Chinese Taipei Football Association
Electoral Code

Chapter 1: General Provision

Article 1: General Provision

This Code is enacted by Chinese Taipei Football Association according to the Statutes, AFC Statutes, FIFA Statutes and other related regulations, and applies to all types of Chinese Taipei Football Association's elections.

Article 2: Principles for the Election Committee and the Election Appeal Committee

1. The Election Committee and the Election Appeal Committee must act its authorities independently, fairly and objectively according to the Statutes, AFC Statutes, FIFA Statutes and other related regulations.
2. To ensure the independence of the Election Committee and the Election Appeal Committee, the members of the Election Committee and the Election Appeal Committee must not simultaneously serve as the members of the Executive Committee, the Audit and Compliance Committee, staff members, or members of other bodies within the Association during the same term.
3. The Association must elect its decision-making bodies through transparent and democratic process in accordance with regulations of AFC and FIFA without any form of interference from government or third parties. The Election Committee and the Election Appeal Committee must take all necessary measures to prevent the abovementioned undue interference, safeguard the election process.
4. In the event of interference mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the Election Committee and the Election Appeal Committee must report to the Association immediately. The Association must report the beforementioned interference to AFC and FIFA via the official channel.

Chapter 2: Election Committee

Article 3: Authorities of the Election Committee

The Election Committee is responsible for the following matters:

1. preparing the elections for the President, Vice-President(s), Member(s) of the Executive Committee, Member(s) of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Member(s) of the Election Committee, and the Member(s) of the Election Appeal Committee.
2. reviewing the candidate's eligibilities for the President, Vice-President(s), Member(s) of the Executive Committee, Member(s) of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Member(s) of the Election Committee, and the Member(s) of the Election Appeal Committee.
3. publishing the election bulletins for the President, Vice-President(s), Member(s) of the Executive Committee, Member(s) of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Member(s) of the Election Committee, and the Member(s) of the Election Appeal Committee.
4. execute the elections for the President, Vice-President(s), Member(s) of the Executive Committee, Member(s) of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Member(s) of the Election Committee, and the Member(s) of the Election Appeal Committee.
5. publishing the election results for the President, Vice-President(s), Member(s) of the Executive Committee, Member(s) of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Member(s) of the Election Committee, and the Member(s) of the Election Appeal Committee.

Article 4: Composition of the Election Committee

1. The Election Committee have five members including one Chairperson and one Vice-Chairperson, and three Substitute Members of the Election Committee, one of the Substitute Member of the Election Committee must possess legal expertise.

2. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Election Committee are elected among the Members.
3. One of the current Members of the Election Committee must possess legal expertise.
4. The legal expertise in this Article refers to one of the following qualifications:
   (a) Having actually practiced as attorneys for three or more years.
   (b) Having served as judge or prosecutor.
   (c) Having graduated from the department of law of public or duly recognized private universities or independent colleges or post-graduate law programs thereof, served as full-time professors, associate professors, or assistant professors at universities or independent colleges accredited by the Ministry of Education for a total of six or more years, and lectured on primary legal subjects for two or more years with specialized publications in the legal profession, as well as possessed the qualifications for the designated position.
   (d) Having graduated from the department of law of public or duly recognized private universities or independent colleges or post-graduate law programs thereof, and served as full-time research fellows, associate research fellows, or assistant research fellows at Academia Sinica for a total of six or more years with specialized publications in primary legal subjects, as well as possessed the qualifications for the designated position.
5. The term "primary legal subjects" in this Article shall refer to constitutional law, civil law, criminal law, private international law, commercial law, administrative law, civil procedure law, criminal procedure law, administrative procedure law, compulsory enforcement law, bankruptcy law, or other primary legal subjects designated by the Examination Yuan.

Article 5: Term of Office of the Election Committee

The term of office for the Election Committee shall be four years per term, and Members of the Election Committee may be re-elected for one consecutive term.

Article 6: Filling Vacancies on the Election Committee

1. If a Committee Member of the Election Committee resigns or a vacancy otherwise occurs, the Substitute Members of the Election Committee shall succeed to the position in order of priority.
2. If a Committee Member with legal expertise on the Election Committee resigns or is otherwise unable to serve, resulting in no current Member of the Election Committee possessing legal expertise, the legal expertise Substitute Member of the Election Committee shall be given priority to fill the vacancy.
3. If no Substitute Member of the Election Committee is available to fill the vacancy as described in the preceding paragraph, or if the minimum quorum requirement for meetings remains unmet after Substitute Member(s) of the Election Committee is appointed, the Association shall convene an Extraordinary Congress within 60 days to conduct a By-election for Member(s) of the Election Committee.
4. The term of office for the Substitute Member(s) of the Election Committee shall be the remaining term of the Member who resigned or whose position became vacant.

Chapter 3: Election Appeal Committee

Article 7: Authorities of the Election Appeal Committee

The Election Appeal Committee is responsible for reviewing the appeal regarding the eligibilities for the President, Vice-President, Member of the Executive Committee, Member of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Member of the Election Committee, and the Member of the Election Appeal Committee.

Article 8: Composition of the Election Appeal Committee

1. The Election Appeal Committee have three members including one Chairperson and one Vice-Chairperson, and two Substitute Members of the Election Appeal Committee, one of the Substitute Member of the Election Appeal Committee must possess legal expertise.
2. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Election Appeal Committee are elected among the Members.
3. One of the current Members of the Election Appeal Committee must possess legal expertise.
4. The legal expertise in this Article refers to one of the following qualifications:
   (a) Having actually practiced as attorneys for three or more years.
   (b) Having served as judge or prosecutor.
   (c) Having graduated from the department of law of public or duly recognized private universities or independent colleges or post-graduate law programs thereof, served as full-time professors, associate professors, or assistant professors at universities or independent colleges accredited by the Ministry of Education for a total of six or more years, and lectured on primary legal subjects for two or more years with specialized publications in the legal profession, as well as possessed the qualifications for the designated position.

(d) Having graduated from the department of law of public or duly recognized private universities or independent colleges or post-graduate law programs thereof, and served as full-time research fellows, associate research fellows, or assistant research fellows at Academia Sinica for a total of six or more years with specialized publications in primary legal subjects, as well as possessed the qualifications for the designated position.

5. The term "primary legal subjects" in this Article shall refer to constitutional law, civil law, criminal law, private international law, commercial law, administrative law, civil procedure law, criminal procedure law, administrative procedure law, compulsory enforcement law, bankruptcy law, or other primary legal subjects designated by the Examination Yuan.

Article 9: Term of Office of the Election Appeal Committee

The term of office for the Election Appeal Committee shall be four years per term, and Members of the Election Appeal Committee may be re-elected for one consecutive term.

Article 10: Filling Vacancies on the Election Appeal Committee

1. If a Committee Member of the Election Appeal Committee resigns or a vacancy otherwise occurs, the Substitute Members of the Election Appeal Committee shall succeed to the position in order of priority.
2. If a Committee Member with legal expertise on the Election Appeal Committee resigns or is otherwise unable to serve, resulting in no current Member of the Election Appeal Committee possessing legal expertise, the legal expertise Substitute Member of the Election Appeal Committee shall be given priority to fill the vacancy.
3. If no Substitute Member of the Election Appeal Committee is available to fill the vacancy as described in the preceding paragraph, or if the minimum quorum requirement for meetings remains unmet after Substitute Member(s) of the Election Appeal Committee is appointed, the Association shall convene an Extraordinary Congress within 60 days to conduct a By-election for Member(s) of the Election Appeal Committee.
4. The term of office for the Substitute Member(s) of the Election Appeal Committee shall be the remaining term of the Member who resigned or whose position became vacant.

Chapter 4: Election Notice

Article 11: Publication of Election Notice

The Association must publish the election notice for all elections on its official website at least 45 days before the Congress.

Article 12: Content of Election Notice

The Election Notice must include the following contents:

1. Type of Election.
2. Number of seats to be elected.
3. Eligibility requirements for Candidates.
4. Method for Candidates to Register Candidacy.
5. Complete Election Schedule.
6. Registered Candidacy Form for Candidates.

Chapter 5: Eligibility of Candidates

Article 13: Eligibilities for the President, Vice President, Members of Executive Committee, and Member of the Audit and Compliance Committee

1. Candidates for the President, Vice President, Members of Executive Committee, and Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee must be at least 20 years old on the election day, except the candidate for the President, reside within the jurisdiction of Chinese Taipei, have participated in football-related affairs for at least two years within the past five years, be nominated by at least one member of the Association, and not have any of the following conditions:
   (a) Convicted of a fixed-term imprisonment or above, with the sentence not yet executed or completed, except for those under probation.
   (b) Subject to a security measure by court judgment, with the measure not yet executed or completed.
   (c) Declared bankrupt, with the declaration not yet restored.
   (d) Declared under guardianship or assistance, with the declaration not yet revoked.
2. Candidates for the position of the President must be at least 35 years old on the day of the election.
3. Individuals with marital, blood relations within three degrees, or in-law relations within one degree cannot simultaneously register as the candidate for the President, Vice President, Members of the Executive Committee, Members of Audit and Compliance Committee in the election for the same term. Any candidate violating the beforementioned regulation would lose the candidature in this election.
4. The candidate for the Audit and Compliance Committee could not register as the candidate for the President, Vice President, Members of the Executive Committee for the same term. Any candidate violating the beforementioned regulation would lose the candidature in this election.

5. Candidates for the President, Vice President, Members of Executive Committee, and Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee must submit the Integrity Check Form in the Annex of this Code and declare the authenticity of the Form.

Chapter 6: Registration Procedure and Period for Candidates

Article 14: Register as Candidate

1. The candidates shall submit the Candidacy documents to the General Secretariat of the Association, either in person or by mail, within the period specified by the Election Committee.
2. For the Candidacy documents submitted by mail, the time of receipt by the Association shall prevail.
3. The candidates may not withdraw their Candidacy for any reason after completing registration.

Article 15: Registration Period

The registration period for all elections shall begin on the publication of the Election Notice and end on 35 days before the Congress.

Chapter 7: Review Procedure of the Election Committee for the Candidates

Article 16: Review Procedure for the Election Committee

1. Review of the candidates requires the attendance of more than half of the members of the Election Committee.
2. The Election Committee shall conduct the review, presided over by the Chairperson of the Election Committee. In the Chairperson's absence, the Vice Chairperson shall preside. If both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, the attending Members of the Election Committee shall elect one of them as Acting Chairperson to preside over the review.
3. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson presiding over the review may participate in discussions without voting. However, should a tie occur during the voting stage of the review, the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson presiding over the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.
4. The regulation in paragraph 1 of this Article does not apply to By-elections conducted when the number of Election Committee's Members is less than half of the legal quorum.

Article 17: Review Period and Notice of Result

1. The Election Committee must convene the meeting within 7 days after the end of the candidate registration to review the eligibility of candidates.
2. The Election Committee must publish the review result on the Association official website and notify the candidates.

Article 18: Appeal Period for the Candidate

Should the Candidate disagree with the review results as per the preceding article, the Candidate shall lodge an appeal with the Election Appeals Committee within 3 days of the publication of the results.

Chapter 8: Review Procedure of the Election Appeal Committee for the Appeals

Article 19: Review Procedure for the Election Appeal Committee

1. Review of the appeals requires the attendance of more than half of the members of the Election Appeal Committee.
2. The Election Appeal Committee shall conduct the review, presided over by the Chairperson of the Election Committee. In the Chairperson's absence, the Vice Chairperson shall preside. If both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, the attending Members of the Election Appeal Committee shall elect one of them as Acting Chairperson to preside over the review.
3. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson presiding over the review may participate in discussions without voting. However, should a tie occur during the voting stage of the review, the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson presiding over the meeting shall cast the deciding vote.
4. The regulation in paragraph 1 of this Article does not apply to By-elections conducted when the number of Election Appeal Committee's Members is less than half of the legal quorum.

Article 20: Review Period for the Candidate

1. The Election Appeal Committee must convene the meeting within 5 days after the end of the appeal period.
2. The Election Appeal Committee must publish the review results on the Association official website and notify the appellants.

Chapter 9: Election Bulletin for the Candidates

Article 21: Election Bulletin for the Candidates

1. The Association shall, upon finalization of the list of Election Candidates, publish the Election Bulletin for the elections on its official website and notify the Member Associations 15 days prior to the Congress.
2. The Election Bulletin must include the following contents:
   (a) Type of Election.
   (b) The Candidate's number.
   (c) The candidate's photo, name, date of birth, and highest educational qualification.
   (d) If the Election Candidate is recommended by the Member Association, the name of the Member Association recommends the candidate.
   (e) The candidate's resume.
   (f) The policy of the President Candidate.

Chapter 10: Campaign Period for the Election

Article 22: Campaign Period

The Candidates for the elections may conduct Campaign activities only during the period commencing on the day following the announcement of the election bulletin and ending on the day before the election.

Article 23: Definition of the Campaign

The Campaign in the preceding Article means any activities, including but not limited to visiting the Member Associations, public policy presentation, distributing promotional materials, or conducting publicity campaigns, which aims at securing support from the Member Associations.

Article 24: Prohibited Conduct

1. Any candidates or prospective candidates shall not conduct the Campaign outside the campaign period stipulated in Article 22.
2. The candidate or a person eligible to be the candidate shall not bribe or deliver or arrange to deliver property or other undue benefits in exchange for abandoning the Campaign or taking part in certain Campaigns.
3. The candidate or a person eligible to be the candidate shall not bribe or deliver or arrange to deliver property or other undue benefits to the Member Associations in exchange for abstaining from voting or exercising their right to cast their vote for an agreed-upon purpose.
4. Any person shall not procure an incorrect result from voting or alter election returns by fraud or other illegal means.
5. The Election Committee shall, *ex officio*, refer the actor who violates this Article to the Disciplinary Committee.

Chapter 11: Voting and Tallying of Votes for the Elections

Article 25: Principle

1. The elections shall be conducted by universal, equal, direct, and secret ballot.
2. The Association shall provide appropriate facilities for Member Associations to cast secret ballots when conducting the elections.

Article 26: Execution of Voting and Tallying of Votes Procedures for the Elections

The execution of voting and tallying of votes for the elections shall be conducted by the Members of Election Committee with the assistance of the General Secretariat's Staff.

Article 27: Preparation Prior to Voting

1. Blank ballot papers for the elections shall be printed prior to the election. After imprinting the official seal of the Association on the reverse side, the ballot papers shall be placed in an opaque envelope and sealed. On the election day, a Member of the Election Committee shall break the seal, retrieve the ballot papers, display the ballot papers for the elections to all Member Associations, and verify the quantity thereof.
2. A Member of the Election Committee shall display the ballot box to all Member Associations, verifying that the ballot box contains no foreign objects or hidden compartments. Upon completion of the display, the ballot box shall be sealed forthwith.
3. A Member of the Election Committee shall read aloud the election rules on site.
4. Upon completion of the aforementioned procedures, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson of the Election Committee shall declare the commencement of Voting.

Article 28: Voting for the President

The election for the President shall be conducted in secret ballot, single-vote.

Article 29: Voting for the Vice President, Members of the Executive Committee and Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee

1. In the event of only 1 seat to be elected for the Vice President, Members of the Executive Committee, or Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee, the election shall be conducted in secret ballot, single-vote.
2. The elections for the Vice President, Members of the Executive Committee, and Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be conducted in secret ballot, limited vote.
3. The limited vote in the preceding paragraph shall not exceed half of the seats to be elected.

Article 30: Voting Procedures for the Election

1. The Association shall prepare an electoral roll containing the name, date of birth, National Identification Number, residence permit number, or passport number of each delegate on the day of the election.
2. The delegate shall provide the National Identification Card, Residents Card, or Passport for identity verification, and sign or affix the seal after the identity verification. The staff of the General Secretariat shall issue a blank ballot paper and direct the delegate to the booth for ballot marking with the designated instrument provided by the General Secretariat.
3. Upon the completion of ballot marking, the delegate shall fold the ballot paper in half and deposit the ballot paper into the ballot box.

Article 31: Procedure for Tallying the Votes

1. Following the conclusion of the voting procedures, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson shall announce the closure of voting and commence tallying of the votes.

2. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson of the Election Committee shall preside over and supervise the tallying of votes. In the event of a dispute concerning the validity of a vote, the determination of the disputed ballot paper shall be decided on-site in accordance with the Code. One General Secretariat's staff shall serve as the vote counter, and the ballot paper shall be displayed for viewing by the vote counter. One General Secretariat's staff shall serve as the tally clerk, immediately recording the votes on the prepared blank tally sheet.
3. The vote counter shall announce the votes clearly and audibly. The vote counter's pace shall be coordinated with the tally clerk. In the event of a disputed ballot paper, it shall be immediately submitted to the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson of the Election Committee for a determination.
4. Upon completion of the tallying of votes, the vote counter shall count the number of blank ballot paper and, after confirming the accuracy of the count, place them, together with the marked ballot paper and the electoral roll, into an opaque envelope for sealing and preservation.
5. The tallying of votes shall be conducted in the following order:
   (a) The President.
   (b) The Vice President.
   (c) Members of the Executive Committee.
   (d) Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee.

Article 32: Determination of Valid Votes

A Ballot Paper shall be invalid under any of the following circumstances:

1. The number of ballot markings exceeds the limitation of the votes permitted.
2. A ballot paper not officially issued by the Association is used.
3. The ballot marking cannot indicate the intended candidate clearly.
4. The ballot marking has been altered or defaced in any way.
5. The ballot paper contains a signature, seal, fingerprint, or any extraneous text or symbol.
6. The ballot paper is torn or otherwise incomplete.
7. The ballot papers that are defaced to the extent that the ballot marking is unidentifiable.
8. The ballot papers that are completely blank with no ballot marking.
9. Use of a ballot marking tool other than the tools provided by the Election Committee.

Chapter 12: Determination of the Election Results

Article 33: Determination of the Result for the President Election

1. The President Candidate obtaining more than half votes of attending delegates is elected as the President.
2. If there is only one or two President candidates or if no candidate obtains more than half of the votes from attending member delegates in the second round, the candidate with the higher vote count will be elected.
3. If no President candidate obtains more than half of the votes from attending member delegates, the two candidates with the highest vote counts must proceed to a second round of voting. If there are more than two candidates with the highest vote count, all such candidates must proceed to the second round of voting.

Article 34: Determination of the Result for the Vice President, Member of the Executive Committee, and Member of the Audit and Compliance Committee Election

1. The Vice Presidents of the Association, members of the Executive Committee, and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee must be elected based on the highest vote count in order.
2. The candidate for the Vice President or members of the Executive Committee who has already been elected as the President shall be excluded from the tallying of votes for the election of the Vice President or members of the Executive Committee.
3. The candidate for the members of the Executive Committee who has already been elected as the Vice President shall be excluded from the tallying of votes for the election of the Executive Committee's member.

Article 35: Publication of the Election Result

Upon completion of the tallying of votes, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or Acting Chairperson of the Election Committee, in conjunction with the vote counter and tally clerk, shall verify the accuracy of the ballot paper count and immediately announce and publish the election results.

Chapter 13: Final Provisions

Article 36: *Mutatis Mutandis* of the Code

The Code shall apply *Mutatis Mutandis* to all other votes for the Association.

Article 37: Enforcement

The Code shall apply from the election of the Congress (2026-2030).

Article 38: Interpretation and Amendment

The Election Committee and the Election Appeals Committee may interpret and amend the Code.

Article 39: Adoption and Implementation

The Code shall be implemented upon adoption by the 4th Congress (2022-2026), and the same procedure shall apply to any amendments.

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President

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General Secretary

Appendix 1: Candidates Declaration of Integrity

Chinese Taipei Football Association

Candidates Declaration of Integrity

I hereby solemnly affirm that the contents provided below are true, accurate, complete, and based on the best of my knowledge. Should there be any falsification, concealment, or forgery, I fully accept and will comply with any legal consequences under the appliable laws of Chinese Taipei, as well as any disciplinary actions imposed by the Chinese Taipei Football Association, EAFF, AFC, or FIFA without objection.

Name	
National ID Number	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	
Highest Educational Qualification	
Current Occupation	
Type of Election	

Appendix 1: Candidates Declaration of Integrity

1. I have never been convicted by any state court of any criminal offence or of any offence corresponding to any misconduct set out in the Disciplinary Code or Code of Ethics of Chinese Taipei Football Association, EAFF, AFC or FIFA.
   (If you have been previously convicted of such an offence, please specify the circumstances)

(If you are the subject of any pending civil or criminal proceedings or investigations, please specify the circumstances)

2. I have never had any disciplinary sanction or similar measure imposed on me by any sports governing body for actions equivalent or similar to any misconduct set out in the Disciplinary Code or Code of Ethics of Chinese Taipei Football Association, EAFF, AFC or FIFA.
   (If you have been previously disciplined or had a similar measure imposed, please specify the circumstances)

(If you are the subject of any pending disciplinary proceedings or investigations, please specify the circumstances)

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3. I hereby acknowledge and fully understand the Disciplinary Code or Code of Ethics of Chinese Taipei Football Association, EAFF, AFC and FIFA. I voluntarily agree to comply with and be bound by the aforementioned regulations. I also understand that any conduct prior to the signing of this declaration may likewise be subject to the Disciplinary Code or Code of Ethics of Chinese Taipei Football Association, EAFF, AFC and FIFA.
   I currently hold the following positions in football:

   The following personal interests may give rise to a potential conflict of interest (please specified):

Appendix 1: Candidates Declaration of Integrity

I am fully aware that I must notify the Election Committee of any relevant facts and circumstances arising after the eligibility has been completed, and that a failure to do so may result in sanctions being imposed by the appropriate Chinese Taipei Football Association, EAFF, AFC or FIFA bodies.

I am fully aware that I am obliged to establish the relevant facts with regard to the eligibility check I am subject to. I will comply with requests for any documents, information or other material of any nature held by me. I will comply with the procurement and provision of documents, information and 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 result in sanctions being imposed by the appropriate Chinese Taipei Football Association, EAFF, AFC or FIFA bodies.

I fully aware Chinese Taipei Football Association may use all documents and information I submit in election relating matters, which includes but not limited to candidate eligibility check, publication of election bulletin, publication of candidates lists, publication of election result, disciplinary procedures, or any election relating matters. I further fully aware Chinese Taipei Football Association may provide above mentioned documents and information to EAFF, AFC, FIFA, or CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sport).

I fully aware Chinese Taipei Football Association may provide the third parties any documents or information I submit for candidates' eligibility check.

I further declare that all the information given by me in this form and any additional documents attached are true to the best of my knowledge and that I have not willfully suppressed any material fact. Any failure to comply with the foregoing may make me liable for disciplinary action by the appropriate body/bodies.

Signature: Date: