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UEFA STATUTES

Nota Explicativa

A UEFA – União das Federações Europeias de Futebol – é o organismo máximo responsável pelo futebol europeu. É uma confederação de federações que congrega em si as 55 federações nacionais de futebol da Europa.

Os seus principais objetivos passam, entre outros, por lidar com todas as questões relacionadas com o futebol europeu, promover o futebol num espírito de união, solidariedade, paz, entendimento e fair play, sem quaisquer tipos de discriminação a nível de política, raça, religião, género ou qualquer outro, salvaguardar os valores do futebol europeu, manter relações com todos os intervenientes no futebol europeu e salvaguardar sempre as suas federações-membro com vista ao bem-estar da modalidade na Europa.

Estes vetores encontram-se espelhados nos Estatutos da UEFA, que aqui se reproduzem e que se revelam vinculativos em relação a todas as federações nacionais que os aprovaram.



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I. Definition of Terms

1. **UEFA** stands for Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA).
2. **FIFA**: Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
3. **‘Member Association’**: a national football association which is a member of UEFA.
4. **‘League’**: a combination of clubs within the territory of a Member Association and which is subordinate to and under the authority of that Member Association.
5. **‘Executive Committee’**: the UEFA Executive Committee, as it exists from time to time, in accordance with these Statutes.
6. **‘Administration’**: the UEFA Administration, as it exists from time to time, in accordance with these Statutes.
7. **‘Fair play’** means acting according to ethical principles which, in particular, oppose the concept of sporting success at any price, promote integrity and equal opportunities for all competitors, and emphasise respect of the personality and worth of everyone involved in a sporting event.
8. **‘Official’**: every board member, committee member, referee and assistant referee, coach, trainer and any other person responsible for technical, medical or administrative matters at UEFA, a Member Association, League or club as well as all other persons obliged to comply with the UEFA Statutes.



II. General Provisions

Article 1. Legal Form and Headquarters

1. The Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA) shall be a society entered in the register of companies under the terms of Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. UEFA shall be neutral, politically and religiously.

2. UEFA's headquarters shall be situated in Switzerland. The Executive Committee shall determine the location of the registered office of UEFA.

Article 2. Objectives

1. The objectives of UEFA shall be to:

- a) deal with all questions relating to European football;
- b) promote football in Europe in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discrimination on account of politics, gender, religion, race or any other reason;
- c) monitor and control the development of every type of football in Europe;
- d) organise and conduct international football competitions and tournaments at European level for every type of football whilst respecting the players' health;
- e) prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the regularity of matches or competitions or give rise to the abuse of football;
- f) ensure that sporting values always prevail over commercial interests;
- g) redistribute revenue generated by football in accordance with the principle of solidarity and to support reinvestment in favour of all levels and areas of football, especially the grassroots of the game;
- h) promote unity among Member Associations in matters relating to European and world football;
- i) safeguard the overall interests of Member Associations;



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j) ensure that the needs of the different stakeholders in European football (leagues, clubs, players, supporters) are properly taken into account;

k) act as a representative voice for the European football family as a whole;

l) maintain good relations with and cooperate with FIFA and the other Confederations recognised by FIFA;

m) ensure that its representatives within FIFA loyally represent the views of UEFA and act in the spirit of European solidarity;

n) respect the interests of Member Associations, settle disputes between Member Associations and assist them in any matter upon request.

2. UEFA shall seek to achieve its objectives by implementing any measures it deems appropriate, such as setting down rules, entering into agreements or conventions, taking decisions or adopting programmes.

Article 3. Relationship with FIFA

1. UEFA shall be a Confederation recognised by FIFA.

2. UEFA shall, if necessary, define its relations and respective jurisdictions with FIFA by contract.

Article 3^{bis}. Relationship with the Stakeholders in European Football

UEFA, as the football governing body at European level, may recognise and involve in the consultation process in European football matters, groups representing the interests of the various stakeholders of European football (leagues, clubs, players, supporters), provided that they are:

a) organised in accordance with UEFA's Statutes, regulations and values;

b) constituted in a democratic, open and transparent manner.



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Article 4. Official Languages

- 1.** The official languages of UEFA shall be English, French and German.
- 2.** The official languages of Congress shall be English, French, German and Russian.
- 3.** Official documents and official records of UEFA shall be published in English, French and German. In the event of any discrepancy, the English version shall be authoritative.



III. MEMBERSHIP

Article 5. Membership

1. Membership of UEFA is open to national football associations situated in the continent of Europe, based in a country which is recognised by the United Nations as an independent state, and which are responsible for the organisation and implementation of football-related matters in the territory of their country.

2. In exceptional circumstances, a national football association that is situated in another continent may be admitted to membership, provided that it is not a member of the Confederation of that continent, or of any other Confederation, and that FIFA approves its membership of UEFA.

Article 6. Admission and Admission Procedure

1. A national football association that wishes to become a member of UEFA shall submit a written application for admission.

2. The Congress shall have the power in its discretion to accept or refuse an application for membership.

3. The Executive Committee may admit a national football association into membership on a provisional basis. A decision on full admission must be taken at the next Congress.

4. Details concerning the admission procedure shall be laid down in the 'Regulations governing the Implementation of the Statutes.

Article 7. Rights of Member Associations

Member Associations shall have the following rights:

- a) to take part in and exercise their voting rights at the Congress;
- b) to draw up proposals for the agenda of the Congress;



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c) to propose candidates from their own association for the election of the President of UEFA, the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and the European members of the FIFA Council;

d) to propose candidates for the election of the Chairmen and members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and of the Committees;

e) to take part in UEFA competitions with their representative teams and to enter their clubs for these competitions;

f) to exercise all other rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them.

Article 7^{bis}. Obligations of Member Associations

1. Member Associations shall have the following obligations:

a) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of fair play;

b) to comply with these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them as well as the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland);

c) to respect the Laws of the Game as decided by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

Member Associations shall include these obligations in their statutes, as well as a provision that leagues, clubs, players and officials shall observe these obligations.

2. Member Associations shall manage their affairs independently and with no undue influence from third parties. Member Associations shall provide in their statutes for a democratic procedure guaranteeing that their executive body is freely elected and that their other bodies are elected or appointed in a completely independent way. Any body or decision from a body that has not been elected or appointed in compliance with such a procedure, even on an interim basis, shall not be recognised by UEFA.



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3. Leagues or any other groups of clubs at Member Association level shall only be permitted with the Association's express consent and shall be subordinate to it. The Association's statutes shall define the powers apportioned to any such group, as well as its rights and obligations. The statutes and regulations of any such group shall be subject to the approval of the Association.

4. Member Associations shall apply a club licensing system according to the minimum requirements set by UEFA from time to time. Member Associations shall include such an obligation and define the licensing bodies in their statutes.

5. Member Associations shall ensure that neither a natural nor a legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) exercises control or influence over more than one of their clubs whenever the integrity of any match or competition organised at Member Association level could be jeopardized. Member Associations shall include such an obligation in their statutes and lay down the necessary implementing provisions.

6. Member Associations shall communicate to UEFA any amendment of their statutes translated, if necessary, into an official language of UEFA.

7. Member Associations shall implement an effective policy aimed at eradicating racism and any other forms of discrimination from football and apply a regulatory framework providing that any such behaviour is strictly sanctioned, including, in particular, by means of serious suspensions for players and officials, as well as partial and full stadium closures if supporters engage in racist behaviour.

Article 8. Withdrawal and Termination of Membership, Exclusion, Dissolution of a Member Association

1. A Member Association may withdraw its membership at the end of UEFA's financial year, provided that it has given a minimum of six months' written notice to the Administration sent by registered letter.



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2. If a Member Association is dissolved, its membership of UEFA shall terminate at the same time.

3. A Member Association may be excluded from UEFA if it has:

- a)** failed to settle its financial obligations towards UEFA;
- b)** seriously breached these Statutes or a regulation or decision made under them;
- c)** lost its qualifying status as a representative national football association;
- d)** been refused membership of, or excluded from, FIFA.

The exclusion of a Member Association shall be decided by Congress. The exclusion must be supported by three-quarters or more of the Congress, and at least half of the total number of Member Associations must be present.

4. A Member Association shall be obliged to settle all outstanding financial obligations due to UEFA prior to its withdrawal or dissolution and/or the termination of its membership.

Article 9. Suspension

1. If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, a Member Association has committed a serious breach of these Statutes or regulations or decisions made under them, the Executive Committee shall be entitled to suspend the membership of the Member Association with immediate effect.

1bis. A Member Association may in particular be suspended if state authorities interfere in its affairs in such a significant way that:

- a)** it may no longer be considered as fully responsible for the organisation of football-related matters in its territory;
- b)** it is no longer in a position to perform its statutory tasks in a appropriate manner;
- c)** the smooth running of a competition organised under its auspices is no longer guaranteed; or



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d) the free election of its executive body or the totally independent election or appointment of its other bodies is no longer ensured.

2. Any suspension shall be submitted to the next Congress for consideration as to whether or not the Member Association should be excluded, or the suspension lifted or continued. If the Congress does not consider the matter, the suspension shall cease.



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IV. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Article 10. Honorary Membership

- 1.** UEFA may, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, bestow the status of Honorary President or Honorary Membership upon a person for especially meritorious services to European football.
- 2.** Honorary Presidents may attend the Congress and the meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity, but shall have no vote.
- 3.** Honorary Members may attend the Congress in an advisory capacity, but shall have no vote.



V. ORGANS

Article 11. Organs

The organs through which UEFA may act (the ‘Organs’) shall be:

- the Congress;
- the Executive Committee;
- the President;
- the Organs for the Administration of Justice.

1. Congress

Article 12. General/Decision-Making Powers

1. The Congress shall be the supreme controlling Organ of UEFA.
2. Only a duly convened Congress shall have the power to make decisions.

Article 13. Ordinary Congress: Powers, Notice, Agenda

1. An Ordinary Congress shall be held every year. A second ordinary Congress may be called by the Executive Committee to deal with financial matters and/or matters of particular significance.
2. Matters within the power of Congress shall be the:
 - a) election of tellers;
 - b) election of three delegates to verify the minutes of Congress;
 - c) receipt and consideration of the President’s and Executive Committee’s report;
 - d) receipt and consideration of the Administration’s report;
 - e) acknowledgement of the financial report and the auditors’ report as well as approval of the annual accounts and annual budget;
 - f) election of the President of UEFA;
 - g) election of the members of the Executive Committee;
 - h) election of the European members of the FIFA Council;



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- i)** election of the Auditing Body;
- j)** amendment of the Statutes;
- k)** consideration and taking of decisions on proposals;
- l)** consideration of membership applications and the exclusion of a Member Association;
- m)** decisions on the lifting or continuation of the suspension of a Member Association, Executive Committee member or a member of another body;
- n)** consideration of proposals for the dismissal of a member of the Executive Committee or the Organs for the Administration of Justice;
- o)** receipt and consideration of the agenda of the FIFA Congress;
- p)** receipt and consideration of the minutes of the previous Congress in accordance with Art. 17, para. 2, if necessary;
- q)** bestowal of honorary membership.

Notice of an Ordinary Congress shall be given in writing at least three months in advance. The official invitation to attend the Congress shall be sent out at least four weeks before the Congress is due to take place, together with the agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Executive Committee.

Article 14. Extraordinary Congress: Powers, Notice, Agenda

- 1.** An Extraordinary Congress may be convened by the Executive Committee, or at the written request of one fifth or more of the Member Associations, stating the items to be placed on the agenda.
- 2.** If convened by one fifth of the Member Associations, an Extra-ordinary Congress shall be held within three months of the date of the written request. Notice of the Extraordinary Congress shall be sent out at least two months before it is due to take place.
- 3.** The agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Executive Committee, shall be sent out together with the notice of the Extraordinary Congress. Items



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may also be placed on the agenda by the Executive Committee which fall within the power of an Ordinary Congress.

Article 15. Proposals of Member Associations

A Member Association wishing to include a proposal on the agenda for an Ordinary Congress must submit it in writing to the Administration at least two months before the Congress is due to take place. The proposal must be clearly formulated, together with brief reasons for the proposal.

Article 16. Chairman of Congress, Acting Chairman, Casting Vote

1. The President or, in his absence, the first Vice-President shall be Chairman of Congress. If the first Vice-President is not present either, the longest-serving Vice-President shall chair the Congress. If no Vice-President is present, Congress shall elect a member of the Executive Committee as Chairman of Congress.

2. In the event of a tie in any vote, the Chairman of Congress shall have a casting vote. In elections, Art. 19 shall apply.

Article 17. Minutes

1. Minutes of all business at Congress shall be taken.

2. The delegates elected to verify the minutes shall do so in order that minutes may be sent out to the Member Associations within 90 days of the Congress. The minutes shall be regarded as approved if, within 30 days of their dispatch, no objections are raised by registered letter to the Administration. In the event that any objections are received, the minutes shall be placed on the agenda of the next Ordinary Congress for consideration.



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Article 18. Voting Rights

1. Each Member Association shall have one vote which shall be exercised on its behalf by one of its representatives.
2. Votes by proxy shall not be permitted.
3. Voting shall be open, unless the Congress decides otherwise.
4. Unless otherwise prescribed in these Statutes, a proposal shall be passed if supported by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions shall not be counted. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of Congress shall have a casting vote. A proposal for the dissolution of UEFA shall be passed if supported by four-fifths or more of all Member Associations. A proposal to amend the Statutes shall be passed if supported by two-thirds or more of the Member Associations present at the Congress.
5. Suspended Member Associations and national football associations admitted into membership on a provisional basis shall not have the right to vote.

Article 19. Elections

1. In respect of elections, a person shall be elected in the first ballot if supported by an absolute majority (i.e. more than half) of the valid votes cast. If no election is made, there shall be a second ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority (i.e. most votes) shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the second ballot, there shall be a third ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the third ballot, election shall be determined by the drawing of lots.
2. Elections shall be by secret ballot. If the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacant positions, the Congress may decide to proceed otherwise.
3. The President and eight members of the Executive Committee (including at least one female) shall be elected during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The other eight



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members of the Executive Committee shall be elected during the calendar year following the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.

4. UEFA shall elect three FIFA Vice-Presidents (one of whom shall be proposed by the four British associations, i.e. England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) and six members of the FIFA Council (including at least one female). The UEFA President shall be an ex-officio FIFA Vice-President. The two other FIFA Vice-Presidents and one member of the FIFA Council shall be elected during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The other five members of the FIFA Council shall be elected during the calendar year following the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.

5. In all other respects, Art. 18 shall apply by analogy.

Article 20. Coming into Force of Decisions

Congress decisions shall be binding on all Member Associations. Unless otherwise stated, a decision shall come into force three months after the end of the Congress. The Congress may decide that a decision shall come into force at an earlier or later date.

2. Executive Committee

Article 21. Composition

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and sixteen other members (including at least one female) elected by a Congress.

2. The Executive Committee shall not include more than one representative of the same Member Association. This rule does not apply to the female member of the Executive Committee.

3. Each member of the Executive Committee, except for the President, shall hold an active office within his Member Association. If this condition



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is no longer met during his term of office, he shall no longer be eligible for re-election.

4. The Executive Committee shall elect a first, second, third, fourth and fifth Vice-President, one of whom will chair the Finance Committee. The President shall be entitled to propose candidates.

Article 22. Term of Office

1. The term of office of the President and members of the Executive Committee elected by a Congress shall be four years. Eight members, or eight members (including at least one female) and the President, shall be elected every two years. All members shall be eligible for re-election.

1^{bis}. The term of office of the President and members of the Executive Committee starts at the close of the Congress at which they are elected and ends at the close of the Congress at which their successors are elected.

2. A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.

3. If a vacancy occurs, the next Ordinary Congress shall elect a replacement for the remaining term of office. If the vacancy occurs in the final year of a term of office, no replacement shall be elected.

Article 23. Powers of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to adopt regulations and make decisions on all matters which do not fall within the legal or statutory jurisdiction of the Congress or another Organ.

2. The Executive Committee shall manage UEFA, except to the extent that it has delegated such management, or unless such management has been delegated by the Statutes to the President or the Administration.

Article 24. Duties of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall have the following untransferable and irrevocable duties:

a) overall control of UEFA and the issue of necessary instructions;



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- b)** definition of the organisational structure;
- c)** form and supervision of the book-keeping;
- d)** appointment of three governance and compliance auditors and the issue of their terms of reference;
- e)** appointment of the General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary upon proposal of the President;
- f)** dismissal of the General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary upon proposal of the President or by a decision supported by two-thirds or more of all members of the Executive Committee;
- g)** overall supervision of the Administration, including the General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary, especially in terms of observance of laws, the Statutes, regulations and orders;
- h)** approval of the annual business plan of the Administration;
- i)** compilation of a written report for presentation to the Ordinary Congress;
- j)** examination of the Administration's report to the Ordinary Congress.

2. The Executive Committee may delegate the preparation and implementation of its decisions or the supervision of business to one or more of its members.

Article 25. Delegation of Management

1. In accordance with a set of organisational regulations issued by it, the Executive Committee shall be authorised to delegate management, either fully or partly, to the President, to one or more of its members and/or to the Administration.

2. This set of organisational regulations shall govern the management, define the necessary posts, outline the corresponding duties and govern reporting.



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Article 26. Frequency of Meetings and Quorum

- 1.** The Executive Committee shall as a general rule meet once every two months. It shall be convened by the President. At the request of at least four voting members, the President shall convene a meeting of the Executive Committee within two weeks of such a request being made. The President may invite third parties to attend meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity.
- 2.** The Executive Committee shall have a quorum of more than half of its voting members, including the President or, in his absence, a Vice-President.
- 3.** A member of the Executive Committee or the President shall not take part in the deliberation of any matter or point of issue involving the Member Association and/or a club affiliated to the Member Association with which he is associated, or in any case in which a conflict of interest exists.
- 4.** Decisions of the Executive Committee shall come into immediate force, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

Article 27. Voting and Election Procedures, Minutes

- 1.** Unless decided otherwise, and subject to para. 2 below, a decision shall be made in elections and votes if supported by more than half of the votes cast by the voting members present. In the event of a tie in votes, the President shall have the casting vote. Votes shall be open and elections shall be secret, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise. In the event of a tie in an election, a person shall be elected by the drawing of lots.
- 2.** Members elected by a Congress shall be eligible to vote.
- 3.** Minutes of all business conducted at a meeting shall be taken. The minutes shall be sent to all members of the Executive Committee before the next meeting.



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Article 28. Suspension of Members of the Executive Committee and Other Organs, as well as Removal of Members of Other Committees

1. The Executive Committee may suspend a member of the Executive Committee or a member of another Organ (see Art. 11) until the next Ordinary Congress where it considers that person to have committed a gross dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct.

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2. Art. 9, para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

3. The Executive Committee may remove from office a member of a Committee and appoint a replacement for the remaining period of the term of office where it considers that person to have committed a gross dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct.

4. Such decisions shall be made if supported by three-quarters or more of all voting members of the Executive Committee. A member of the Executive Committee affected by the decision shall not be entitled to take part in the deliberations or vote.

3. President

Article 29. Powers and Duties of the President

1. The President shall represent UEFA.

2. The President shall chair the Congress, as well as meetings of the Executive Committee.

3. In the event of a tie in any vote, the President shall have the casting vote.

4. The President is furthermore responsible for:

- a) relations between UEFA and FIFA;
- b) relations between UEFA and other confederations;
- c) relations between UEFA and its Member Associations;



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d) relations between UEFA and political bodies and international organisations;

e) implementing the decisions of the Congress and the Executive Committee through the Administration;

f) supervising the work of the Administration.

In carrying out these responsibilities, the President shall consult with the Executive Committee.

5. In the absence of the President, the highest-ranked available Vice-President shall assume his powers and duties.

Article 30. Administration – Duties of the General Secretary

1. The General Secretary shall be responsible for the organisation, management and direction of the Administration.

2. The following duties in particular shall be delegated to the General Secretary:

a) representation of UEFA, as delegated by the UEFA President;

b) appointment and dismissal of Directors, after consultation with the President;

c) appointment and dismissal of staff of the Administration;

d) submission of an annual business plan;

e) compilation of a written report for presentation to the Ordinary Congress;

f) drawing up of an estimate for income and expenditure;

g) initiation of expenditure within the framework of the budget.

3. Further duties of the Administration shall be defined by the Executive Committee in detail in a set of regulations.

4. The General Secretary may delegate his duties to the Deputy General Secretary and/or to the Directors. Such duties shall be defined in regulations to be approved by the Executive Committee.



Article 31. Appointment, Employment, Meetings

1. The Executive Committee shall appoint the General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary, who shall be employed by UEFA.
2. The General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary shall attend meetings of Congress, the Executive Committee and its panels, as well as of Committees, and take an advisory part in the deliberations. The General Secretary may be represented by the Deputy General Secretary.

4. Administration of Justice

Article 32. Organs for the Administration of Justice

1. UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice are:
 - a) the UEFA disciplinary bodies, i.e. the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body and the Appeals Body;
 - b) the Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors;
 - c) the Club Financial Control Body.

Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice are independent and may not belong to any other organ or Committee of UEFA. They shall not take any measure nor exercise any influence in relation to a matter where any conflict of interests exists or is perceived to exist. They are bound exclusively by the UEFA Statutes, rules and regulations and the law.

2. Members of the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body and Appeals Body as well as the Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors shall be elected by the Executive Committee (from candidates proposed by the Member Associations) for a term of four years. Members of the Club Financial Control Body shall be elected by the Executive Committee for a term of four years. The elected members of the UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be presented to the Congress for ratification.



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3. Further rules pertaining to the UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be set out in the Disciplinary Regulations or in other specific regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

Article 33. Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body

1. The Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and seven other members.

2. The Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body shall, as a rule, reach decisions in the presence of all its members, but it is entitled to take a decision if at least three of its members are present. Exceptions may be set out in the UEFA Disciplinary Regulations, which may provide for the Chairman, or one of the Vice-Chairmen or a member acting as ad hoc Chairman, to hear special cases alone.

3. The Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body shall have jurisdiction to rule on disciplinary issues and all other matters which fall within its jurisdiction pursuant to these Statutes or regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

Article 34. Appeals Body

1. The Appeals Body shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and nine other members.

2. The Appeals Body shall, as a rule, reach decisions in the presence of three of its members. The UEFA Disciplinary Regulations may provide for exceptions and, in particular, empower the Chairman, or one of the Vice-Chairmen or a member acting as ad hoc Chairman, sitting alone, to take a decision on appeals which are obviously inadmissible, founded or unfounded.

3. The Appeals Body shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals against decisions of the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body pursuant to the Disciplinary Regulations in force from time to time. These regulations may provide that a case be referred directly to the Appeals Body in urgent



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circumstances, in particular regarding the admission to, or exclusion from, UEFA competitions.

Article 34^{bis}. Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors

1. The Executive Committee shall appoint the necessary number of Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors and designate one of them as Chief Inspector.
2. The Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors represent UEFA in proceedings before the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body and the Appeals Body.

Article 34. Club Financial Control Body

1. The Club Financial Control Body shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and the necessary number of other members as determined by the Executive Committee.
2. The Club Financial Control Body shall, as a rule, reach decisions in the presence of at least three of its members (including the Chairman, or one Vice-Chairman or a member acting as ad hoc Chairman). Exceptions may be set out in specific regulations adopted by the Executive Committee, which may in particular empower the Chairman, or one of the Vice-Chairmen or a member acting as ad hoc Chairman, sitting alone, to take a decision in special cases.
3. The Club Financial Control Body shall have jurisdiction to decide on issues specified in the applicable regulations as adopted by the Executive Committee.



VI. PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL STRATEGY COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, EXPERT PANELS, WORKING GROUPS

Article 35. Professional Football Strategy Council

1. The Professional Football Strategy Council is composed of:

- a) four Vice-Presidents of the UEFA Executive Committee;
- b) representatives elected by any such group recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the European professional football leagues;
- c) representatives elected by any such group recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the clubs participating in the UEFA competitions;
- d) representatives elected by any such players' union recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the professional players in Europe.

2. Details concerning the composition and organisation of the Professional Football Strategy Council, including the setting up of sub-committees or working groups to deal with specific topics, and the more detailed tasks assigned to it shall be set out in terms of reference drawn up by the Executive Committee from time to time.

3. The Professional Football Strategy Council shall, in particular, be in charge of:

- a) identifying solutions to improve collaboration between the various stakeholders of European football;
- b) dealing with problems pertaining to the social dialogue in European professional football matters;
- c) dealing with questions related to the UEFA club competitions and their calendars.

4. The Professional Football Strategy Council reports directly to the Executive Committee and exercises a major influence on the decision-making of the Executive Committee.



Article 35^{bis}. Committees

The Committees shall be:

1. National Associations Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Referees Committee
4. National Team Competitions Committee
5. Club Competitions Committee
6. Youth and Amateur Football Committee
7. Women's Football Committee
8. Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee
9. HatTrick Committee
10. Development and Technical Assistance Committee
11. Club Licensing Committee
12. Stadium and Security Committee
13. Medical Committee
14. Players' Status, Transfer and Agents and Match Agents Committee
15. Legal Committee
16. Marketing Advisory Committee
17. Media Committee
18. Fair Play and Social Responsibility Committee
19. Football Committee

Article 36. Composition

1. Based on proposals submitted by the President, the Executive Committee shall elect the Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and the members of each Committee for a four-year term. These appointments shall be made after the electoral Congress held during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.
2. A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.



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3. The Committees shall, in principle, be chaired by a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may decide otherwise.
4. The Executive Committee shall determine the number of members of each Committee.

Article 37. Obligations

1. The Chairman shall represent his Committee. In consultation with the Administration, the Chairman of a Committee shall set the dates of meetings, be responsible for the proper conduct of business and regularly report to the Executive Committee on the Committee's work.
2. Each Committee may set up a bureau.
3. Committees shall advise the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may delegate certain of its duties to a Committee.
4. The Executive Committee shall draw up terms of reference for the work of each Committee.

Article 38. Expert Panels and Working Groups

1. The Executive Committee, the President or the General Secretary may, if necessary, appoint expert panels for special duties, and working groups for special limited (in time) duties.
2. The members of the expert panels shall be appointed for a duration of four years.
3. If necessary, terms of reference may be drawn up.



VII. ADMINISTRATION

Article 39. Administration

1. Under the direction of the General Secretary, the Administration shall conduct UEFA's business.

2. Such duties shall include:

a) implementation of decisions of Congresses, the Executive Committee and the President;

b) preparation of Congresses, as well as meetings of the Executive Committee and other Committees;

c) taking minutes of Congresses, as well as of meetings of the Executive Committee and other Committees;

d) execution of UEFA's operational business;

e) keeping the books of UEFA;

f) public relations work.

Article 40. Directors

1. Under the supervision of the General Secretary, the Directors shall conduct specific aspects of UEFA's business.

2. The General Secretary shall govern their duties.

Article 41. Appointment, Employment, Meetings

1. After consultation with the President, the General Secretary shall appoint Directors, who shall be employed by UEFA.

2. Directors shall, in principle, attend meetings of the Executive Committee dealing with their specific activities, and play an advisory part in the deliberations.



VIII. ACCOUNTS

Article 42. Revenue, Payment of Levies and Deductions from Match Receipts

1. UEFA's revenue shall consist of the following contributions, levies and additional revenue:

a) an annual contribution of EUR 200 payable by each Member Association on 1 January each year;

b) competition entry fees in accordance with the UEFA competition regulations;

c) ticket sales, television and advertising revenues and levies from UEFA competitions, in accordance with the financial provisions contained in UEFA competition regulations;

d) levies from FIFA competition matches, in accordance with the financial provisions in FIFA competition regulations;

e) levies from senior national representative team matches, in accordance with special implementing regulations;

f) revenues from the exploitation of rights of any kind.

2. Levies shall be calculated on the basis of gross receipts. Only taxes actually paid and stadium rent shall be deductible. The deductions taken together may not exceed 30% of the gross receipts from ticket sales.

3. Competition regulations shall govern the minimum levies for a match in the competition concerned.

4. Levies shall be remitted to UEFA within sixty days of the match.

5. Member Associations:

a) shall be liable to UEFA for financial obligations of their clubs towards UEFA arising under Art. 42, para. 1 above;

b) may be held liable to UEFA for other financial commitments of their clubs towards UEFA.



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Article 43. Budget and Closing of Accounts

1. A budget of income and expenditure shall be prepared for each financial year by the General Secretary. Extraordinary expenditure not included in the budget shall be authorised by the Executive Committee by way of supplementary credits.

2. Books of account shall be kept in euros. The accounts shall be closed annually.

Article 44. Financial Year

The UEFA financial year shall begin on 1 July and end on 30 June of the following year.

Article 45. Governance and Compliance Committee

1. The governance and compliance auditors shall periodically examine UEFA's activities in terms of good governance, compliance and risk management. The Executive Committee shall issue corresponding regulations.

2. The Executive Committee shall appoint three governance and compliance auditors from different Member Associations. All governance and compliance auditors shall be appointed for four years. These appointments shall be made after the electoral Congress held during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The appointed governance and compliance auditors shall be presented to the Congress for ratification.

3. The governance and compliance auditors shall report to the Executive Committee in writing on every audit, copying each such report to the General Secretary.



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Article 46. Auditing Body

1. The Auditing Body shall be an auditing company which is independent of UEFA. It shall be elected by the Ordinary Congress for the financial year immediately following the Congress. It shall be eligible for re-election.

2. The Auditing Body shall audit the accounts and submit a written report to the Ordinary Congress.



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IX. MEDIA

Article 47. Exploitation of Rights

1. UEFA shall exploit all rights which it owns or shares with third parties, such as property rights of any type, intellectual property rights and rights for audio-visual and sound-broadcasting transmissions by picture or data carrier of any kind (including all means of transmitting computer images, with or without sound, such as Internet, on-line services or the like, whether existing already or not). This includes the production, duplication, dissemination and broadcasting of pictures, sound or data carriers of any kind by UEFA alone or with third parties.

2. For this purpose, UEFA alone, or with third parties, shall be entitled to form or operate companies, for which they may make use of any legal entities authorised under Swiss law.

Article 48. Audio-visual and Radio Transmissions

1. UEFA and the Member Associations shall have the exclusive rights to broadcast and use, as well as authorise for broadcast and use, by picture, sound or other data carriers of any kind (including data carriers which have yet to be developed), matches which come within their jurisdiction, either live or recorded, in whole or as excerpts.

2. The Executive Committee shall issue regulations governing the implementation of these rights.



X. COMPETITIONS

Article 49. Competitions

1. UEFA shall have the sole jurisdiction to organise or abolish international competitions in Europe in which Member Associations and/or their clubs participate. FIFA competitions shall not be affected by this provision.

2. The current UEFA competitions shall be:

a) For representative teams:

- UEFA European Football Championship
- UEFA European Under-21 Championship
- UEFA European Under-19 Championship
- UEFA European Under-17 Championship
- UEFA European Women’s Championship
- UEFA European Women’s Under-19 Championship
- UEFA European Women’s Under-17 Championship
- UEFA European Futsal Championship
- UEFA Regions’ Cup

b) For club teams:

- UEFA Champions League
- UEFA Europa League
- UEFA Super Cup
- UEFA Futsal Cup
- UEFA Women’s Champions League

c) The Executive Committee shall decide whether to create or take over other competitions, as well as whether to abolish current competitions.

3. International matches, competitions or tournaments which are not organized by UEFA but are played on UEFA’s territory shall require the prior approval of FIFA and/or UEFA and/or the relevant Member Associations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing



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International Matches and any additional implementing rules adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee.

Article 50. Competition Regulations

1. The Executive Committee shall draw up regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of UEFA competitions.

1bis. The Executive Committee shall define a club licensing system and in particular:

a) the minimum criteria to be fulfilled by clubs in order to be admitted to UEFA competitions;

b) the licensing process (including the minimum requirements for the licensing bodies);

c) the minimum requirements to be observed by the licensors.

2. It shall be a condition of entry into competition that each Member Association and/or club affiliated to a Member Association agrees to comply with the Statutes, and regulations and decisions of competent Organs made under them.

3. The admission to a UEFA competition of a Member Association or club directly or indirectly involved in any activity aimed at arranging or influencing the outcome of a match at national or international level can be refused with immediate effect, without prejudice to any possible disciplinary measures.

Article 51. Prohibited Relations

1. No combinations or alliances between UEFA Member Associations or between leagues or clubs affiliated, directly or indirectly, to different UEFA Member Associations may be formed without the permission of UEFA.

2. A Member Association, or its affiliated leagues and clubs, may neither play nor organise matches outside its own territory without the permission of the relevant Member Associations.



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Article 51^{bis}. Principle of Promotion and Relegation

1. A club's entitlement to take part in a domestic league championship shall depend principally on sporting merit. A club shall qualify for a domestic league championship by remaining in a certain division or by being promoted or relegated to another at the end of a season.

2. In addition to qualification on sporting merit, a club's participation in a domestic league championship may be subject to other criteria within the scope of the licensing procedure, whereby the emphasis is on sporting, infrastructural, administrative, legal and financial considerations. Licensing decisions must be able to be examined by the Member Association's body of appeal.

3. Altering the legal form or company structure of a club to facilitate its qualification on sporting merit and/or its receipt of a licence for a domestic league championship, to the detriment of the integrity of a sports competition, is prohibited. This includes, for example, changing the headquarters, changing the name or transferring stakeholdings between different clubs. Prohibitive decisions must be able to be examined by the Member Association's body of appeal.

4. Concerning the application of this article, each Member Association is responsible for deciding national issues, which may not be delegated to the leagues. UEFA is responsible for deciding issues involving more than one Member Association concerning its own territory. FIFA is responsible for deciding international issues involving more than one Confederation.



XI. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Article 52. Disciplinary Jurisdiction

Disciplinary measures may be imposed for unsportsmanlike conduct, violations of the Laws of the Game, and contravention of UEFA's Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives as shall be in force from time to time.

Article 53. Disciplinary Measures against Member Associations and Clubs

1. The following disciplinary measures may be imposed against Member Associations and clubs:

- a) a warning,
- b) a reprimand,
- c) a fine,
- d) the annulment of the result of a match,
- e) an order that a match be replayed,
- f) the deduction of points,
- g) awarding a match by default,
- h) staging of matches behind closed doors,
- i) ordering a ban on the use of a stadium,
- j) ordering the playing of a match in a third country,
- k) the withholding of revenues from a UEFA competition,
- l) the prohibition on registering new players in UEFA competitions,
- m) a restriction on the number of players that a club may register for participation in UEFA competitions,
- n) disqualification from competitions in progress and/or exclusion from future competitions,
- o) the withdrawal of a title or award,
- p) the withdrawal of a licence.

2. Further disciplinary measures against Member Associations and clubs may be defined in regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.



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3. All disciplinary measures against Member Associations and clubs may be combined with a community football service order.

Article 54. Disciplinary Measures against Individuals

1. The following disciplinary measures may be imposed against individuals:

- a) a warning,
- b) a reprimand,
- c) a fine,
- d) suspension for a specified number of matches or for a specified or unspecified period,
- e) suspension from carrying out a function for a specified number of matches or for a specified or unspecified period,
- f) a ban on exercising any football-related activity,
- g) the withdrawal of a title or award.

2. Further disciplinary measures against individuals may be defined in regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

3. All disciplinary measures against individuals may be combined with a community football service order.

Article 55. Disciplinary Measures and Directives

1. The Organs for the Administration of Justice shall have the power to impose disciplinary measures and issue directives.

2. More than one disciplinary measure, together with more than one directive, may be imposed in relation to a particular matter.

3. A directive may be issued as an order ancillary to a disciplinary measure. It sets out how the disciplinary measure shall be carried out and/or may induce the party(ies) concerned to act in a certain manner.



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Article 56. Disciplinary set of rules

The Executive Committee shall have the power to issue the 'Disciplinary Regulations' or other specific regulations setting out procedures for the administration of justice and disciplinary rules.

Article 57. Disciplinary Power

The following bodies only shall have power to impose disciplinary measures:

- a)** the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body;
- b)** the Appeals Body;
- c)** the Club Financial Control Body.

Article 58. Finality

Decisions of the Appeals Body and Club Financial Control Body shall be final, subject to Art. 62 and 63 of these Statutes.



XII. RECOGNITION OF THE UEFA STATUTES, DISPUTES

1. Recognition of the UEFA Statutes

Article 59. Recognition of the UEFA Statutes

- 1.** Each Member Association shall include in its statutes a provision whereby it, its leagues, clubs, players and officials agree to respect at all times the Statutes, regulations and decisions of UEFA, and to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland), as provided in the present Statutes.
- 2.** Each Member Association shall ensure that its leagues, clubs, players and officials acknowledge and accept these obligations.
- 3.** Each participant in a UEFA competition shall, when registering its entry, confirm to UEFA in writing that it, its players and officials have acknowledged and accepted these obligations.

2. Disputes of National Dimension

Article 60. Obligation to Refer Disputes to Court of Arbitration

Associations shall include in their statutes a provision under which disputes of national dimension arising from or related to the application of their statutes or regulations shall, subject to their national legislation, be referred in the last instance to an independent and impartial court of arbitration, to the exclusion of any ordinary court.



3. Disputes of European Dimension

Article 61. CAS as Ordinary Court of Arbitration

1. The CAS shall have exclusive jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration, to deal with the following disputes in its capacity as an ordinary court of arbitration:

a) disputes between UEFA and associations, leagues, clubs, players or officials;

b) disputes of European dimension between associations, leagues, clubs, players or officials.

2. The CAS shall only intervene in its capacity as an ordinary court of arbitration if the dispute does not fall within the competence of a UEFA organ.

Article 62. CAS as Appeals Arbitration Body

1. Any decision taken by a UEFA organ may be disputed exclusively before the CAS in its capacity as an appeals arbitration body, to the exclusion of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration.

2. Only parties directly affected by a decision may appeal to the CAS. However, where doping-related decisions are concerned, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) may appeal to the CAS.

3. The time limit for appeal to the CAS shall be ten days from the receipt of the decision in question.

4. An appeal before the CAS may only be brought after UEFA's internal procedures and remedies have been exhausted.

5. An appeal shall not have any suspensory effect as a stay of execution of a disciplinary sanction, subject to the power of the CAS to order that any disciplinary sanction be stayed pending the arbitration.

6. The CAS shall not take into account facts or evidence which the appellant could have submitted to an internal UEFA body by acting with



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the diligence required under the circumstances, but failed or chose not to do so.

Article 63. Common Provisions

1. The CAS is not competent to deal with:

a) matters related to the application of a purely sporting rule, such as the Laws of the Game or the technical modalities of a competition;

b) decisions through which a natural person is suspended for a period of up to two matches or up to one month;

c) awards issued by an independent and impartial court of arbitration in a dispute of national dimension arising from the application of the statutes or regulations of an association.

2. Only arbitrators who have their domicile in Europe shall be competent to deal with disputes submitted to the CAS according to the present Statutes.

3. Moreover, proceedings before the CAS shall take place in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS.



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XIII. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

Article 64. Governing Law and Legal Forum

1. These Statutes shall be governed in all respects by Swiss law.
2. The legal forum shall be the headquarters of UEFA. Lausanne (Switzerland) shall be the legal forum for all cases which, in accordance with these Statutes, come under the jurisdiction of CAS.

Article 65. Matters not Covered in the Statutes

The Executive Committee shall have the power to decide on all matters not covered in these Statutes, such decisions to be made in accordance with relevant FIFA regulations. If no such regulations exist, the Executive Committee shall decide according to right and justice.

Article 66. Dissolution of UEFA

1. A four-fifths majority of all Member Associations shall be required to dissolve UEFA.
2. A four-fifths majority of all Member Associations shall be required for any decision as to the distribution of the assets of UEFA on dissolution. Without a decision as to such distribution, any resolution to dissolve UEFA shall have no effect.
3. The assets of UEFA shall not under any circumstances be divided among the members and any resolution to this effect shall have no effect.

Article 67. Equal Status of Men and Women

In these Statutes, the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine.



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Article 68. Authoritative Version

In the event of any discrepancy in interpretation between the official languages of UEFA in the wording of these Statutes, the English version shall be authoritative.

Article 69. Exceptional and Transitional Provisions

- 1.** Art. 5 does not apply to the following member associations: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Faroe Islands and Gibraltar.
- 2.** The age limit set out in Art. 22, para. 2, and Art. 36, para. 2, of these Statutes does not apply to the President of UEFA, the 13 members of the Executive Committee and the Committee members in office on 11 October 2001.
- 3.** The term of office of the UEFA Committee and Expert Panel members in office on 1 June 2012 shall be extended until the 2015 UEFA electoral Congress.
- 4.** By exception to Art. 19, para. 3, and Art. 22, para. 1, the election of a woman as member of the Executive Committee by the Congress shall be held for the first time at the 2016 UEFA ordinary Congress and her term of office shall last until the 2019 UEFA electoral Congress.



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XIV. COMING INTO FORCE OF THE STATUTES

Article 70. Coming into Force

These Statutes were originally adopted at the UEFA Congress on 24 September 1997 in Helsinki and came into force on 24 December 1997. They were subsequently amended by the UEFA Congress on 30 June and 1 July 2000 in Luxembourg, on 11 October 2001 in Prague, on 25 April 2002 in Stockholm, on 27 March 2003 in Rome, on 22/23 April 2004 in Limassol, on 21 April 2005 in Tallinn, on 23 March 2006 in Budapest, on 25/26 January 2007 in Düsseldorf, on 28 May 2007 in Zurich, on 25 March 2010 in Tel Aviv, on 22 March 2012 in Istanbul, on 27 March 2014 in Astana, on 25 February 2016 in Zurich and on 3 May 2016 in Budapest. The current version of these Statutes comes into force on 3 May 2016.

Budapest, 3 May 2016

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