Chinese Taipei Football Association Statutes

Chapter 1: General Provisions

Article 1: Name and Organization

1. The Association is a national sports organization established in accordance with the governing laws of Chinese Taipei, with the official name "Chinese Taipei Football Association" (hereinafter referred to as “this Association” or “the Association”).
2. The English name of The Association is Chinese Taipei Football Association, abbreviated as CTFA.
3. The Association is a member association of FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association), AFC (Asian Football Confederation), and EAFF (East Asian Football Federation).
4. The competent authority of the Association is the Ministry of the Interior, and its supervisory authority is the Ministry of Education. It is subject to the guidance and oversight of these authorities.
5. The flag of the Association is:



6. The emblems of the Association are:



and

Article 2: Definitions

1. The terms used in the Chinese Taipei Football Association Statutes ("these Statutes" or "the Statutes") are defined as follows:
   （1） FIFA: Refers to the Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
   （2） AFC: Refers to the Asian Football Confederation.
   （3） EAFF: Refers to the East Asian Football Federation.
   （4） IFAB: Refers to the International Football Association Board.
   （5） Football: Refers to all types of football including without limitation futsal and beach soccer.
   （6） Association: Refers to individual member associations recognized by FIFA and relevant confederations.
   （7） League: Refers to football leagues organized by the Association and affiliated with member associations.
   （8） Confederation: Refers to confederations within the same continent (or region) recognized by FIFA.
   （9） Club: Refers to members of football associations, the football association that the club affiliated with is a member of FIFA.
   （10） Officials: Refers to members of executive committee, committee members, coaches, referees, and other personnel responsible for technical, medical, and administrative matters in FIFA, AFC, EAFF, the Association, leagues, or clubs.
   （11） Players: Refers to individual football players registered with the Association.
   （12） CAS (TAS): Refers to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (Tribunal Arbitral du Sport) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

（13） RSTP: Refers to the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players approved by the FIFA Council.

（14） Laws of the Game: Refers to the laws of association football issued by IFAB.

（15） Futsal Laws of the Game: Refers to the laws of futsal approved by the FIFA Council.

（16） Beach Soccer Laws of the Game: Refers to the laws of beach soccer approved by the FIFA Council.

（17） Football Agents: Refers to agents who have passed the examination under FIFA Football Agent Regulations and the Association's "National Football Agents Regulations."

（18） Match Agents: Refers to agents licensed under FIFA Match Agents Regulations.

（19） Disciplinary Code: Refers to disciplinary regulations approved by FIFA, AFC, or the Association.

（20） Ethics Code: Refers to the FIFA Ethics Code or AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code approved by FIFA or AFC.

2. Unless specifically stated otherwise, the terms in these Articles apply equally to all genders in matters relating to natural persons. Singular terms are also deemed applicable to plural scenarios.

Article 3: Missions

The missions of the Association are as follows:

1. To promote, develop, and manage football in the jurisdiction of Chinese Taipei in accordance with the principles of fair play, including solidarity, education, culture, and humanitarian values, with a particular focus on youth and women's football development programs.
2. To establish football-related regulations and ensure their strict enforcement.
3. To translate the Laws of the Game and interpret competition regulations.

4. To provide training for football coaches, referees, and players, establish their fundamental data; and conduct seminars, mentorship programs, and evaluations for coaches and referees.
5. To research and develop various football techniques.
6. To organize nationwide football competitions.
7. To oversee and regulate various forms of football-friendly matches within the jurisdiction of Chinese Taipei.
8. To manage international football relations and competitions in various formats.
9. To host international and other levels of football tournaments.
10. To ensure the integrity of football and competition results by implementing necessary measures to prevent actions that may jeopardize fair competition.
11. To safeguard the rights and interests of its members.
12. To comply with the statutes, regulations, directives, and decisions of FIFA and AFC, and to ensure that its members adhere to these regulations as well.
13. To promote and strengthen good governance principles and practices within its structure and encourage its members to adopt their own good governance principles.
14. To promote the development of women's football and the full participation of women at all levels of football governance.

Article 4: Principles of Neutrality and Anti-Discrimination

1. The Association will maintain neutrality with regard to politics and religion, ensuring that its management activities remain unaffected by any political or religious forces. The members of the Association must also remain neutral in matters of politics and religion.

2. The Association prohibits discrimination and strictly forbids any member from exhibiting discriminatory attitudes, language, or behavior towards any individual, group, or nation based on race, gender, language, religion, political opinion, disability, sexual orientation or any other grounds. Those who violate this regulation will have their membership suspended or expelled.

Article 5: Principles of Harmony and Fair Play and scope of authority

1. The Association is committed to promoting harmonious relationships among its members, clubs, officials, and players, and fostering social harmony through humanitarian principles.
2. The Association is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of fair play is upheld by every group and individual participating in football activities.
3. The Association shall have the primary responsibility to regulate matters relating to refereeing, the fight against doping, the registration of players, club licensing, the imposition of disciplinary measures, including ethical misconduct, as well as measures required to protect the integrity of competitions.

Article 6: Players

1. The Association must manage matters related to players' status and transfers in accordance with the latest FIFA "Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players."
2. Players must complete the registration of their status in accordance with the regulations established by the Association.

Article 7: Laws of the Game

1. The Association and all its members will conduct football matches in accordance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB, and only IFAB has the authority to establish or modify the Laws of the Game.
2. The Association and all its members will conduct futsal and beach soccer matches in accordance with the rules issued by FIFA, and only FIFA has the authority to establish or modify the Laws of Futsal and Laws of Beach Soccer.

Article 8: Compliance with Regulations

Each member of the Association, along with its internal bodies and affiliated personnel, must comply with the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions, and the "Disciplinary Codes" of FIFA and AFC, as well as the "Ethics Codes" of FIFA and AFC.

Article 9: Official Language

1. The official language of the Association is Traditional Chinese. The Association's Congress will use Mandarin, and all official documents and correspondence will be written in Traditional Chinese. If necessary, English or other languages may also be used in the afore-mentioned documents or correspondence.
2. In cases where there are discrepancies in interpretation between the English or other language versions and the Traditional Chinese version of the statutes, related regulations, or documents, the Traditional Chinese version will prevail.

Chapter 2: Members

Article 10: General Provisions for Membership

1. Individuals or entities that meet the membership requirements of the Association may apply for membership in accordance with the relevant regulations.
2. Decisions regarding membership acceptance, suspension, or expulsion will be made by the Congress.
3. A member who withdraws or has its membership expelled loses its membership status and no longer enjoys membership rights. However, this does not absolve any outstanding financial obligations or liabilities toward the Association or other members.

Article 11: Admission

1. The Members are:
   （1） Taiwan City League.
   （2） Taiwan Ladies League.
   （3） Football Committees of the 6major cities.
   （4） Football Committees of the 14 Cities and Counties.
   （5） Coaches Association.
   （6） Referees Association.
   （7） Futsal Development Association.
   （8） Youth Football Development Association.
2. Any legal or natural person wishing to become a Member of the Chinese Taipei Football Association shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
3. The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
   （1） a copy of its legally valid statutes and regulations.
   （2） a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of the Chinese Taipei Football Association, FIFA and the AFC and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs, Officials and Players.
   （3） a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force.

（4） a declaration that it recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes.

（5） a declaration that it is located and registered in the territory of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei).

（6） a declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei).

（7） a declaration to the effect that the legal composition of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions independently of any external entity.

（8） a list of Officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.

（9） a declaration that it undertakes to organize or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

（10） Article a copy of the minutes of its last congress or constitutional meeting.

Article 12: Procedures for Membership Application

1. The procedures for membership application shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Association.
2. The Executive Committee will submit the membership application proposal to the Congress for acceptance and may notify the applicant to present their opinions at the Congress.
3. Once the membership application is accepted, the new member will immediately enjoy membership rights and fulfill membership obligations.

Article 13: Members' Rights

Each member of the Association enjoys the following rights in accordance with these Statutes and relevant regulations:

1. Participate in the Congress of the Association and exercise the rights of members in the Congress.
2. Nominate candidates for election to the various elective positions of the Association.
3. Receive information about the Association through its organizational structure.
4. Participate in various competitions and activities organized by the Association.
5. Enjoy other rights as stipulated by the Statutes and relevant regulations.

Article 14: Members' Obligations

1. The Members of the Chinese Taipei Football Association have the following obligations:
   （1） to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, the AFC and the Chinese Taipei Football Association at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members.
   （2） to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies.
   （3） to take part in competitions and other sports activities organized by the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
   （4） to pay their membership subscriptions.
   （5） to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB, the Futsal and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as laid down by FIFA and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a statutory provision.

（6） to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, the AFC, the Chinese Taipei Football Association or the League(s) shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Tribunal of the Chinese Taipei Football Association and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;

（7） to communicate to the Chinese Taipei Football Association any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.

（8） not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognized or with Members that have been suspended or expelled.

（9） to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision.

（10） to observe the mandatory items specified under article 10 paragraph 3 for the duration of their affiliation.

（11） to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated.

（12） to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, the AFC and the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

2. Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided for in these Statutes.

Article 15: Members' Organizations

1. Each member shall amend its organizational statutes and related regulations in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes, ensuring that decision-making members are elected through democratic processes and are able to operate and manage independently, without being influenced by any external forces.
2. Any member organization that fails to elect its decision-making members through democratic processes as stipulated by the Statutes may not be recognized by the Association and may be required to make improvements, or be subject to actions in accordance with the provisions for members violating the Statutes.

Article 16: Suspension of Membership

1. If a member violates the provisions of the Statutes by failing to fulfill its obligations, the Congress may impose a suspension on the member with the approval of more than two-thirds of the attending member delegates.
2. In cases of serious violations or if the member has a prior record of violating the provisions of the Statutes, the Executive Committee may directly impose a suspension through a decision. Such suspension will take immediate effect but may be revoked by the next Congress with the approval of more than two-thirds of the attending member delegates.
3. A suspended member shall lose its membership rights, but this does not affect its obligation to fulfill other membership duties. The Disciplinary Committee may still impose disciplinary measures for acts of non-compliance with the Statutes, and other members shall not engage in any sports-related interactions with the suspended member.
4. Members who fail to participate in any sports activities organized by the Chinese Taipei Football Association for one year shall have their right to participate in the Congress temporarily suspended until they actively engage in activities and fulfill their membership obligations. They shall also lose the right to nominate or recommend delegates to run for or hold positions within the Association.

Article 17: Expulsion of Members

1. A member's membership may be expelled by the decision of the Congress under the following circumstances:
   (1) Failure to settle outstanding debts owed to the Association.
   (2) Serious violations of the statutes, regulations, directives, or decisions of FIFA, AFC, or the Association.
2. A decision to expel a member must be passed by the Congress with more than half of all member delegates present and approved by two-thirds or more of the attending member delegates.

Article 18: Resignation of Membership

1. A member who wishes to resign its membership must provide written notification to the General Secretariat of the Association at least six months before the end of the year. The resignation will take effect after next year's Congress convenes.
2. Resignation from membership will not be valid until all outstanding debts owed to the Association or to its members have been fully settled.

Chapter 3: Organizations

Section 1: Structure

Article 19: General Provisions

1. The Congress is the supreme governing body of the Association.
2. The Executive Committee serves as the executive body of the Association and oversees the standing committees.
3. The Electoral Committee and Electoral Appeal Committee function as the election, candidature review and appeal bodies of the Association.
4. The Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee function as the judicial bodies of the Association.
5. The Audit and Compliance Committee functions as the internal audit body of the Association.
6. The General Secretariat acts as the administrative body of the Association.
7. Any member of the bodies of the Association must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is a risk or possibility of a conflict of interest.

Article 20: Supplementary Provisions and Interpretations of the Structure

1. The Executive Committee may establish additional regulations or provide interpretations regarding the responsibilities of the standing committees.
2. In the event that the Executive Committee cannot convene in a timely manner, the Emergency Committee may execute its functions.
3. The Executive Committee or the Emergency Committee may establish *ad-hoc* committees as needed to assist in fulfilling the responsibilities of the Executive Committee.

Article 21: Independence of Organizational Structure

All organizational members of the Association will be elected or appointed in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Statute and will not be subject to any external interference.

Section 2: Congress

Article 22: General Provisions

1. The Congress is a regularly convened meeting for all members of the Association and serves as its highest governing body.
2. The Congress consists of two types: ordinary and extraordinary Congress.
3. The President will conduct the Congress business in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Congress.
4. The Executive Committee may appoint observers and staff of the General Secretariat without speaking or voting rights to attend the Congress. Additionally, professional personnel may be invited to attend for consultation purposes.
5. Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members may attend the Congress and have the right to speak but not to vote.

Article 23: Delegates and Votes

1. The Congress is composed of 50 delegates. The number of delegates is allocated as follows:
   （1） for the Taiwan City League 8 delegates.
   （2） for the Taiwan Ladies League 8 delegates.
   （3） for the Football Committees of the 6majorcities 12 delegates (2 each).
   （4） for the Football Committees of the 14 cities 14 delegates.
   （5） for the Coaches Association 2 delegates.
   （6） for the Referees Association 2 delegates.
   （7） for the Futsal Development Association 2 delegates.
   （8） for the Youth Football Development Association 2 delegates.
2. Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that Member. They must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.
3. Each delegate of the same category of Member has an equal number of votes in the Congress. Voting by letter is not permitted.

4. The Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in the Congress without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates for their association/organization.

Article 24: Area of Authority

The authorities of the Congress are as follows:

1. To formulate or amend Statutes.
2. To elect the Members of Audit and Compliance Committee, Executive Committee, Vice Presidents, and President.
3. To approve the nominations for the chairpersons, vice chairpersons and members of Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Committee, the Election Committee and the Election Appeals Committee.
4. To approve the conferment of honorary titles, including Honorary President and Honorary Members.
5. To approve budgets and financial reports.
6. To approve the President's operational reports.
7. To decide on acceptance, suspension, or expulsion of membership.
8. To approve the membership fees proposed by the Executive Committee.
9. To decide on the dissolution of the Association.
10. To deliberate on other proposals submitted by members in accordance with the Statutes and relevant regulations.

Article 25: Ordinary Congress

1. The Congress must be held once a year.
2. The date and location of the Congress will be determined by the Executive Committee and notified to all members at least 45 days in advance.
3. The official meeting notice must be sent to all members in writing at least 20 days before the Congress. The official notice must include the agenda, the President's report, the financial report, and related documents.

Article 26: Congress Agenda

1. The meeting agenda will be formulated by the General Secretariat based on proposals from the Executive Committee. However, members may also submit proposals in writing, specifying the reasons and explanations, and send them to the General Secretariat at least 30 days before the Congress.
2. Proposals related to the authorities of the Congress, as outlined in Article 24 of these Articles—except for Article 24.10—must be included in the agenda and cannot be raised as *ad-hoc* motions.
3. Any revision or modification of the agenda requires the approval of at least two-thirds of the attending member delegates at the Congress.

Article 27: Quorum for the Congress

1. The Congress requires the attendance of more than half of the member delegates to proceed with the meeting and make decisions.
2. If the number of attending member delegates does not meet the minimum quorum stated above, the chairperson must declare the meeting adjourned. A second Congress must be convened within ten days, and the agenda must remain unchanged.
3. If the agenda does not involve amendments to the Statutes of the Association, elections for the President, Vice President, and the Member of Executive Committee, dismissals of a member of a body of the Association, membership qualifications (including suspension and expulsion), or the dissolution of the Association, the provisions of Paragraph 1 in this article do not apply to the second meeting.

Article 28: Amendments to Statutes

1. The Executive Committee or members may submit proposals for amendments to the Statutes to the Congress in written form, stating specific modification propositions and reasons. However, proposals submitted by members must be supported by the signatures of at least eight members and processed in accordance with Article 26 of the Statutes.

2. Amendments to the Statutes shall be carried out by secret ballot, with more than half of the total number of member delegates attending. Approval requires agreement from at least two-thirds of the attending member delegates.

Article 29: Amendment of the Standing Orders for the Congress

1. The Executive Committee or members may submit proposals to amend the Standing Orders for the Congress, with a written explanation of specific amendment proposals and justifications. However, member proposals must be handled in accordance with Article 26 of the Statutes.
2. Amendments to the Standing Orders for the Congress require the presence of more than half of the total member delegates, with approval from a simple majority of the attending member delegates.
3. Once the Standing Orders for the Congress are amended, they must be implemented at the next meeting.

Article 30: Decisions of the Congress

1. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, relevant regulations, or laws, decisions must be passed by a simple majority (more than 50%) of votes.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, relevant regulations, or laws, decisions of the Congress must be conducted by a show of hands or electronic voting. If a show of hands fails to achieve a clear majority, electronic voting or roll-call voting must be adopted for members to cast their votes individually.

Article 31: Elections

1. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes or election code, elections for any of the bodies of the Association must be conducted by secret ballot.
2. The President of the Association must be elected by obtaining more than half of the votes from attending member delegates. The Vice Presidents of the

Association, members of the Executive Committee, and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Election Committee, Election Appeals Committee and Judicial bodies must be elected based on the highest vote count in order. If the number of candidates with the same vote count exceeds the number of positions available, a second round of voting must be conducted among those candidates until the number of elected individuals matches the number of positions.

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.
4. 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.
5. If the vote count remains tied, additional rounds of voting must be conducted until a candidate with the higher vote count is determined.

Article 32: Meeting Minutes

1. The General Secretary will be responsible for the minutes of the Congress, which must be approved at the next Congress.
2. The Congress may appoint member delegates or other professionals to verify the accuracy of the meeting minutes prior to the Congress.

Article 33: Effective Date of Decisions

Unless otherwise specified by the Statutes, other laws, or decisions with designated effective dates, decisions passed by the Congress will take effect 60 days after the conclusion of the Congress.

Article 34: Extraordinary Congress

1. The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time to address urgent or special matters.
2. If written requests specifying the reasons for convening are submitted by at least half of the member delegates, the Executive Committee must convene an Extraordinary Congress within 30 days of receiving the request, and the reasons stated by the member delegates must be included in the agenda of the Extraordinary Congress.
3. If the Executive Committee fails to convene an Extraordinary Congress within 30 days, the members who requested the Extraordinary Congress may convene it themselves.
4. Members must be notified of the date, location, and agenda of the Extraordinary Congress at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
5. The agenda of the Extraordinary Congress must not be modified.

Section 3: The Executive Committee

Article 35: Composition

1. The Executive Committee consists of 11 members:
   （1） 1 President
   （2） 3 Vice-presidents
   （3） 7 Members
   （4） 3 Substitutes for any vacancy of the Executive Committee members
2. The President and the vice-presidents must be elected individually by the Congress. The seven members and the three substitutes of the Executive Committee are elected according to the total number of votes received (the seven candidates obtaining the highest number of votes will be members of the Executive Committee and the candidates obtaining less votes than the seven members but more than the other candidates will become substitutes). Every candidate in the election of Executive Committee members must be proposed by at least one delegate.
3. The mandate of the President, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee is for four years. They may be re-elected once.
4. The members of the Executive Committee shall be no younger than 20. They shall have already been active in football holding an executive position from among the members of Chinese Taipei Football Association for at least two years within the last five years, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence, as proven by the Police Criminal Record Certificate, and have residency within the territory of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei).
5. Candidatures must be sent to the general secretariat of the Chinese Taipei Football Association. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of the Chinese Taipei Football Association along with the agenda for the Congress at which the Executive Committee will be elected.
6. A member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
7. If a position of a vice-president should become vacant (death, resignation, absence from three consecutive meetings), the member with the most

number of votes received will fill the position for the remaining term of mandate. If a position of a member should become vacant (death, resignation, absence from three consecutive meetings), the substitute with the most number of votes received will fill the position for the remaining term of the mandate.

8. If more than 50 % of the positions of the Executive Committee become vacant, the remaining members of the Executive Committee must convoke an Extraordinary Congress within 45 days in order to elect the replacements for the remaining term of mandate.

Article 36: Powers of the Executive Committee

The powers of the Executive Committee are as follows:

1. Formulate and execute various plans according to the missions of the Association as specified in Article 3 of the Association.
2. Convene ordinary and extraordinary Congress.
3. Appoint or dismiss candidates for General Secretary and chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, or members of standing committees and ad-hoc committees as proposed by the President.
4. Purpose the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, or members of the Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Committee, Election Committee and Election Appeal Committee.
5. Develop various rules and regulations.
6. Resolve to temporarily suspend members with serious violations of the Statutes.
7. Propose amendments to the Statutes.
8. Establish or interpret regulations regarding the responsibilities of standing committees.
9. Execute other necessary matters.

Article 37: Meetings of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee must convene every three months.
2. Meetings of the Executive Committee must be convened by the President. The notice of the meeting must specify the agenda and be delivered to the members of the Executive Committee at least seven days before the meeting.
3. If more than one-third of the members of the Executive Committee request an extraordinary meeting with specified reasons, the President must convene it within ten days and include the agenda in the notice. The notice must be delivered to the members of the Executive Committee at least seven days before the meeting. If the President fails to convene the meeting, it may be convened by the Vice President or by the requesting members of the Executive Committee.
4. Decisions of the Executive Committee must be made by members of the Executive Committee personally attending the meeting. Proxy participation in decisions is not allowed.
5. Decisions of the Executive Committee require the attendance of more than half of the members of the Executive Committee and the approval of more than half of the attending members of the Executive Committee. However, for motions concerning the dismissal or removal of the General Secretary, committee chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, committee members or other personnel of the Association, the individuals concerned must be invited to explain the matter before the Executive Committee. Such decisions must be approved by two-thirds or more of the attending members of the Executive Committee.
6. The General Secretary must attend meetings of the Executive Committee, and the President may also invite professionals to attend the meetings.
7. If an individual member of the Executive Committee has a potential conflict of interest, that member of the Executive Committee must proactively recuse themselves from discussions before deliberation begins and must not be present during the discussion or voting.
8. The President or chairperson of the meeting must not vote but may cast a vote in the event of a tie to resolve the matter.

9. Meetings of the Executive Committee and the extraordinary Executive Committee may be held via video conferencing.

Section 4: President

Article 38: President

1. The President will supervise the General Secretary in managing the affairs of the Association and will serve as the chairperson of the Congress, the Executive Committee, and the Emergency Committee. The President will also represent the Association externally.
2. If the President is unable to perform their duties for any reason, they must designate one Vice President to act on their behalf. If no designation is made or cannot be made, the Vice Presidents must mutually select one to act on behalf of the President. If no Vice President is available to act, the members of the Executive Committee must mutually select one to act as the President.
3. In the event of a vacancy in the position of President, a by-election must be held within 45 days.
4. The President must nominate a candidate for General Secretary in the event of a vacancy in this position.

Article 39: Qualifications for Presidency

1. The President must be directly elected by the Congress but may only be re-elected for one consecutive term.
2. Candidates for the position of President must be at least 35 years old on the day of the election by the Congress.

Section 5: Audit and Compliance Committee

Article 40: Composition of the Audit and Compliance Committee

1. The Association will appoint three members of the Audit and Compliance Committee and two alternate members of the Audit and Compliance Committee, who will be directly elected by the Congress. The members of the Audit and Compliance Committee will elect one person among themselves as the chairperson.
2. Individuals who are related as spouses, third-degree blood relatives, or first-degree relatives by marriage may not simultaneously serve as the member of the Executive Committee, Audit and Compliance Committee, or hold dual positions as Audit and Compliance Committee during the same term. Additionally, the members of the Audit and Compliance Committee must not simultaneously serve as the members of the Executive Committee, staff members, or members of other bodies within the Association.

Article 41: Powers of the Audit and Compliance Committee

1. The powers of the Audit and Compliance Committee are as follows:
   （1） To oversee the execution of the Association's operations.
   （2） To review the various annual financial statements and reports of the Association.
2. The Audit and Compliance Committee may provide recommendations to the Executive Committee at any time and may request the Executive Committee or the General Secretariat to present reports during meetings.

Article 42: Meetings of the Audit and Compliance Committee

1. The Audit and Compliance Committee must convene meetings every three months but may hold joint meetings with the Executive Committee.
2. The meetings of Audit and Compliance Committee must be convened by its chairperson, but joint meetings with the Executive Committee may be convened by the President.
3. The aforementioned Audit and Compliance Committee meetings may be held via video conferencing.

Section 6: Standing Committees

Article 43: General Provisions for Standing Committees

1. The standing committees of the Chinese Taipei Football Association are:
   （1） Finance Committee.
   （2） Audit and Compliance Committee (elected by the Congress).
   （3） Organizing Committee for the Chinese Taipei Football Association competitions.
   （4） Technical and Development Committee (incorporating the Youth Football Committee).
   （5） Referees' Committee.
   （6） Legal Committee.
   （7） Women's Football Committee.
   （8） Futsal Committee.
   （9） Medical Committee.
   （10） Player's Status Committee.
2. The chairmen and deputy chairmen of the standing committees shall be members of the Executive Committee with the exception of those for the Internal Audit Committee, who cannot belong to the Executive Committee. The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Members of the Chinese Taipei Football Association or the President of the Chinese Taipei Football Association. The chairmen, deputy chairmen and the members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of four years.
3. Each chairman shall represent his committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant organization regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.
4. Each chairman shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report back to the Executive Committee.
5. Article Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

Article 44: Organizing Committee for the Chinese Taipei Football Association competitions

Organizing Committee for the Chinese Taipei Football Association competitions consists of three to twelve members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson. The committee is responsible for organizing relevant football competitions in accordance with the Statutes and the related regulations of the Association.

Article 45: Technical Development Committee

The Technical Development Committee consists of three to twelve members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson. The committee is responsible for analyzing the elements of football training and technical development, as well as handling all matters related to the development of youth and junior football.

Article 46: Women's Football Committee

The Women's Football Committee consists of three to twelve members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson. In accordance with the Statutes and related regulations of the Association, the committee is responsible for all matters related to women's football development.

Article 47: Futsal Committee

The Futsal Committee consists of three to twelve members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson. In accordance with the Statutes and related regulations of the Association, the committee is responsible for all matters related to futsal development.

Article 48: Player Status Committee

The Player Status Committee consists of three to twelve members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson, and is responsible for the following matters:

1. Formulating regulations concerning player status and transfers in compliance with the regulations set by FIFA, AFC, EAFF, and the Statutes of the Association.
2. Supervising clubs, teams, and relevant entities to ensure their conduct regarding players aligns with the regulations mentioned in the preceding paragraph.
3. Other matters related to the rights and affairs of player status.

Article 49: Referee Committee

The Referee Committee consists of three to twelve members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson, with at least half of the members being active or retired referees. The committee is responsible for the following matters:

1. Appointing referees for competitions held by the Association and handling related affairs.
2. Supervising the education and development of referees.
3. Other matters related to the rights and duties of referees.

Article 50: Finance Committee

The Finance Committee consists of 3 to 12 members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson. The committee is responsible for providing the Executive Committee with analysis and suggestions regarding the Association's budget, financial reports, and asset management.

Article 51: Medical Committee

The Medical Committee consists of 3 to 12 members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson. Both the chairperson and the vice chairperson must hold domestic medical doctor licenses. The committee is responsible for addressing matters related to anti-doping, sports medicine, rehabilitation medicine, and other football-related medical affairs.

Article 52: Legal Committee

The Legal Committee consists of 3 to 12 members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson. Both the chairperson and the vice chairperson must have legal expertise. The committee is responsible for drafting and amending relevant regulations, as well as researching and analyzing fundamental legal issues related to football, including ethics and fair play.

Section 7: Election Committee and Election Appeals Committee

Article 53: Election Committee and Election Appeals Committee

1. The Election Committee consists of five members and three alternate members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson who oversee the Association's elections. The chairperson and vice chairperson are elected from among the committee members.
2. The members of the Election Committee are elected by the Congress, serving a four-year term, with the possibility of re-election for one additional term. The Election Committee must exercise its duties independently. Members may not simultaneously serve as members of the Executive Committee, members of the Audit and Compliance Committee, officials, or members of other bodies within the Association during the same term.
3. The Election Appeals Committee consists of three members and two alternate members, including a chairperson and a vice chairperson who are responsible for reviewing appeals related to candidate eligibility decisions made by the Election Committee. The chairperson and vice chairperson are elected among the committee members.
4. The members of the Election Appeals Committee are elected by the Congress, serving a four-year term, with the possibility of re-election for one additional term. The Election Appeals Committee must exercise its duties independently, and its members may not simultaneously serve as members of the Executive Committee, members of Audit and Compliance Committee, officials, or members of other bodies within the Association during the same term.
5. At least one member of both the Election Committee and the Election Appeals Committee must have legal expertise.

Section 8: Judicial Bodies

Article 54: General Provisions of Judicial Bodies

1. The judicial bodies of the Association consist of the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee, which carry out their duties in accordance with the Statutes, Disciplinary Code, and relevant regulations.
2. The Disciplinary Code must establish guidelines regarding the authority and responsibilities of the judicial bodies.
3. The judicial bodies must exercise their powers independently. Committee members may not simultaneously serve as members of the Executive Committee, members of the Audit and Compliance Committee, officials, or members of other bodies within the Association.
4. The Disciplinary Code must establish rules regarding the recusal of judicial bodies' members due to conflicts of interest.

Article 55: Disciplinary Committee

1. The Disciplinary Committee consists of five to seven members, appointed by the decision of the Congress, with a term of office lasting four years. Among them, one will serve as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, both the chairperson and vice chairperson must possess legal expertise.
2. The Disciplinary Committee may pronounce sanctions under the Disciplinary Code or related regulations on members, officials, players, schools, clubs, match agents, or football agents who violate the Disciplinary Code or related regulations.
3. Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee require the attendance of more than half of its current members. However, if the Disciplinary Code specifies otherwise, the chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee, or a member designated by the chairperson, may independently issue decisions.
4. The decisions issued by the Disciplinary Committee are binding on other bodies within the Association. However, the Congress or the Executive Committee retains the authority to pass decisions that suspend or expel a member's membership.

Article 56: Appeals Committee

1. The Appeals Committee consists of five to seven members appointed by decision of the Congress, with a term of office lasting two years. Among the members, one shall serve as the chairperson and another as the vice chairperson, both the chairperson and vice chairperson must possess legal expertise.
2. The Appeals Committee is responsible for reviewing appeals against decisions made by the Disciplinary Committee. The scope and types of appeals that may be accepted are determined by the Disciplinary Code.
3. Decisions of the Appeals Committee require attendance by more than half of its members, except as otherwise specified by the Disciplinary Code. In such cases, the chairperson of the Appeals Committee, or a member designated by the chairperson, may make decisions independently.

Section 9: General Secretariat

Article 57: General Secretariat

1. The General Secretariat is the internal administrative organization of the Association, responsible for executing its administrative duties.
2. The Secretariat designates one General Secretary, several Deputy General Secretary, and other full-time staff members, who manage the Association's affairs under the directive of the President.
3. The General Secretariat, under the leadership of the General Secretary, is responsible for the following tasks:
   （1） Implementing decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee.
   （2） Organizing meetings of the Congress, the Executive Committee, and various committees, with the General Secretary serving as the representative in attendance.
   （3） Drafting minutes for meetings of the Congress, the Executive Committee, and other committees.
   （4） Managing the Association's relevant accounts and records.
   （5） Assisting the President in handling external affairs and maintaining relations with FIFA, AFC, EAFF, and other members.
   （6） Assisting the Election Committee and the Election Appeal Committee in organizing various elections within the Association.
   （7） Carrying out additional tasks as required.

Article 58: General Secretary

1. The General Secretary serves as the executive officer of the General Secretariat, nominated by the President and appointed upon the approval of the Executive Committee
2. The General Secretary must not have any of the followings:
   （1） A confirmed criminal conviction, except those who have completed probation.
   （2） A confirmed judgment of security measures that is yet to be executed or incompletely executed.
   （3） Declared bankruptcy without restoration of rights.
   （4） Declared under guardianship or assistance without revocation.
3. The responsibilities of the General Secretary are as follows:
   （1） Execute the orders of the President and the Executive Committee in managing and directing the General Secretariat.
   （2） Attend meetings of the Congress, the Executive Committee, and various committees.
   （3） With the President's authorization and approval, handle appointments and dismissals of General Secretariat personnel.

Chapter 4: Finance

Article 59: Financial Principles

1. The fiscal year of the Association is based on the calendar year, running from January 1 to December 31 each year.
2. The Association must prepare an annual work plan and income and expenditure budget before the start of each fiscal year. After the end of the fiscal year, it must compile an annual work report, income and expenditure final accounts, balance sheet, and property inventory in accordance with legal requirements.
3. The annual final accounts and related financial statements of the Association must be submitted to a certified public accountant for auditing and certification within five months following the end of the fiscal year.
4. The Association must adhere to the fundamental principle of pursuing a balance between financial income and expenditure.

Article 60: Revenue

The sources of revenue for the Association are as follows:

1. Membership fees, with the amounts and payment deadlines determined by the Congress.
2. Registration fees for the association's registration system.
3. Funding from FIFA, and AFC.
4. Entry fees collected for various competitions and royalties from authorized activities.
5. Fines paid by entities under the Association's jurisdiction.
6. Various subsidies.
7. Revenue from entrusted operations or interest earned from funds and deposits.
8. Other revenue consistent with the missions and spirit of the Association.
9. Other donations.

Article 61: Expenditures

The Association's expenditures may include the followings:

1. Expenses stipulated in the budget approved by the Congress.
2. Other expenses decided by the Congress.
3. Expenses consistent with the missions and spirit of FIFA, AFC, EAFF, and the Association.

Article 62: Disclosure of Financial Statements

The Association must establish a dedicated financial disclosure section on its website to publish the annual financial statements and related reports audited and certified by the certified public accountants.

Chapter 5: Domestic Competitions

Article 63: Domestic Competitions

1. To promote football, the Association must organize national-level competitions for men and women.
2. The Executive Committee may formulate additional regulations authorizing external organizations to host various competitions.
3. Members of the Association must prioritize competitions organized by the Association, and their participation in external competitions must not conflict with those held by the Association.

Article 64: Regulations for Club Licensing

Based on the minimum standards stipulated by FIFA and AFC's club licensing regulations, the Executive Committee of the Association may establish regulations for club licensing concerning participation in the Association's competitions.

Article 65: Authorization Matters

1. The Association holds the intellectual property rights related to the marketing, broadcasting, audiovisual materials, and publications of the competitions mentioned in Article 62. Licensing and related transactions must be conducted in an open and transparent manner and must not violate laws, the Statutes, or other relevant regulations.
2. To implement the preceding matters, the Association must establish special regulations to specify the relevant details.

Chapter 6: International Competitions

Article 66: International Competitions

1. The Association must adhere to the International Competition Calendar published by FIFA. All arrangements for international competitions must comply with FIFA's international competition regulations and require approval from the relevant Confederations.
2. The rights to organize international competitions involving representative teams, leagues, clubs, or teams at all levels belong exclusively to FIFA, AFC, and the relevant associations. No such matches or competitions may be conducted without prior approval from FIFA, AFC, the relevant associations, or their member associations in accordance with international competition regulations of FIFA.

Article 67: Restrictions

1. The Association and its members may only engage in competitions or sports exchanges with member associations or confederations of FIFA, as well as temporary member recognized by FIFA.
2. Any club, league, or related team affiliated with the Association must not change its affiliation to another association or participate in competitions held under the jurisdiction of another association without prior authorization from the Association, the counterpart association, and FIFA.

Chapter 7: Arbitration

Article 68: Arbitration of Domestic Disputes

1. Players, coaches, officials, football agents, match agents, clubs or members of the Association who disagree with the Association's decisions on related disputes may, in accordance with the Statutes and relevant regulations, file an appeal to the Association. After exhausting all internal remedies within the Association, the case may be submitted to the CAS (TAS), unless binding national legal provisions specifically provide otherwise.
2. Any person who disagrees with the Association's decision may submit the case to the CAS (TAS) in accordance with the regulations of CAS (TAS) after exhausting all internal remedies within the Association, unless binding national legal provisions specifically provide otherwise.

Article 69: Arbitration of International Disputes

1. For disputes arising from or related to the statutes, regulations, directives, and decisions of FIFA or AFC, such international disputes fall under the jurisdiction of FIFA or AFC. The parties involved must adhere to the statutes and relevant regulations of FIFA or AFC and ultimately submit the dispute to the CAS (TAS).
2. International dispute arbitration must be filed in accordance with the relevant rules of the CAS (TAS).

Chapter 8: Supplementary Provisions

Article 70: Application of the Statutes

1. Matters not stipulated in the Statutes must be handled in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.
2. When interpreting the Statutes, reference should be made to the statutes and related provisions of FIFA or AFC.

Article 71: Dissolution

1. A motion to dissolve the Association must be included in the meeting notice of the Congress. It cannot be proposed as a temporary motion and must be approved by at least three-fourths of all members at the Congress.
2. After the dissolution of the Association, any remaining assets must be transferred to another national association as designated by FIFA.

Article 72: Implementation

The Statutes will come into effect following approval by the Congress and submission to the competent authority for recordkeeping. The same procedure applies to the amendments.

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