in determining the term limits of a President.



ARTICLE 73: SECRET VOTE

- 73.1 Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- 73.2 The election of the President shall be conducted by means of ballot papers (cf. art. 10 par. 1 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).
- 73.3 Notwithstanding the above, where there is only one candidate, the Congress may elect the President by acclamation.

ARTICLE 74: BALLOT PAPERS

- 74.1 The ballot papers shall conform to the official model established by the electoral committee, and any vote cast using a different ballot paper shall be deemed invalid.
- 74.2 The number of ballot papers that have been distributed shall be announced by the chairperson of the Congress before the count (cf. art. 10 par. 2 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).
- 74.3 If the number of ballot papers returned is equal to or fewer than the number of ballot papers distributed, the election shall be declared valid. If the number returned exceeds that of the ballot papers distributed, the vote shall be declared null and void and another vote shall be taken immediately (cf. art. 10 par. 3 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).
- 74.4 The ballot papers shall contain the name(s) of the admitted candidate(s), and the voters must mark one candidate only. Ballot papers on which more than one candidate is marked or on which no candidate is marked shall be deemed invalid.

ARTICLE 75: SCRUTINEERS

At the beginning of the session, the Congress shall appoint an adequate number of scrutineers (cf. art. 3 of the Standing Orders of the Congress). The Secretary General, assisted by the scrutineers, shall conduct the distribution and counting of the ballot papers (cf. art. 10 par. 1 of the Standing Orders of the Congress) and be responsible for ensuring that the process is properly documented.

ARTICLE 76: ELECTION

- 76.1** Each member association has one vote in the election of the President.
- 76.2** Before the voting is opened, the candidates shall each have the opportunity to present their programme to the Congress. The electoral committee shall determine the length of time that each candidate is allowed to speak.
- 76.3** For the election of the President, where there are two candidates, a simple majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is necessary. If there are more than two candidates for the election of the President, two thirds of the votes of the member associations present and eligible to vote are necessary in the first ballot. As from the second ballot, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated until only two candidates are left. Where there is only one candidate, the Congress may elect the President by acclamation.

ARTICLE 77: COUNTING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS

- 77.1** The counting and declaring of the results shall take place in accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress.
- 77.2** Any person elected as President shall state whether or not the election is accepted immediately after such election. In the affirmative, the mandate shall begin after the end of the Congress that has elected that President.

ARTICLE 78: SAFEKEEPING OF BALLOT PAPERS

The Secretary General shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose and seal them immediately. The general secretariat shall keep these envelopes and destroy them 100 days after the end of the Congress (cf. art. 10 par. 5 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).

ARTICLE 79: TIED VOTES

In the event of a tied vote, there shall be a decisive vote with regard to the candidates having obtained an equal number of votes. The candidate with the highest number of votes in the decisive vote shall be elected.



C. JURISDICTION OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 80: PRINCIPLE

- 80.1 As from the moment that these regulations apply to a particular candidate (cf. art. 65 of these regulations), that candidate shall be subject to the FIFA Code of Ethics if that candidate is not otherwise already bound and covered prior to that time.
- 80.2 As from the moment that these regulations apply to a particular candidate, that candidate shall also be subject to the FIFA Statutes as well as to all other FIFA regulations if that candidate is not otherwise already bound and covered prior to that time.
- 80.3 Any violation of these regulations shall be dealt with by the Ethics Committee or the Disciplinary Committee, in accordance with the FIFA Code of Ethics or the FIFA Disciplinary Code, as the case may be.
- 80.4 The electoral committee shall be obliged to notify the competent bodies of FIFA, in writing and in a substantiated manner, of any possible infringements of the provisions of these regulations that may be committed during the course of the electoral process within 24 hours of obtaining direct knowledge of such infringements or being made aware of them by any of the candidates, member associations or confederations.

D. ROLE OF THE GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE IN THE CONTEXT OF ELECTION PROCEDURES

ARTICLE 81: SPECIAL DUTIES AND COMPETENCES OF THE GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE IN THE CONTEXT OF ELECTION PROCEDURES

The Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee shall form an electoral committee of three members, consisting of the chairperson and two members of the committee chosen by the chairperson. The duties of the electoral committee with regard to election procedures shall include, in particular:

- a) supervising the administrative process relating to the election for the position of President and monitoring compliance with these regulations, as well as with any other guidelines, as required, in the performance of its duties;
- b) ensuring the correct application of the FIFA Statutes, regulations and provisions, as well as the contents of these regulations, in matters relating to the electoral process;
- c) issuing instructions for the application of the Governance Regulations, as necessary, before and during the entire electoral process; and
- d) admitting and announcing candidatures; in this regard, the electoral committee shall assess whether a candidate meets the profile specifications provided for by the FIFA Statutes as well as article 67 of these regulations.

The duties of the Review Committee with regard to election procedures shall include, in particular, carrying out the eligibility check with regard to all candidates for the position of President within a reasonable amount of time.

ARTICLE 82: APPEALS

The decisions of the electoral committee or the Review Committee in the context of elections may be appealed against before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.



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Election of the Council

ARTICLE 83: DEFINITIONS

Unless indicated otherwise, terms used in this section that correspond to terms included in the Definitions section of the FIFA Statutes shall be understood as described there.

ARTICLE 84: SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS SECTION

This section governs:

- a) the elections for the vice-presidents and members of the Council; and
- b) the special duties and competences of the Review Committee in this regard.

ARTICLE 85: SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The provisions of this section shall apply to all bodies of FIFA, the confederations, member associations, officials and candidates involved or participating in the elections for the position of vice-president or member of the Council.

ARTICLE 86: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 86.1 Each confederation president shall be a vice-president *ex officio* of the Council.
- 86.2 The additional vice-presidents and the members of the Council shall be elected by the member associations in accordance with the fundamental principles of FIFA as laid down in the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Code of Ethics, such as democracy, separation of powers, transparency and openness, on the occasion of their respective confederation congresses.
- 86.3 No more than one representative from the same member association may serve on the Council simultaneously, unless one of the two representatives is a designated female representative, in which case a maximum of two representatives of the same member association applies.
- 86.4 A member of the Council may serve for no more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not).



ARTICLE 87: CANDIDATES

Candidates within the meaning of this section are all individuals who are proposed by a member association as a vice-president or member of the Council.

ARTICLE 88: CANDIDATURES

88.1 Candidatures and electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair and reputable manner and, more generally, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles and FIFA regulations.

88.2 Candidates shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidate(s), for FIFA itself and its member associations.

ARTICLE 89: PROPOSALS

89.1 Only member associations may propose candidates for the position of member of the Council. Such proposals shall be submitted to the confederation concerned.

89.2 Each member association is entitled to submit one proposal for a member of the Council. If a member association presents proposals for more than one individual, all of its proposals shall become invalid.

89.3 The members of each confederation must ensure that they elect at least one female member to the Council. In the event that no female candidate is elected by the members of a confederation for the Council, the seat reserved for a female member of such confederation will be deemed forfeited by all members of such confederation and shall remain vacant until the next election of members of the Council.

89.4 Upon request, the responsible body within the confederation shall inform a member association whether a person has already been proposed for the position of member of the Council.

ARTICLE 90: SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATURES

- 90.1 Pursuant to the FIFA Statutes, candidatures for the positions of vice-president or member of the Council, including the candidate's identification details and the position that candidate is proposed for, shall be submitted to the relevant confederation at least three months before the start of the respective confederation congress on the occasion of which the said election shall take place. The confederations shall notify the FIFA general secretariat of all candidatures submitted to them within five days of expiry of the three-month deadline.
- 90.2 The FIFA general secretariat shall forward all candidatures without any undue delay to the Review Committee to carry out the eligibility check.

ARTICLE 91: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 91.1 Candidates shall be required to fulfil the eligibility check in accordance with Annexe 1 conducted by the Review Committee.
- 91.2 The Review Committee shall carry out the eligibility check within 21 days of receipt of the respective candidature from the FIFA general secretariat.
- 91.3 The Review Committee shall pass a decision on the eligibility of the candidate concerned based on the eligibility check.

ARTICLE 92: ELECTION PROCEDURE

- 92.1 Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot or, where permitted by the applicable confederation's statutes, by acclamation.
- 92.2 The ballot(s) may be conducted by using televoters (cf. art. 10 par. 1 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).
- 92.3 Each member association shall have an equal number of votes in the election.



ARTICLE 93: JURISDICTION OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 93.1** As from the moment that this section applies to a particular candidate (cf. art. 87 of these regulations), that candidate shall be subject to the FIFA Code of Ethics, the FIFA Statutes and all other FIFA regulations if that candidate is not otherwise already bound and covered prior to that time.
- 93.2** Any violation of this section shall be dealt with by the competent body in accordance with the FIFA Code of Ethics or the FIFA Disciplinary Code, as the case may be.
- 93.3** Any official who may become aware of any possible infringements of the provisions of this section that may be committed during the course of the electoral process shall be obliged to notify the competent bodies thereof, in writing and in a substantiated manner, as soon as that official has direct knowledge of such infringements or is made aware of them by any of the candidates, member associations or confederations.

ARTICLE 94: SUPERVISION OF THE ELECTION

The elections of the vice-presidents and members of the Council at the confederation congresses shall be monitored by persons appointed by the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee. The persons appointed shall in particular monitor compliance with the FIFA Statutes and regulations.

ARTICLE 95: APPEAL

Decisions of the Review Committee in the context of elections may be appealed against directly to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

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VI.

Auditing

ARTICLE 96: AUDITORS

- 96.1 The FIFA auditors shall audit the accounts and financial statements, including the consolidated financial statements, approved by the Council and present a report to the Congress. The audit shall be a full audit conducted by external auditors within the meaning of article 69b paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Swiss Civil Code. The provisions of article 727 et seq. of the Swiss Code of Obligations apply *mutatis mutandis*.
- 96.2 The FIFA auditors shall be appointed by the Congress for a period of three years. This mandate may be renewed. Notwithstanding this, the person who manages the audit may exercise the mandate for a total duration of seven years at the most. Such person may only accept the same mandate again after an interruption of three years.
- 96.3 The FIFA auditors shall fulfil the independence criteria set forth in article 728 of the Swiss Code of Obligations.

ARTICLE 97: AUDITING OF FIFA'S MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- 97.1 All FIFA member associations shall subject themselves to yearly independent audits of their financial statements. These audits shall be carried out by local, external auditors with adequate qualifications in accordance with local law or by any qualified external auditors that the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee deems appropriate.
- 97.2 The auditors shall further undertake audit-related services on the development funds provided by FIFA on the basis of annual instructions provided by FIFA. These reports shall be submitted to the FIFA administration by each member association following the financial year under review.
- 97.3 The FIFA member associations shall supply all means of proof that FIFA and/or the auditors consider(s) necessary.
- 97.4 The Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and/or the general secretariat may appoint a consultant for each member association concerned, who shall be given unrestricted access to all accounts, documents, etc. that the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and/or the auditors deem(s) necessary.

VII.



Final provisions

ARTICLE 98: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

These regulations are issued in English, French and Spanish. If there are any discrepancies in the interpretation of the different versions of these regulations, the English text is authoritative.

ARTICLE 99: ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT

These regulations, together with their Annexes, which form an integral part of these regulations, were approved by the FIFA Council at its meeting on 28 April 2026 and come into force immediately after adoption.

Zurich, 28 April 2026

For FIFA

President
Gianni Infantino



Secretary General
Mattias Grafström



VIII.



Annexe I: Eligibility checks

ARTICLE 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1 The eligibility checks with regard to candidates for, and holders of, official positions within FIFA that are subject to such checks shall be conducted by the appropriate body in accordance with the provisions of this annexe. The appropriate body may, at its sole discretion, in the context of conducting such eligibility checks, call on external specialised professional resources.
- 1.2 Candidates for, and holders of, official positions subject to eligibility checks are obliged to comply with a screening and self-disclosure process as outlined below. Prior to the screening process, every candidate for, or holder of, the official position concerned shall give written consent for said process. If such written consent is not provided, the eligibility check shall be deemed as not passed.
- 1.3 Candidates for, and holders of, official positions subject to eligibility checks are obliged to collaborate to establish the relevant facts. In particular, they shall comply, upon reasonable notice, with requests for any documents, information or any other material of any nature held by them. In addition, they shall comply with the procurement and provision of documents, information or any other material of any nature not held by them but which they are entitled to obtain. Non-compliance with such requests may lead to sanctions imposed by the appropriate FIFA body.
- 1.4 In the context of carrying out eligibility checks, the relevant body in charge has a wide margin of appreciation in evaluating and weighing the information gathered with regard to specific individuals. Notwithstanding this, an eligibility check shall, in principle, be deemed as not passed if the individual concerned is found to have committed misconduct that has a direct material connection to the position that individual holds or for which they are a candidate.
- 1.5 Subject to the relevant provisions regarding disclosure and forwarding of the information and related data obtained in the context of eligibility checks in accordance with this annexe, all such information and all related data must be treated as strictly confidential by the body conducting the eligibility checks concerned.
- 1.6 Incomplete or false information submitted in the context of eligibility checks is subject to sanctions by the appropriate body.

ARTICLE 2: IDENTIFICATION CHECK AND SELF-DISCLOSURE

2.1 Identification check

At the beginning of the screening process, every individual subject to eligibility checks shall undergo an identification check ("ID check"). In this context, the individual must submit a copy of the individual's current valid passport to the body in charge of performing the eligibility check. The ID check shall include verification/identification of the following:

- a) name;
- b) address (place of residence);
- c) country of residence;
- d) date and place of birth; and
- e) nationality/nationalities.

2.2 Self-disclosure

Every individual subject to an eligibility check shall be subject to a self-disclosure process, including completing the attached eligibility questionnaire (cf. art. 3 below).

2.3 Additional information

The body in charge of performing the eligibility check may conduct independent research and/or investigations in order to obtain further relevant information on a particular individual, which may include information on intermediaries and related parties, mandates, potential conflicts of interest and significant participations as well as civil and criminal proceedings/investigations.



ARTICLE 3: ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

First name(s):	
Surname(s):	
Date of birth:	
Member association:	
Nationality/nationalities:	
Profession:	

3.1. Have you been previously convicted by a final decision of any intentional indictable offence or of any offence corresponding to a violation of the rules of conduct set out in part II section 5 of the FIFA Code of Ethics?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please specify:

3.2 Has a sports governing body ever imposed any disciplinary or similar sanction or measure on you in the past for actions which amount to a violation of the rules of conduct set out in part II section 5 of the FIFA Code of Ethics?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please specify:

3.3. Are you the subject of any pending civil, criminal or disciplinary proceedings or investigations?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please specify:

3.4 I am fully aware that I am subject to the provisions of the FIFA Code of Ethics and to the provisions of the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA that address integrity issues, and I fully comply with such provisions. In this respect, I have in particular taken due note of the fact that the FIFA Code of Ethics also applies to conduct which occurred before it entered into force (as per the FIFA Code of Ethics).

3.5 I currently hold the following positions in football:

3.6 The following facts and circumstances may give rise to potential conflicts of interest regarding me (as per the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Governance Regulations in this respect):

3.7 Remarks and observations which may be of potential relevance in this context:

3.8 I am fully aware and agree that this questionnaire is made available to the members of the appropriate FIFA bodies.

3.9 I am fully aware and confirm that I must notify the body conducting the eligibility check of any relevant facts and circumstances arising after the eligibility check has been completed, and that failure to do so may be subject to sanctions by the appropriate body.



- 3.10 I am fully aware and confirm that I am obliged to collaborate to establish the relevant facts with regard to the eligibility check to which I am subject. In particular, I will comply with requests for any documents, information or any other material of any nature held by me. In addition, I will comply with the procurement and provision of documents, information or any other material of any nature not held by me but which I am entitled to obtain. I am fully aware and confirm that non-compliance with such requests may lead to sanctions imposed by the appropriate body.
- 3.11 I am fully aware and confirm that the body conducting the eligibility check may also request information on possible sanctions (questions 1 and 2 above) directly from the relevant confederation or FIFA member association, as well as from other institutions, such as the Court of Arbitration for Sport or the International Olympic Committee. In this regard, I hereby release the relevant institutions from any obligation of confidentiality relating to the information concerned.
- 3.12 I am fully aware and confirm that the body conducting the eligibility check may collect further information on me in accordance with article 2 paragraph 3 of Annexe 1 to the FIFA Governance Regulations.

(Place and date)

(Signature)



IX.

**Annexe II:
Related-party
declaration**

ARTICLE 1: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the provisions of this annexe are:

- a) to ensure that FIFA's financial statements contain, with regard to the members of the Council, the disclosures necessary to draw attention to the possibility that its financial position and profit or loss may have been affected by transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments, with Council members; and
- b) to ensure appropriate transparency with regard to the business and other relevant relations of Council members that may affect the members' conduct and activities in the context of the Council.

ARTICLE 2: OBLIGATION

- 2.1 Pursuant to article 7 paragraph 3 of these regulations, the members of the Council shall complete and submit the Related-Party Declaration, using the form provided in article 4 of this annexe, on an annual basis.
- 2.2 The Council members shall submit such a declaration for each calendar year. They shall do so by 15 January of the following year at the latest.
- 2.3 The Related-Party Declarations are to be submitted in two copies: one to the President and one to the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee. The President shall also submit two copies of the Related-Party Declaration, one to the Secretary General and one to the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee.

ARTICLE 3: DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

3.1 Related-party transactions

Under the heading of "Related-party transactions", Council members shall disclose all transactions carried out or agreed upon between themselves, a close member of their family or a company or other entity significantly influenced by them on the one hand, and FIFA or a FIFA subsidiary on the other.

The term "transactions" covers any transfer of resources, services or obligations. It includes purchases and sales of goods, services, property or other assets, lease agreements, transfers of research and development, transfers under licence agreements, and financing activities such as loans, and settlement of liabilities. This enumeration is merely exemplary and thus not exhaustive.

3.2 Business and other relevant relations

Under the heading of “Business and other relevant relations”, Council members shall disclose any and all involvements in, and relations to, individuals and entities (e.g. companies) that might be relevant with regard to the objectivity of their activities as Council members. Relations that might be relevant under article 20 of the FIFA Code of Ethics (Conflicts of interest) are of particular interest.

Such relations include board positions in, or business relations with, companies active in the field of production and/or selling of sports equipment, sports marketing, purchasing and selling of media rights, or sports betting; involvement (e.g. in the form of holding official positions) in confederations, FIFA member associations and/or affiliated entities; involvement in, or business relations with, FIFA subsidiaries. This enumeration is merely exemplary and thus not exhaustive.

ARTICLE 4: RELATED-PARTY DECLARATION FORM

Related-Party Declaration for members of the Council for the year:

Surname(s):

First name(s):

Member of the Council since:

PART 1 – RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As a member of the Council, I hereby declare, for myself, the following related-party transactions within the meaning of article 3 paragraph 1 of Annexe 2 to the FIFA Governance Regulations:

Note: Please specify for each transaction carried out or agreed upon between yourself, a close member of your family or a company or other entity significantly influenced by yourself or a close member of your family on the one hand, and FIFA or a FIFA subsidiary on the other:

- a) the relevant date or period of time;
- b) the exact counterpart on behalf of FIFA or the FIFA subsidiary concerned; and
- c) the nature and contents of the transaction.



PART 2 – BUSINESS AND OTHER RELEVANT RELATIONS

As a member of the Council, I hereby declare, for myself, the following business and other relevant relations within the meaning of article 3 paragraph 2 of Annexe 2 to the FIFA Governance Regulations:

Note: Please specify for each relation:

- I. The relevant commencement date or period of time
- II. The nature and contents of the relation

(Place and date)

(Signature)



Annexe III: Independence

The restrictions resulting from the requirement of independence of the members of the relevant FIFA bodies are as follows:

- 1.1 Finance Committee members required to be independent, and their immediate family, are not permitted to have (including the four years preceding the initial term):
 - a) another official function at FIFA;
 - b) another official function at a confederation or a member association; or
 - c) a material business relationship with FIFA, a confederation or member association.
- 1.2 Chairpersons and deputy chairpersons of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and judicial bodies and their immediate family are not permitted to have (including the four years preceding the initial term):
 - a) another official function at FIFA;
 - b) another official function at a confederation or a member association; or
 - c) a material business relationship with FIFA, a confederation or member association.
- 1.3 Members of the investigatory and adjudicatory chambers of the Ethics Committee are not permitted to have:
 - a) another official function at FIFA (including the four years preceding the initial term; also applicable for immediate family);
 - b) another official function at a confederation or a member association (other than being a member of a judicial body at FIFA, confederation or national level).
- 1.4 Other members of the Governance, Audit and Compliance Committee and judicial bodies (other than the Ethics Committee) and their immediate family are not permitted to have another official function at FIFA (including the four years preceding the initial term).
- 1.5 "Immediate family" means, with respect to any person, such person's spouse or domestic partner, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, children (including any stepchild or adopted child), grandchildren, son-, daughter-, father- or mother-in-law and the spouses of such persons, and including anyone else, whether by blood or otherwise, with whom the individual has a relationship akin to a family relationship for which such person provides financial support.

- 1.6 “Material business relationship” means, with respect to any person, that i) such person has been, or ii) such person is a current director or executive officer or employee of or owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the equity of any entity that has made payments to or received payments from FIFA, any confederation, any member association or any sponsor, auditor, outside counsel or other paid adviser or contractor of any of FIFA, any confederation or any member association for property or services in an amount which, in any single year, exceeds USD 125,000. Any compensation or other amounts paid to any such person in their capacity as a member of the Council or of an independent FIFA body shall not constitute a material business relationship within the meaning of this provision.
- 1.7 Members of the Finance Committee who are required to be independent as well as chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of independent committees may not attempt to form a business relationship with FIFA for a period of one year after concluding their mandate on the respective committee.



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