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DEFINITIONS

The terms below refer to the following:

TERM	DEFINITION
IRAQ	Republic of Iraq
FIFA	International Federation of Football Associations
AFC	Asian Football Association
IFA	Iraqi Football Association
INOC	Iraqi National Olympic Committee
AGCFF	Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation
UAFA	Union of Arab Football Associations
WAFF	West Asia Football Federation
Association/Federation	A Football Association recognized as such by FIFA. It is a member of FIFA & the relevant continental confederation.
Association Football	The game controlled by FIFA and organized by FIFA, the Confederations and/or Member Associations in accordance with the Laws of the Game”.
IFAB	International Football Association Board
CAS	Court of Arbitration for Sports in Lausanne/Switzerland
Arbitration Body	An independent quasi-judicial body specializing in sports disputes.
Confederation	A group of Member Associations recognized by FIFA that belong to the same continent (or a similar geographic region).
Regional Association:	An organization affiliated with a confederation.
General Assembly	The supreme & legislative body of the Iraqi Football Association through its Congress
Executive Committee	The executive body of the Iraqi Football Association such as Clubs, Leagues, Branch (domestic) Associations
General Secretariat	The administrative body of the Iraqi Football Association
Member	A legal entity that is a member of Iraqi Football Association
Delegate	A natural person appointed and registered to represent a Member at the Congress
Stakeholder	A person, entity or organization which has an interest or concern in the IFA activities and/or which may affect or be affected by the IFA actions, objectives and policies, including, without limitation: Clubs, Players, supporters, referees, coaches, Leagues, commercial partners, sponsors....etc

League	An organization affiliated with the federation
Player	A professional or amateur football player licensed with a Football Association
Official	Any member of the Board of Directors (including members of the Executive Committee), a committee member, a referee, an assistant referee, a coach, and any other person responsible for technical, medical, and administrative matters at FIFA, the AFC, another confederation, league, or club, and any other persons bound to comply with the FIFA Statutes (excluding intermediaries and intermediaries/agents).
Club	A member of a federation (a member of FIFA and the relevant continental confederation) or a member of a league recognized by a federation that enters at least one team in a competition.
Ordinary Courts	The state courts that hear public and private legal disputes
Laws of the Game	The Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes.

Note: Terms referring to natural persons include both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice versa.

I. General Provisions

Article 1: Legal Form, Headquarters, and Trademarks

- 1. Iraqi Football Association is a private organization, established on October 8, 1948, and its membership was extended in accordance with Iraqi legislation, specifically the National Sports Federations Law of 2021, which was approved by the Iraqi Council of Representatives on January 13, 2021, for an indefinite period.**
- 2. IFA headquarters is located in Baghdad at Al-Shaab Stadium in Zayouna, 10091, Baghdad.**
- 3. Iraqi Football Association is a member of FIFA (1950), the Asian Football Confederation (1970), the Arab Football Federation (1974), the Arab Gulf Cup Football Federation (2016), and the West Asian Football Federation (2000).**
- 4. IFA Flag has standard dimensions and is white with IFA logo in the center.**
- 5. IFA Symbol is IFA Logo.**
- 6. IFA Logo consists of two concentric circles that form the border between Iraq and the inner circle. The inner circle contains IFA name in Arabic and English in black, two olive branches in green, and the Lion of Babylon in the center in black and yellow.**
- 7. The abbreviation for the Iraqi Football Association is IFA in English.**
- 8. The flag, symbol, logo, and abbreviation are legally protected under the Trademarks Law and the descriptions of Iraqi Law No. 21 of 1957, as amended by the Iraqi Trademarks and Geographical Indications Law No. 80 of 2004.**

Article 2 - Objectives

The objectives of Iraqi Football Association are:

- a) To continuously develop, promote, organize, and control the game of football throughout Iraq in light of fair play and its unified educational, cultural, and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programs.**

- b) To organize football, futsal, and beach soccer competitions at the national level, by precisely defining, where appropriate, the areas of authority delegated to the various federations that comprise it.**
- c) To establish regulations and rules and ensure their implementation.**
- d) To protect the interests of the members.**
- e) To respect the laws, regulations, directives, and decisions issued by FIFA, the Asian Football Confederation, and the Iraqi Football Association, and to prevent any violation of the laws of the game and ensure that these laws are respected.**
- f) To promote integrity, ethics, and fair play by preventing all methods or practices, such as bribery or drug use. Doping or match-fixing, which may jeopardize the integrity of matches, games, and the rights of officials and referees, or lead to misuse of the football, futsal, or beach soccer federation.**
- g) To Promote and strengthen the principles and practices of good governance at the national level and encouraging referees to adopt the principles of good governance.**
- h) To Promote the development of women's football and the full participation of women in all aspects of football administration.**
- i) To control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms held throughout Iraq.**
- j) To control and supervise the football, futsal, and beach soccer federations at the national level and monitoring all forms of international football matches held throughout Iraq, in accordance with the relevant FIFA and affiliated federation rules and regulations.**
- k) To manage international sports relations related to the football, futsal, and football federations. Beach Soccer.**
- l) To host international and other sporting events.**
- m) To maintain communication and cooperation with FIFA, AFC, and other national federations.**
- n) To seek and find new financial resources for the Iraqi Football Association through marketing rights and television broadcasting rights, or under any**

other name, in a manner that does not conflict with the objectives of the game and with the AFC & FIFA regulations.

- o) To disseminate information on the activities of FIFA, AFC, the Arab Football Federation, the Arabian Gulf Cup Football Federation, and the West Asian Football Federation.

Article 3 - Human Rights

The Iraqi Football Association is committed to respecting all internationally recognized human rights and strives to promote the protection of these rights.

Article 4 - Non-Discrimination and Equality

Discrimination of any kind against a country, person, or group of people on the basis of race, skin color, ethnic, national, social, gender, disability, language, religion, political or other opinion, or wealth, or birth or any other status, or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension, expulsion, and/or other disciplinary measures.

Article 5 - Neutrality and Institutional Independence

1. Iraqi Football Association must be neutral in political and religious matters.
2. IFA Members must also be neutral in political and religious matters and must ensure that members remain neutral.
3. Iraqi Football Association remains independent and avoids any form of undue political interference. Iraqi Football Association must manage its affairs independently and ensure that its affairs are not influenced by any third party.

Article 6 - Promoting Friendly Relations

1. Iraqi Football Association promotes friendly relations among its members, clubs, officials, and within the community to achieve humanitarian goals.
2. Iraqi Football Association provides the necessary means for resolving any internal dispute that may arise between members, clubs, officials, and others.

Article 7 - Players

1. Player affairs and registration regulations are governed by the Executive Committee in accordance with FIFA's Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
2. Players must be registered in accordance with IFA Regulations.

Article 8 - Laws of the Game

1. Iraqi Football Association and all its members must play football in accordance with the Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board (IFAB). Only the IFAB may establish and amend the Laws of the Game.
2. Iraqi Football Association and all its members must play futsal in accordance with the Laws of the Game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may establish and amend the Futsal Laws of the Game.
3. Iraqi Football Association and all its members must play beach soccer in accordance with the Laws of the Game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may establish and amend the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

Article 9. Conduct of Bodies, Officials, and Others

1. All IFA Bodies and Officials must adhere to the FIFA, AFC & IFA Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions, and Codes of Ethics in the conduct of their activities.
2. Every person and organization participating in football, futsal, and beach soccer in Iraq is obliged to adhere to FIFA, AFC & IFA Statutes and any other relevant laws, in addition to the principles of fair play, loyalty, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Article 10 - Official Languages

1. IFA official languages are Arabic, Kurdish, and English. Official documents and texts shall be written in these languages. In case of any discrepancy in the text versions in different languages, the Arabic version shall prevail.
2. The official languages of the General Assembly are Arabic, Kurdish & English.

II. Membership

Article 11 - Admission, Suspension, and Expulsion

1. IFA General Assembly shall decide on the admission, suspension, or expulsion of any member.
2. Admission may be granted if the applicant meets IFA Requirements in accordance with these Statutes.
3. Membership terminates upon resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not absolve the member of their financial obligations to the Iraqi Football Association or any of its members, but it does result in the loss of all rights related to the Iraqi Football Association.
4. Iraqi Football Association shall ensure the representation of all relevant stakeholders in its General Assembly. The interests of women's football shall be adequately represented in the General Assembly.

Article 12 - Members

The members of the Iraqi Football Association are:

1. Football clubs of the first division of the Iraqi National League.
2. Football clubs of the second division of the Iraqi National League
3. IFA Branch Associations (in the governorates)
4. Players' Association
5. Referees' Association
6. Coaches' Association
7. Women' Futsal League
8. Men's Futsal League
9. Men's Beach Soccer League

“Article 12, Paragraphs (1) and (2) were amended by the Ordinary General Assembly Congress of the Iraqi Football Association dated April 19, 2025.”

Article 13 - Admission to Membership

1. Any legal entity wishing to become an IFA member must submit a written application to IFA General Secretariat.
2. The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory documents:

- a) A copy of the legally valid statutes or founding document and, where applicable, the bylaws.**
- b) A declaration that it will comply at all times with FIFA,AFC & IFA Statues, Bylaws& Decisions and ensure that they are respected, where possible, by its members, clubs, officials, and players.**
- c) A declaration that it will comply with current IFAB Laws of the Game for Football, FIFA Laws of the Game for Beach Soccer and FIFA Laws of the Game for Futsal.**
- d) A declaration that, as a last resort (after exhausting all internal channels within the Iraqi Football Association), it will refer any dispute of a national dimension arising from or relating to the IFA Statutes, Regulations, Directives & Decisions to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), which shall have final jurisdiction over the dispute, excluding any ordinary court, unless expressly prohibited by applicable Iraqi legislation.**
- e) A declaration that any dispute of an international dimension arising from or relating to the Statutes, Regulations, Directives, and Decisions of FIFA and the AFC may only be submitted, as a last resort, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as defined in the Statutes of FIFA and the AFC.**
- f) A declaration that it recognizes the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, as defined in the Statutes of FIFA and the AFC and its decisions. (h) A declaration that it is located in and registered in Iraq.**
- g) A declaration stating that the applicant's legal structure ensures its ability to make decisions independently of any external par**
- h) A declaration stating that its governing bodies have been elected or appointed through a process guaranteeing the complete independence of the election or appointment, as stipulated in its statutes.**
- i) A list of officials, specifying those authorized to sign and have the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.**
- j) A copy of the minutes of the last General Assembly or founding meeting.**
- k) A declaration that it undertakes to organize or participate in friendly matches only with the prior approval of the Iraqi Football Association.**
- l) A declaration that it will consider Iraq as its home country for all its official matches.**

Article 14 - Application and Procedures for Membership

- 1. The admission procedures are governed by special regulations approved by the Executive Committee.**
- 2. The Executive Committee must request the General Assembly to either accept or reject the application. The applicant may explain the reasons for its application to the General Assembly.**
- 3. A new member acquires the rights and obligations of membership upon acceptance. Their delegates are entitled to vote and be elected with immediate effect.**

Article 15 - Members' Rights

- 1. Members of the Iraqi Football Association enjoy the following rights:**
 - a) To participate in the General Assembly, receive its agenda in advance, and be invited to the General Assembly within the specified timeframe to exercise their rights to participate in discussions and vote.**
 - b) To submit proposals for inclusion on the General Assembly's agenda.**
 - c) To nominate candidates for election and/or appointment to relevant bodies within the Iraqi Football Association.**
 - d) To be informed of the affairs of the Iraqi Football Association through its official bodies.**
 - e) To participate in competitions (where applicable) and/or other sporting activities organized by the Iraqi Football Association.**
 - f) To exercise all other rights arising from the laws and regulations of the Iraqi Football Association.**
- 2. The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in the statutes and regulations in force within the Iraqi Football Association.**

Article 16 - Members' Obligations

- 1. Members of the Iraqi Football Association have the following obligations:**
 - a) To fully comply with FIFA, AFC, IFA Statutes, Regulations, Directives, & Decisions at all times, and to ensure that their members respect them.**

- b) To ensure that its decision-making bodies are elected at least every four years.**
- c) To Participate in competitions (if any) and other sporting activities organized by Iraqi Football Association.**
- d) To pay their membership dues.**
- e) To respect the IFAB Laws of the Game as well as FIFA Laws of Futsal & FIFA Laws of Beach Soccer and to ensure that their members respect these laws through legal rulings.**
- f) To adopt a legal clause stipulating that any dispute of an International dimension arising from or relating to the IFA Statutes, Regulations, Directives, and Decisions may only be referred, as a last resort (i.e., after exhausting all internal channels within the Iraqi Football Association), to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The CAS shall have the final say in the dispute, excluding any ordinary court, unless expressly prohibited by Iraqi legislation.**
- g) To adopt a legal clause stipulating that any dispute of an International dimension arising from or relating to the FIFA or AFC Statutes, Regulations, Directives, and Decisions may only be referred (i.e., after exhausting all internal channels within the Iraqi Football Association), to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as a last resort as defined in the FIFA & AFC Statutes**
- h) To manage their affairs independently and ensure that they are not influenced by any third party, in accordance with Article 20 of these statutes.**
- i) To ensure that their bodies are elected or appointed in accordance with a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the elections or appointments.**
- j) To notify Iraqi Football Association of any amendments to their statutes and regulations, as well as the list of authorized signatories who have the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties.**
- k) To cut any sporting relationships with unrecognized entities or with members who have been suspended or expelled.**

- l) To uphold the principles of loyalty, integrity, and good sportsmanship as an expression of fair play through legal provisions.**
 - m) To observe the mandatory elements specified in Article 13, Paragraph 2 of these statutes for the duration of their membership.**
 - n) To maintain and regularly update the membership register.**
 - o) To ratify statutes that comply with the requirements of these statutes.**
 - p) To comply fully with all other obligations arising from FIFA, AFC & IFA regulations and bylaws.**
- 2. Violation of the above obligations by any member may result in the imposition of sanctions stipulated in these statutes.**
- 3. Violation of paragraph 1(d) above may also result in sanctions, even if the third-party effect is not due to the fault of the member concerned. Every IFA member is responsible for all actions taken by its members due to gross negligence or willful misconduct.**

Article 17 - Suspension of Membership

- 1. The IFA General Assembly may suspend a Member's membership only at the request of IFA Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may, without a vote of the General Assembly, immediately implement a provisional suspension of any Member who seriously violates its obligations. A suspension approved by the Executive Committee shall remain in effect until the next General Assembly Congress, unless the Executive Committee revokes the suspension before the IFA Congress.**
- 2. The suspension of an IFA Member by the General Assembly requires a three-quarters (3/4) majority of the Members present and eligible to vote.**
- 3. The suspension of a Member's membership must be confirmed by the IFA Executive Committee at the next General Assembly Congress by a three-quarters (3/4) majority of the Members present and eligible to vote. If it is not confirmed, the suspension shall be automatically lifted.**
- 4. The Congress may lift the suspension of a Member only upon the request of the Executive Committee. Lifting the suspension of a Member by the General Assembly Congress requires a three-quarters (3/4) majority of the Members present and eligible to vote.**

5. A suspended Member loses its membership rights. Other Members may not engage in any sporting activity with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions.
6. Members who do not participate in the IFA sporting activities for two (2) consecutive years are suspended from voting at the Congress for two years. Their representatives may not elect or be elected, may not appoint or be appointed until they fulfill their obligations in this regard.

Article 18 - Expulsion

1. The Congress may expel a Member only upon the request of the Executive Committee in the following cases, without restriction:
 - a. Failure to meet its financial obligations to FIFA, AFC, , or IFA.
 - b. Serious and/or repeated violations of FIFA, AFC, & IFA Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Standing Orders
2. A majority (more than 50%) of eligible voting members at the Congress is required for a vote to expel an IFA Member to be valid.
3. A motion to expel a Member must be adopted by a three-quarters (3/4) majority of the Members present and eligible to vote.

Article 19 - Resignation

1. A member may resign at the end of each calendar year. The notice of resignation must reach the General Secretariat no less than two months before the end of the calendar year.
2. A resignation is not valid until the resigning member has fulfilled its financial obligations to the Iraqi Football Association and its other members.

Article 20 - Independence of Members and Their Bodies

1. Each Member must manage their affairs independently and without any influence from third parties.
2. Members' bodies are elected. The Members' statutes stipulate a democratic election process that guarantees the complete independence of the election.

3. Any Member bodies not elected in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 above, even on a temporary basis, will not be recognized by the Iraqi Football Association.
4. Decisions passed by bodies not elected in accordance with paragraph 2 above are not recognized by the Iraqi Football Association.

Article 21 - Status of Clubs, Leagues, Club Groups, Branch & Other Associations

1. Clubs, Leagues, Branch Associations or other Club groups playing under the Iraqi Football Association should be recognized by the the Iraqi Football Association as IFA affiliated entities.
2. These Statutes define the scope of authority, rights, and obligations of the entities mentioned in paragraph 1 above. Their laws and regulations must comply with the requirements and obligations of the IFA Statutes and regulations. The Statutes and regulations of its members must be approved by the Iraqi Football Association. The Iraqi Football Association has primary responsibility for regulating matters related to refereeing, anti-doping, player registration, club licensing, and the enforcement of disciplinary measures, including ethical measures related to misconduct, as well as measures necessary to protect the integrity of competitions.
3. The entities mentioned in paragraph 1 above make all decisions regarding any matter relating to their membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of their organizational structure.
4. The entities mentioned in paragraph 1 above shall submit an updated annual list of their voting members (those who have held full membership for at least one year prior to the day before the election) to be eligible to represent their member associations within the Iraqi Football Association. This submission must be made at least 60 days before the Iraqi Football Association's Annual General Congress.
5. In any case, no natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) may exercise control over more than one club or group of clubs to avoid jeopardizing the integrity of any match or competition.

Article 21, paragraph (1) was amended by IFA Ordinary Congress of IFA General Assembly on 19/April/2025.

III. HONORARY PRESIDENCY & HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Article 22 - Honorary President and Honorary Membership

1. IFA General Assembly may grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Membership to any individual in recognition of their contributions to football.
2. IFA Executive Committee shall make these nominations.
3. The Honorary President or Honorary Member may participate in the General Assembly and join the discussions without the right to vote.

IV. ORGANIZATION

Article 23. Bodies

1. The General Assembly is the supreme legislative body of the Iraqi Football Association.
2. The Executive Committee is the executive body of the Iraqi Football Association.
3. The General Secretariat is the operational and administrative body of the Iraqi Football Association.
4. The Standing and Ad hoc committees provide advice and assistance to the Executive Committee and the General Secretariat in the performance of their duties.
5. The Club Licensing Committees are responsible for the club licensing system within the Iraqi Football Association.
6. The Independent Committees perform their duties in accordance with these Statutes and the applicable regulations. The Independent Committees are the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Electoral Committees.

7. The Judicial Bodies are the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and the Appeals Committee, which are also independent bodies.
8. The bodies must be elected or appointed by the Iraqi Football Association itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures outlined in these Statutes. Members of bodies must not have been convicted of any criminal offense incompatible with their position.
9. Any member of a body must recuse themselves from discussion and decision-making if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interest. In particular, members of bodies must always be aware of and comply with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Code of Ethics regarding conflicts of interest and modify their conduct as necessary (e.g., refraining from performing their duties, notifying the President of potential conflicts of interest, etc.).

Article 24 - Removal of a Body Member

1. The General Assembly may remove a member of a body. The Executive Committee may also provisionally suspend a member of a body, with the exception of members of independent commissions. The approval of the General Assembly must be confirmed by the Executive Committee, unless the suspension is lifted in the meantime. If the next General Assembly is of an electoral nature, the suspended member must be allowed to stand for election (provided they meet the relevant eligibility criteria) on a conditional basis, depending on the final decision of the General Assembly regarding their suspension, which must be taken before the election.
2. The motion for dismissal must be justified and must be sent to the members of the Executive Committee and/or the members of the Association along with the agenda.
3. The member concerned has the right to defend themselves before the Executive Committee and/or the General Assembly. Dismissal is decided by secret ballot in the Executive Committee and/or the General Assembly. A two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast is required for the motion to pass.
4. The dismissed member is relieved (not temporarily) of their duties with immediate effect.

A. The General Assembly

Article 25 - Definition and Formation

1. The General Assembly (The Congress) is a gathering of all members held regularly and represents IFA supreme legislative authority. Only the General Assembly, duly convened, has the power to make decisions.
2. The General Assembly is formed in accordance with the principles of representative democracy and takes into account the importance of gender equality in football.
3. The General Assembly Congress may be ordinary or extraordinary.
4. The President shall preside over the General Assembly in accordance with these bylaws, the General Assembly's standing instructions, and any applicable regulations.
5. Members of the Executive Committee may attend the General Assembly Congress, but may not vote.
6. The Executive Committee may appoint observers to participate in the Congress without the right to participate in discussions or vote.
7. Honorary Presidents or Honorary Members may participate in the Congress and may join in the discussions, but they may not vote.

“Paragraph (5) was added to Article (25) by IFA General Assembly on April 19, 2025.”

Article 26 - Delegates and Voting

1. The General Assembly consists of 68 members. The number of votes is allocated as follows: each member has one (1) vote and may be represented by a maximum of two delegates to participate in the General Assembly. The votes are distributed as follows:
 - a) (20) clubs from the First Division League: one vote for each club, designated by a decision issued by the league's organizing body or the Executive Committee.
 - b) (20) clubs from the Second Division League: one vote for each club, designated by a decision issued by the league's organizing body or the Executive Committee.

- c) IFA Branch Associations, totaling 17 votes. However, if Baghdad Branch Association and Halabja Branch Association are accepted as IFA members with the approval of the General Assembly, the Branch Associations will have 19 votes.
- d) Players Association: one vote.
- e) Referees Association with one vote.
- f) Coaches Association with one vote
- g) Women's Futsal League: (Top 2 clubs from the previous season) with two votes.
- h) Men's Futsal League: (Top 2 clubs from the previous season) with two votes.
- i) Men's Beach Soccer League: (Top 2 teams from the previous season) with two votes.

“Article 26, paragraphs (a) and (b) were amended by IFA Ordinary General Assembly Congress held on April 19, 2025.

- 2. Delegates must belong to the member they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body for that member. If delegates are members of IFA Executive Committee and wish to run for any elected body, they must resign from their executive positions upon election. They must also be able to provide proof of this upon request.
- 3. Voting by proxy through a lawyer or by sending a letter is not permitted.
- 4. Members of the Executive Committee and the General Secretary participate in the General Assembly without voting rights during their terms of office. Members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates to the General Assembly.

Article 27 - Scope of Powers

The General Assembly shall have the following powers:

- a) To adopt or amend these statutes and the General Assembly's standing regulations.
- b) To appoint three members to verify the minutes and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

- c) To elect the President, Vice-Presidents, and members of the Executive Committee.
- d) To elect the President, Vice-Presidents, and members of independent Committees(such as the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Election Committees) and judicial bodies, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- e) To appoint three auditors to count the votes and assist the General Secretariat in distributing ballots.
- f) To approve the audited annual financial statements, including the consolidated financial statements and the annual report.
- g) To adopt the budget.
- h) To approve the activity report (which contains the activities of the Iraqi Football Association since the last Congress).
- i) To appoint independent and external auditors upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- j) To Complete membership subscriptions based on a proposal from the Executive Committee.
- k) To grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member, based on a proposal from the Executive Committee.
- l) To accept, suspend or expel a member.
- m) To remove a member from the Iraqi Football Association.
- n) To dissolve the Iraqi Football Association.
- o) To issue resolutions in the Member Register in accordance with these Statutes or to pass any resolution entrusted to the General Assembly in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 28 - Quorum

1. Resolutions issued by the General Assembly are valid only if a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the members eligible to vote are present.
2. If a quorum is not reached, a second meeting must be held within 24 hours with the same agenda.

3. A quorum is not required for the second meeting of the General Assembly, UNLESS the agenda proposes Amending these Statutes, Amending the Standing Orders of the Congress, , Electing IFA President, Vice- Presidents, Members of IFA Executive Committee as well as Electing Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson & Members of Independent Committees, Dismissing a Member of a body, Suspending a member's Membership, Expelling an IFA Member OR dissolving the Iraqi Football Association.
4. Once the IFA Congress is convened and constituted in accordance with these statutes, the quorum is not affected by the departure of delegates.

Article 29 - Resolutions

1. Resolutions requiring a vote are reached by a show of hands or by electronic counting, unless the Congress decides otherwise. If a show of hands does not produce a clear majority in favor of the proposal, the vote shall be conducted by calling the roll of the list in alphabetical order.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated in these statutes, a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is sufficient for a resolution to be adopted. Blank ballots, invalid votes, or electronic votes that have been tampered with in any way, as well as abstentions, are disregarded when calculating the majority.

Article 30. Elections

1. Elections are conducted by secret ballot.
2. Elections must be conducted in accordance with the Iraqi Football Association's election law and must be supervised by the electoral committee.
3. Elections for positions within the Executive Committee are conducted by position. At least one position must be reserved for a woman. The female candidate receiving the highest number of votes (among other female candidates for the same position) is elected. Each candidate must be nominated by at least five members for the position of President, at least three members for the positions of Vice President, and at least two members for other positions. Each member must nominate only one

candidate for each position. If a member supports more than one candidate, none of their endorsements will be considered valid.

- 4. The President, Vice-Presidents, and members of the Executive Committee (of the Iraqi Football Association and its sub-associations) are eligible to run for election directly without requiring nomination from another member, but they are not entitled to vote.**
- 5. A majority (more than 50%) of valid votes is required to elect the President and Vice-Presidents of the Iraqi Football Association. If a majority (more than 50%) of valid votes is not achieved, and there are more than two candidates for the position of President or for the positions of Vice-Presidents, the candidates receiving the fewest votes after each ballot will be eliminated until only two candidates remain. If there is only one candidate, the General Assembly may decide to elect them by acclamation.**

“Paragraph (4) was added to Article (30) by IFA Ordinary General Assembly Congress dated April 19, 2025”.

- 6. For the election of other members IFA Executive Committee, the candidate(s) who receive the most votes for the vacant seat(s) shall be elected.**
- 7. For the election of the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and members of the Independent Committees (i.e., the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Electoral Committees) as well as Judicial Bodies, the candidate(s) who receive the most votes for the vacant seat(s) shall be elected.**

These elections may be held collectively. However, at the request of at least three delegates representing the members, a separate vote shall be held for a specific candidate.
- 8. In the event of a tie in any election for anybody, two new ballots shall be held in accordance with the procedure set forth in this Article. If the vote remains tied, the position in question shall remain vacant until the next Congress convenes to conduct a new election in accordance with these Statutes.**
- 9. Blank ballots, invalid votes, electronic votes that have been tampered with in any way, and abstentions shall be excluded when calculating the majority.**
- 10. Nominations for any Executive Committee position shall be submitted to the General Secretariat at least 45 days before the relevant electoral Congress.**

11. The official list of candidates must be circulated to the members of the Football Association at least 15 days before the General Assembly at which the Executive Committee is elected. The provisions of this paragraph shall also apply when elections are held during an Extraordinary General Assembly.
12. Nominations for any position on the Independent Committees (i.e., the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Electoral Committees) and Judicial Bodies must be circulated to the members of the Iraqi Football Association at least 10 days before the Congress at which the relevant members are elected.

Article 31. The Ordinary Congress

1. The Ordinary Congress shall be held annually.
2. The Executive Committee shall determine the venue and date. Members must be notified in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance.
3. Any proposal that a member wishes to submit to the Congress must be sent to the General Secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the Congress
4. The official invitation must be issued in writing at least ten (10) days before the date of the General Assembly Congress. This invitation must include the agenda, the activity report, the financial statements, the reports of the external and independent auditors, and any other relevant documents.

Article 32. Agenda of the Ordinary Congress

1. The General Secretary shall prepare the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the members.
2. The agenda of the Congress must include the following mandatory items (in chronological order):
 - a) Declaration that the conference has been convened and constituted in accordance with the bylaws.
 - b) Approval of the agenda
 - c) Address by the chairperson
 - d) Appointment of members to verify the minutes.
 - e) Appointment of scrutineers to check the voting.
 - f) Suspension or Expulsion of IFA members (if applicable).
 - g) Approval of the minutes of the previous Congress.

- h) Activity report (containing activities since the last conference).
 - i) Presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet, profit and loss statement, as well as the reports of the independent and external auditors.
 - j) Approval of the audited financial statements.
 - k) Approval of the budget.
 - l) Voting on proposed amendments to these Statutes and Standing Orders of the Congress.
 - m) Discussing proposals submitted by members and the Executive Committee in accordance with the procedure stipulated in Article 31, Paragraph 3 of these statutes.
 - n) Appointing independent and external auditors from among the applicants (if any) based on a proposal from the Executive Committee.
 - o) Dismissing a member of a body affiliated with the Iraqi Football Association (if any).
 - p) Electing the President, Vice-Presidents, and Members of the Executive Committee (if any).
 - q) Electing members of independent committees, the Audit and Compliance Committee, electoral committees, and judicial bodies (if any).
 - r) Accepting new members (if any).
3. The General Assembly Congress may not decide on any item not included in the agenda.
 4. The agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly may be amended, provided that three-quarters (3/4) of the delegates representing the members present at the General Assembly and eligible to vote on such amendment approve the proposal.

Article 33 - Extraordinary Congress

1. The Executive Committee may convene the Extraordinary Congress at any time.
2. The Executive Committee must convene the Extraordinary Congress if one-third of the delegates submit a written request to that effect. The request must specify the items to be included in the agenda. The Congress must be held within 30 days of receiving the request. If the Extraordinary Congress is not

convened, the delegates (voting members) representing the members who requested it may call for a Congress to convene. They must inform the members of the Iraqi Football Association and the Executive Committee of the date and location of the Extraordinary Congress as well as the items to be included in the agenda, in accordance with paragraph 3 below.

3. Members must be notified of the location, date, and agenda at least 15 days prior to the date of the Extraordinary Congress.
4. When the Extraordinary Congress is convened at the initiative of the Executive Committee, the General Secretariat must determine the agenda. When the Assembly is convened at the request of the members, the agenda must include the points raised by those members.
5. The agenda of the Extraordinary Congress cannot be amended.

Article 34. Amendments to Statutes & Standing Orders of the Congress

1. The General Assembly Congress is responsible for amending these Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress
2. Any proposal to amend Statutes and Standing Orders of the Congress must be submitted in writing, along with a brief explanation, to the General Secretariat by a member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal submitted by delegates representing a member is valid, provided it is supported in writing by at least five (5) delegates representing members.
3. For an amendment to the Articles of Association and the Standing Regulations of the General Assembly to be valid, a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing members eligible to vote must be present.
4. No proposals to amend these Articles of Association and the Standing Regulations of the General Assembly shall be adopted unless it is approved by three-quarters (3/4) of the delegates representing members present and eligible to vote.

Article 35 – Minutes

The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the Congress. The minutes shall be reviewed by the appointed members and given final approval at the next Congress.

Article 36 - Effective Dates of Resolutions

Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly Congress shall take effect immediately upon the conclusion of the Congress, unless otherwise stipulated in these Articles of Association or unless the Congress sets another effective date for a resolution.

B. The Executive Committee

Article 37 - Composition

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of 13 members, at least one of whom shall be reserved for a woman, as follows:
 - a) One President
 - b) One First (Senior) Vice-President
 - c) One Second Vice- President
 - d) Ten Members
2. The President, Vice-Presidents, and other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the General Assembly in accordance with Articles 30 and 32.2, paragraph (i) of these Statutes. They shall be subject to an integrity check, to be conducted by the Electoral Committee, prior to their election or re-election.
3. The President, Vice-Presidents, and other members of the Executive Committee must hold a secondary school certificate and have at least five years of experience in football.
4. The term of office for the President, Vice-Presidents, and members of the Executive Committee shall be four years. Their term shall commence immediately upon the conclusion of the General Assembly Congress that elected them and shall end at the conclusion of the General Assembly Congress at which their successors are elected. No person may serve in any position (such as President, Vice-President, or Member of the Executive Committee) for more than three terms (consecutive or non-consecutive). The first term begins from the date of ratification of these Statutes in 2021.
5. All members of the Executive Committee must be actively involved in football and must meet the prerequisites stipulated in Article 23, Paragraph 8 of these Statutes.

6. A member of the Executive Committee may not simultaneously be a member of an independent committee or a judicial body, nor may they be appointed/elected as a delegate representing a member of the General Assembly.
7. If a position becomes vacant, or if up to 50% of the Executive Committee positions become vacant, the Executive Committee must appoint individuals to fill the position(s) in question until they are elected at the next General Assembly Congress for the remainder of the term.
8. If more than 50% of the Executive Committee positions become vacant, the General Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary Congress within the specified timeframe to elect the entire new Executive Committee.
9. Any position on the Executive Committee shall be considered vacant in the event of death, resignation, or permanent incapacitation of the member concerned.

Article 38 - Meetings

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least eight times a year. In the event of force majeure or exceptional circumstances, the meeting may be held using available communication technologies, and the necessary approvals may be obtained by electronic signatures.
2. The Chairperson shall convene meetings of the Executive Committee upon the request of a majority (more than 50%) of the Executive Committee members. The Chair must convene the meeting within 14 days of receiving the request. If the Chair fails to convene the requested meeting by the aforementioned deadline, the other members of the Executive Committee shall convene it themselves. However, the agenda must be sent to all members of the Executive Committee at least three days before the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 below.
3. The Chair, with the assistance of the Secretariat, shall prepare the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee may propose items for inclusion on the agenda. Members of the Executive Committee must submit their proposed agenda items to the Secretariat at least seven days before the

meeting. The agenda must be sent to the members of the Executive Committee at least three days before the meeting.

4. The General Secretary participates in Executive Committee meetings in an advisory capacity and without voting rights. If the General Secretary is unable to attend the meetings, he may appoint a representative to attend on his behalf, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
5. Executive Committee meetings are not held in public. However, the Executive Committee may invite third parties to attend. These third parties do not have the right to vote and may only express an opinion with the approval of the Executive Committee.
6. The Executive Committee must also decide on the need for an immediate meeting to address any matter requiring an urgent agreement among its members. If the Executive Committee members do not physically attend meetings, they can decide through other modern written communication methods (such as emails or postal mail).

Article 39 - Powers

The Executive Committee has the following powers:

- a) To make decisions in all cases that do not fall within the purview of the General Assembly or are not restricted to other bodies by law or by the Statutes.
- b) To prepare for ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies with the assistance of the Secretariat.
- c) To appoint Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, and members of Standing Committees.
- d) To decide on the formation of ad hoc committees as needed at any time.
- e) To approve and issue regulations governing the organization of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.
- g) To Appoint and dismiss the General Secretary upon the President's recommendation.
- h) To Propose independent and external auditors to the General Assembly.
- i) To Appoint replacements to fill vacant positions on independent committees until the next General Assembly Congress.

- j) To approve the issuance of instructions governing the conditions of participation in the IFA organized permanent competitions.
- k) To appoint coaches for the national teams and other technical staff.
- l) To adopt and issue the internal regulations of the Association.
- m) To ensure the implementation of these statutes and adopting the necessary executive arrangements for their application.
- n) To remove a member from a body or temporarily suspend a member of the Iraqi Football Association until the next General Assembly Congress.
- o) To delegate the tasks under its authority to other entities.
- p) To appoint observers who may participate in the General Assembly without having the right to discuss or vote.

Article 40 - Resolutions

- 1. The Executive Committee may not engage in a valid discussion unless a majority (more than 50%) of its members are present
- 2. The Executive Committee must reach decisions by a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- 3. Any member of the Executive Committee must withdraw from discussion and decision-making if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interest. Decisions taken are recorded in the minutes and are effective immediately unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

C - The President

Article 41 - The President

- 1. The President is primarily responsible for:
 - a) Implementing all decisions adopted by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee through the General Secretariat.
 - b) Ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies to achieve the objectives set forth in these Statutes.
 - c) Supervising the work of the General Secretariat.
 - d) Managing relations between IFA and its members, FIFA, the AFC , WAFF, political bodies, and other organizations.

2. The President alone has the right to propose to the Executive Committee the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary. The President chairs the meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, and any committees to which he is appointed chairman.
3. The President shall have an ordinary vote in the Executive Committee, and in the event of a tie, he shall have the casting vote.
4. If the President is absent or unavailable, the First Vice President shall act in his stead.
5. If the office of President becomes vacant as defined in Article 37, Paragraph 9 of these Statutes, the First Vice President shall act in his stead until the next General Assembly meeting. This General Assembly shall elect a new President for the remainder of the electoral term.
6. Any additional powers of the President shall be included in the copies of the IFA Internal Regulations.

Article 42 - Representation and Signature

The President represents the Iraqi Football Association in general. The Executive Committee shall adopt special provisions in IFA Internal Regulations regarding the joint signature of office holders.

D- General Secretariat

Article 43 - General Secretariat

The General Secretariat is the executive, operational, and administrative body and carries out the IFA work under the supervision of the General Secretary. The staff of the General Secretariat are bound by IFA Internal Regulations and are committed to carrying out their assigned duties in good faith.

Article 44 - The General Secretary

1. The General Secretary is IFA Chief Executive Officer.
2. The General Secretary is appointed by the Executive Committee upon the President's recommendation, based on an agreement governed by special law. The appointee must possess the necessary qualifications, including at

least a Bachelor's degree, sufficient experience, and acceptable levels of English language and communication skills.

3. The General Secretary is responsible for:
 - a) Implementing the decisions issued by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee, in accordance with the President's directives.
 - b) Attending to the General Assembly, Executive Committee meetings, and meetings of standing and ad hoc committees.
 - c) Organizing the General Assembly, Executive Committee meetings, and other bodies.
 - d) Maintaining the minutes of the General Assembly, Executive Committee meetings, and meetings of standing and ad hoc committees.
 - e) Managing and maintaining the accounts.
 - f) Correspondence
 - g) Relations with members, committees, FIFA, AFC & WAFF, under the President's guidance.
 - h) Organizing the General Secretariat.
 - i) Appointing and dismissing staff working in the General Secretariat.
 - j) Providing logistical and operational support to electoral commissions for the elections.
4. Any additional responsibilities and duties assigned to the General Secretary shall be stipulated in IFA Internal Regulations.
5. The General Secretary must not be a delegate to the General Assembly or a member of any other body of the Iraqi Football Association, nor a member of any executive body of the Iraqi Football Association.

E - Standing Committees

Article 45 - Standing Committees

1. The standing committees are:
 - a) Finance Committee.
 - b) Competitions Committee.
 - c) Technical and Development Committee.
 - d) Referees Committee.
 - e) Women's Football Committee.

- f) Players' Affairs Committee.
 - g) Youth Committee.
 - h) National Teams Management Committee.
 - i) Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee.
 - j) Medical Committee.
2. The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson & Members of each standing committee may be members of the Executive Committee. Members of each standing committee are appointed by the Executive Committee upon the recommendation of IFA Members or IFA president. The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson & Members of the standing committees are appointed for a four-year term.
 3. Each chairperson must represent the committee assigned to them and conduct its business in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Football Association's internal regulations, as approved by the Executive Committee.
 4. Each chairperson must schedule meetings in cooperation with the General Secretary, ensure the execution of all tasks, and report to the Executive Committee.
 5. The Executive Committee and each Standing Committee may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, establish an office and/or subcommittee to address urgent matters, if necessary. The relevant Standing Committee must be informed of any discussions and decisions made by the office and/or subcommittee as soon as it is able to do so.
 6. Each Standing Committee may propose to the Executive Committee amendments to the relevant provisions of the Health Authority's internal regulations that pertain to its committee.

Article 46 - Finance Committee

The Finance Committee oversees financial management and advises the Executive Committee on financial and asset management matters. Committee members must possess knowledge and experience in financial matters.

Article 47 - Competitions Committee

The Competitions Committee organizes IFA competitions including Futsal and Beach Soccer, at all levels within Iraq, in accordance with the provisions of these

statutes and the regulations applicable to IFA competitions. This committee consists of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and three Members.

Article 48 - Technical and Development Committee

The Technical and Development Committee analyzes the fundamental aspects of football training and technical development. It is responsible for technical development within the Iraqi Football Association, developing and proposing appropriate strategies, monitoring and analyzing these strategies and programs for the members of the Iraqi Football Association, and advising the Executive Committee on development matters in general. This committee consists of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and three Members.

Article 49 - Referees Committee

The Referees Committee is responsible for implementing the Laws of the Game. This committee appoints referees for matches in competitions organized by the Iraqi Football Association, organizes refereeing matters within the Iraqi Football Association in cooperation with the administration, and oversees the education and training of referees. This committee must consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and three Members all of whom must be former referees.

Article 50 - Women's Football Committee

This committee is responsible for organizing women's football competitions and handling all matters related to women's football. It must consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and three Members, at least two of whom must be women.

Article 51 - Players' Affairs Committee

1. The Players' Affairs Committee establishes and monitors compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with FIFA regulations relating to player status and transfers, and determines the status of players for the various competitions of the Iraqi Football Association. The Executive Committee may approve special regulations governing the powers and jurisdiction of the Players' Affairs Committee. The Players' Affairs Assessment Committee consists of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and three Members.

2. Disputes concerning player status involving the Iraqi Football Association, its members, clubs, players, officials, intermediaries/player agents, and match agents licensed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport are settled in accordance with these statutes and subject to any applicable national law.

Article 52 - Youth Committee

The Youth Committee deals with all matters related to youth activities within the Iraqi Football Association and its members. This committee consists of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and three Members

Article 53 - National Teams Management Committee

1. The National Teams Management Committee consists of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and three Members
2. The National Teams Management Committee is responsible for:
 - a) Managing the preparation and participation of national teams in international competitions.
 - b) Proposing coaches and officials for national teams in coordination with the Technical Committee.
 - c) Adhering to the directives and decisions of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly regarding the performance of national teams.

Article 54 - Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee

1. The Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee organizes the Iraqi Football Association's Futsal and Beach Soccer competitions at all levels, in accordance with the provisions of these statutes and the regulations applicable to the Iraqi Football Association's Futsal competitions. The consists of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and three Members.
2. The Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee shall be responsible for:
 - a) Promoting and developing Futsal and Beach Soccer within Iraq.
 - b) Organizing Futsal and Beach Soccer tournaments at all levels as needed.
 - c) Conducting training and educational courses for Futsal and Beach Soccer coaches.
 - d) Proposing any amendments and modifications to the Laws of Futsal and Beach Soccer as announced by FIFA.

- e) Developing Futsal and Beach Soccer and monitoring them.

Article 55 - The Medical Committee

1. The Medical Committee deals with all medical aspects of football, oversees the organization of medical services in all competitions of the Iraqi Football Association, and manages the sport in football to ensure the safety and health of players and prevent injuries. This committee consists of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, and three Members, at least two of whom must be female, and all of whom must be qualified medical practitioners.
2. The Medical Committee is responsible for:
 - a) Providing high-level medical services to national teams.
 - b) Supervising the medical staff of clubs participating in IFA competitions and monitoring their performance in accordance with the procedures and guidelines adopted by the committee.
 - c) Ensuring that football remains free of doping, and working to protect and improve the health of all football practitioners, from grassroots teams up to the highest national level.
 - d) Preventing injuries on the field and promoting football as a healthy activity.
 - e) Cooperating with members of the Iraqi Football Association and external bodies to establish a football medical center in Iraq to provide treatment for football injuries and to train a football medical team comprising doctors, therapists, coaches, nutritionists, psychologists, and podiatrists.

Article 56 - Special Committees

The Executive Committee may, if necessary, establish special committees to carry out specific tasks for a limited period. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson, and three Members to these committees. Members of the Executive Committee may also chair these committees. The duties and functions of the special committees shall be defined in special regulations approved by the Executive Committee. The Special Committee shall report directly to the Executive Committee.

F - Club Licensing Authority

Article 57 - Club Licensing Authority

1. The Club Licensing Authority shall be responsible for the club licensing system within the Iraqi Football Association in accordance with the AFC & IFA club licensing regulations.
2. The Club Licensing Authority shall consist of a Primary Committee and an Appeals Committee.
3. Decisions of the Appeals Committee may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes.

V. INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES

Article 58 - Institutional Independence

1. Independent committees, as well as their individual members, must conduct their activities and perform their duties entirely independently, but always in the best interests of the Iraqi Football Association and in accordance with its Statutes and Regulations.
2. The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Electoral Committees, as well as the Chairperson & Deputy Chairperson, of the Judicial Bodies, must comply with the independence standards set forth in paragraph 3 below.
3. The persons mentioned in paragraph 2 above, as well as any of their immediate family members, may not exercise or have exercised during the four years preceding their initial term any executive function in the Iraqi Football Association or any member of the Iraqi Football Association, or a league or club (including any of their affiliated companies/organizations), and they do not have or have had during the four years preceding their initial term any substantial business relationship with the Iraqi Football Association or any member of the Iraqi Football Association, or a league or club (including any of their affiliated companies/organizations). The term "immediate family member" in relation to an individual means a spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, maternal aunt, maternal uncle, maternal aunt .

Article 59 - Audit and Compliance Committee

- 1. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of financial accounting, review financial statements, consolidated financial statements, and reports of independent and external auditors. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson, and three (3) Members. Its members must be knowledgeable and experienced in financial, organizational, and/or legal matters and may not participate in any decision affecting the operations of the Iraq Football Association.**
- 2. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall advise, assist, and supervise the Executive Committee in monitoring the financial affairs and compliance of the Iraq Football Association, its compliance mechanisms, and monitoring compliance with the relevant regulations of the Iraq Football Association. It shall also supervise the General Secretariat in financial and compliance matters. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of financial accounting, review consolidated financial statements, and the reports of independent and external auditors. In addition, the Audit and Compliance Committee shall monitor the financial and compliance matters of the Iraq Football Association and may propose to the appropriate bodies any action it deems necessary as a result of this monitoring. The Audit and Compliance Committee, with the assistance of the General Secretariat, shall promote the compliance program within the Iraqi Football Association.**
- 3. Details regarding the responsibilities of the Audit and Compliance Committee, its internal cooperation, and other procedural matters are set forth in the Iraqi Football Association's bylaws.**
- 4. The General Assembly shall elect the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee for a four-year term. They may only be relieved of their duties by the General Assembly. They may not be affiliated with any other body within the Iraqi Football Association and must undergo an integrity check, conducted by the Electoral Committee, prior to**

their election or re-election. They must also meet the independence requirements stipulated in Article 58, Paragraph 3 above.

5. IF the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and Members of the Audit and Compliance Committee permanently ceases to perform their official duties during their term, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next General Assembly Congress.

Article 60 - Electoral Committees

1. Electoral committees are the bodies responsible for organizing and overseeing the electoral process in accordance with IFA electoral law. Electoral committees consist of the Electoral Committee (first-instance body) and the Electoral Appeals Committee (second-instance body).
2. The composition and function of the electoral committees are governed by the Iraqi Football Association's electoral law.

Article 61. Judicial Bodies

1. The judicial bodies are:
 - a) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
 - b) The Appeals Committee.
2. The judicial bodies must be composed of members with the necessary knowledge, abilities, and specialized experience to properly fulfill their tasks and duties. The chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of the judicial bodies must be qualified to practice law.
3. All members of the judicial bodies (including presidents and vice-presidents) must undergo an integrity check (prior to their election or re-election) which must be conducted by the Audit and Compliance Committee.
4. The term of membership for all members is four years. Members may be re-elected or relieved of their duties at any time, although they may only be relieved of their duties by the General Assembly.
5. Presidents, vice-presidents, and other members of the judicial bodies are elected by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and may not be members of any other body within the Iraqi Football Association.

6. If the president, vice-president, or member of a judicial body permanently ceases to perform their official duties during their term, the Executive Committee must appoint a replacement to serve until the next General Assembly, at which time the General Assembly will elect a new member of the relevant judicial body for the remainder of the term.

The responsibilities and functions of the judicial bodies must be defined in the IFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

Article 62 - Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

1. The functions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee are governed by the Iraqi Football Association's Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
2. The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose the sanctions outlined in these Statutes and IFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code on members, officials, players, clubs, licensed match agents, and intermediaries/player agents.
3. These provisions do not affect the powers of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee regarding the suspension and expulsion of members.
4. The Executive Committee shall issue IFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code, which must be in accordance with the principles set forth in the FIFA Disciplinary Code and the FIFA Code of Ethics.

Article 63 - Appeals Committee

1. The functions of the Appeals Committee are governed by IFA Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
2. The Appeals Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions issued by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee that have not yet been made final in accordance with the relevant IFA Regulations.
3. Decisions issued by the Appeals Committee may only be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes.

VI. Disciplinary Procedures

Article 64 - Disciplinary Procedures

The disciplinary procedures are primarily:

1. For natural and legal persons:

- a) Reprimand.
- b) Warning.
- c) Fine.
- d) Return of prize money.

2. For natural persons:

- a) Warning.
- b) Expulsion.
- c) Suspension from participating in a match.
- d) Prohibition from the dressing room and/or substitutes' table.
- e) Ban from entering the field of play.
- f) Prohibition from participating in any football-related activity.
- g) Community service.
- h) Compliance training.

3. For legal persons:

- a) Transfer ban.
- b) Playing the match without spectators.
- c) Playing the match on neutral ground.
- d) Banning the team from playing at a specific stadium.
- e) Annulment of the match result.
- f) Disqualification from the competition.
- g) Fine.
- h) Point deduction.
- i) Relegation to a lower level.
- j) Replay of the match.

VII. JURISDICTION

Article 65 - Jurisdiction

1. Arbitration disputes within the Iraqi Football Association, or disputes affecting members of the Iraqi Football Association, its competitions, members of federations and clubs, club members, players, and officials, may only be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) as a final stage (i.e., after exhausting all internal channels within the Iraqi Football

Association). CAS must resolve the dispute definitively, excluding any ordinary court, which is expressly prohibited by Iraqi legislation.

2. Disputes of an international dimension arising from or related to the statutes, regulations, directives, and decisions of FIFA or the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) may only be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport as a final stage, as defined in the FIFA Statutes and the AFC Statutes.
3. The final stage of arbitration is before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. CAS resolves the dispute, excluding any ordinary court, which is expressly prohibited by the legislation in force in the Republic of Iraq.

Article 66 - Judicial Body

1. Iraqi Football Association has jurisdiction over domestic disputes, i.e., disputes between affiliated or affiliated parties. To the Iraqi Football Association.
2. FIFA and/or the AFC shall have jurisdiction over international disputes, i.e., disputes between parties belonging to different confederations and/or continental federations, in accordance with the relevant regulations.
3. The Iraqi Football Association guarantees its full compliance, and the compliance of all those under its jurisdiction, with any final decision issued by the body at FIFA, the Asian Football Confederation, or the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

VIII. Financial Performance

Article 67. Fiscal Period

1. The fiscal period of the Iraqi Football Association (IFA) is one year, commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31.
2. The revenues and expenditures of the IFA are managed in such a way as to remain balanced during the fiscal period. The IFA's future obligations are guaranteed through the establishment of reserves.
3. The IFA's funds must be deposited in a bank account within Iraq, with the right to open a separate account for foreign currencies and/or for

international development project funds, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

4. The IFA is not permitted, under any circumstances, to open a bank account or deposit funds outside of Iraq.
5. The Executive Committee issues the IFA's financial regulations, which must include, at a minimum, financial allocations, procedures for transferring funds between budget items, and the identification of those authorized to control the transfer of funds.
6. The General Secretary is responsible for preparing the annual consolidated accounts of the Iraqi Football Association and its affiliated companies as of December 31st.

Article 68 - Revenues

The revenues of the Iraq Football Association include the following:

- a) Annual membership fees.
- b) Revenues from marketing rights approved by the Iraq Football Association.
- c) Fines imposed by authorized bodies.
- e) Other subscriptions consistent with the objectives pursued by the Iraqi Football Association.
- e) Donations.
- f) Any other revenues related to football activities.
- q) Funding from FIFA, Asian Football Confederation & West Asian Football Federation.

Article 69 - Expenditures

Iraqi Football Association shall bear:

- a) Expenditures stipulated in the budget.
- b) Other expenses approved by the General Assembly and expenses that the Executive Committee is authorized to incur within its jurisdiction.
- c) All other expenses consistent with the objectives pursued by the Iraqi Football Association.

Article 70 - External and Independent Auditors

The external and independent auditors appointed by the General Assembly shall review the accounts approved by the Finance Committee on an annual basis in accordance with applicable accounting principles and submit a report to the General Assembly. The external and independent auditors shall be appointed for a four-year term. Their mandates may not be renewed consecutively.

Article 71 - Membership Fees

1. Membership Fees are due on February 1st. The annual Fees of new members for the relevant year must be paid within 30 days of the approved closing date of the General Assembly Congress.
2. The General Assembly Congress shall determine the amount of annual fees every two years based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Article 72 - Settlement

Iraqi Football Association may deduct financial dues from any member for the purpose of settling claims.

Article 73 - Match Fees

Iraqi Football Association may require its members to pay match fees.

Article 74 - Publication of Financial Data

1. The Iraqi Football Association shall publish on its official website the financial report and financial documents referred to in Article 32, paragraphs (d), (r), and (g) of these Statutes, as soon as the relevant articles are approved by the General Assembly.
2. The remuneration of the Executive Committee members (including its Chairman, Secretary General, and members of independent committees) shall be disclosed to the public (for example, through the official website of the Iraqi Football Association) on a regular basis.

IX. COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS RELATED TO THEM & EVENTS

Article 75 - Competitions

1. Iraqi Football Association shall organize and coordinate the following official competitions held within its territory:
 - a) Iraqi National League.
 - b) Iraq Cup.
 - c) IFA Super Cup.
 - d) Iraqi First Division League.
 - e) Iraqi Second Division League.
 - f) The Women's Football League.
 - g) The Men's Futsal League.
 - h) The Women's Futsal League. d) Men's Beach Soccer League.
 - r) Women's Beach Soccer League.
2. The IFA Executive Committee may delegate to IFA Branch Associations the authority to organize competitions. Competitions organized by the leagues must not overlap with IFA organized competitions. IFA Organized Competitions shall take precedence.
3. The Executive Committee may issue special regulations for this purpose.

Article 76 - Club Licensing

The IFA Executive Committee shall issue instructions related to the club licensing system, which regulates the participation of clubs in IFA Organized Competitions and AFC Organized Competitions .

Article 77 - Rights

1. Iraqi Football Association and its members are the original owners of all rights arising from competitions and other events within their jurisdiction, without any restrictions regarding content, time, or venue. These rights include all types of financial rights, audio-visual recording rights, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and

promotion rights, and proprietary rights such as logos and rights arising under copyright law.

2. IFA Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are to be used and shall establish specific regulations for this purpose. The Iraqi Football Association must ensure that the sale of these rights is conducted transparently and in accordance with IFA's own laws and regulations, as well as mandatory National Laws.

Article 78 - Distribution Authorization

1. Iraqi Football Association and its members are exclusively responsible for authorizing the distribution of images, sound, and other data related to football matches and events within their jurisdiction, without any restrictions.
2. The Executive Committee shall issue special regulations apply to this purpose.

X. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES & COMPETITIONS

Article 79. International Matches and Competitions

1. The authority to organize international matches and competitions between representative teams, leagues, club teams, and/or provisional teams rests with FIFA and/or the relevant association(s). No such match or competition may be held without prior authorization from FIFA and the association(s) recognized in accordance with FIFA's international match regulations.
2. Iraqi Football Association is bound by the international match calendar prepared by FIFA.

Article 80 - Communications

Iraqi Football Association, its members, players, officials, licensed match agents, and intermediaries/player agents may not play matches or engage in sporting communications with associations that are not members of FIFA or provisional members of an association without FIFA's approval.

Article 81 - Approval

1. IFA Clubs, Leagues, or any other group of IFA affiliated clubs may not join another association except with IFA permission, the other association, or the association(s) concerned, and FIFA.
2. IFA Clubs, Leagues, or any other group of IFA affiliated clubs may not participate in competitions on the territory of another association without IFA permission as well as the permission of the other association, FIFA, and the association(s) concerned, in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

XI. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 82 - Contingent Provisions and Conditions and Unforeseeable Force Majeure

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to decide on all force majeure cases and on all matters not provided for in these Statutes. Such decisions shall take into account the relevant FIFA and AFC regulations, as well as any applicable mandatory laws.

Article 83 – Publication of Association Documents

The Iraqi Football Association shall make the following documents and information available on its official website:

- a) IFA Statutes and the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
- b) Election Law.
- c) Disciplinary and Ethics Law.
- d) Internal Regulations.
- e) Key Decisions/Resolutions.
- h) Federation Strategy.
- i) Executive Committee and General Assembly Meetings Agenda.
- j) Publications.
- j) Annual Financial Report.
- k) Competition Schedule.

Article 84 – Dissolution

- 1. The IFA may be dissolved by a resolution to that effect passed by not less than three-quarters (3/4) of IFA General Assembly Members eligible to vote in a Special Congress convened for this purpose.**
- 2. Upon the dissolution of the IFA all its funds and assets shall be entrusted to the Iraqi National Olympic Committee (INOC) until such time the IFA is re-established, unless the Special Congress select another recipient for the assets based on three-quarters (3/4) majority vote.**

Article 85 - Enforcement

These bylaws were adopted at IFA Extraordinary Congress in Baghdad/IRAQ on the 4th of April 2021. They supersede all previous versions and come into force immediately.

Article 86 - Transitional Provisions

- 1. Members, as defined in Article 12 of these bylaws, are granted a period of 12 months, commencing from the adoption of these bylaws, to comply with the mandatory requirements set forth in Article 13, Paragraph 2, as well as Article 16, Paragraph 1, Subparagraphs (h), (i), (r), (y), and (y) of these bylaws. Any member who fails to comply with all of these requirements within the aforementioned timeframe shall automatically forfeit their right to vote in the General Assembly, and the delegate(s) of the member concerned shall not be considered when determining the quorum. The members concerned shall only regain their right to vote in the General Assembly once they have fully complied with their obligations as set forth in this paragraph.**
- 2. The composition of the Executive Committee as defined in Article 37, paragraph 1 of these Statutes shall apply only to the Executive Committee whose members are elected by the General Assembly after the adoption of these Statutes.**
- 3. The requirement to undergo a safety check as set forth in Article 37, paragraph 2 of these Statutes, and the criteria set forth in Article 37, paragraph 4 of these Statutes, shall not apply to members of the Executive**

Committee in office at the time of the adoption of these Statutes, but shall be met by any candidate vying for any position on the Executive Committee after the adoption of these Statutes.

- 4. The requirement to be actively involved in football as set forth in Article 37, paragraph 5 of these Statutes shall not apply to female candidates for membership on the Executive Committee in the first election of the Executive Committee to be held after the adoption of these Statutes.**
- 5. Within 12 months of the adoption of these statutes, the General Assembly shall dismiss the relevant members of independent committees who do not comply with the independence standards stipulated in Article 58, Paragraph 3 of these statutes and select an appropriate number of members to fill the vacant positions.**
- 6. The Iraqi Football Association shall have one year from the adoption of these statutes to ensure that all IFA relevant regulations are in accordance with the provisions of these statutes.**
- 7. The Baghdad Branch Association may be admitted as a member of the Iraqi Football Association once the new Executive Committee of the Iraqi Football Association is elected following the adoption of these statutes.**
- 8. The Halabja Branch Association may be admitted as a member of the Iraqi Football Association upon a vote by the Iraqi Parliament recognizing Halabja as an Iraqi governorate.**

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Appendix A - Integrity Assessment Questionnaire

Part 1:

General Provisions

- 1. Integrity checks must be conducted for candidates for and current holders of official positions within the Iraq Football Association who are subject to such checks (“candidates or members”) by the relevant body in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes and their Annexes.**
- 2. Candidates or members must not be members of any other sports association, and membership on the committees or Executive Committee of the Iraq Football Association is incompatible with membership on the Executive Committee of any member association of the Iraq Football Association.**
- 3. Candidates or members may not combine membership on the committees or Executive Committee of the Iraq Football Association with direct employment or management of the game in any member association.**
- 4. Candidates or members are required to comply with the self-examination and disclosure process as described in Parts 2 and 3 below. Prior to the self-examination and disclosure process, each candidate or member must provide written consent to the said process using a validation form, with the assistance of the competent body conducting the integrity check. If such written consent is not provided, the candidate or member will be deemed to have failed the integrity check.**
- 5. Candidates or membership holders must act in good faith at all times and cooperate fully to establish relevant facts upon reasonable notice. If a candidate or membership holder fails to cooperate with the competent body conducting an integrity check, the candidate or membership holder will be deemed to have failed the integrity check.**
- 6. A candidate or membership holder will be deemed to have failed the integrity check if they:**

- a) have been convicted of a criminal offense, provided that the judgment is final, particularly if the offense in question is either a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony.
 - b) have been found guilty and/or sanctioned by the FIFA Ethics Committee or any other sports body with a penalty that seriously calls into question their exclusion.
7. Subject to the relevant provisions concerning the disclosure and redirection of relevant information and data obtained in the course of integrity checks, all such relevant information and data must be treated with strict confidentiality by the body conducting the integrity check.

Part 2:

The Screening Process

1. At the start of the screening process, each candidate or member must undergo identity verification. The candidate or member must present a valid copy of their passport to the body responsible for conducting the integrity check. Identity verification must include the following:
 - a) Name and surname.
 - b) Residential address
 - c) Date and place of birth
 - d) Nationality (s)
2. Each candidate or member must complete the questionnaire provided in Part 3 below.
3. The body responsible for conducting the integrity check may conduct independent searches and/or investigations to obtain further relevant information about a particular candidate or member. This may include information about intermediaries and related parties, mandates, potential conflicts of interest, significant engagements, and any civil or criminal proceedings/investigations.

Part 3:

Questionnaire

First Name (s)	
Surname (s)	
Date of birth	
Member Association	
Nationality (s)	
Profession	

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

Yes ☐ No ☐

If (Yes), Please specify

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

Yes ☐ No ☐

If (Yes), Please specify

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

Yes ☐ No ☐

If (Yes), Please specify

4. I am fully aware that I am subject to the provisions of the FIFA Code of Ethics and to the provisions of the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA that address integrity issues, and I fully comply with such provisions. In this respect, I have in particular taken due note of the fact

that the FIFA Code of Ethics also applies to conduct which occurred before it entered into force (as per the FIFA Code of Ethics

- 5. I currently hold the following positions in football**

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

- 7. Remarks and observations which may be of potential relevance in this context:**

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

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

- 10. I fully understand and confirm that I am obligated to cooperate fully in establishing the relevant facts in connection with the integrity check to which I am being subjected. In particular, I will comply with requests for any documents, information, or other material of any nature in my possession. In addition, I will undertake to purchase and provide any documents, information, or other material of any kind that I do not possess but to which I have a right of access.**

- 11. I am fully aware and confirm that the body conducting the eligibility check may also request information on possible sanctions (questions 1 and 2 above) directly from the relevant confederation or FIFA member association, as well as from other institutions, such as the Court of Arbitration for Sport or the International Olympic Committee. In this regard, I hereby release the relevant institutions from any obligation of confidentiality relating to the information**

concerned

12. I am fully aware and confirm that the body conducting the eligibility check may collect further information on me in accordance with article 2 paragraph 3 of Annex 1 to the FIFA Governance Regulations

(Signature)

(Place and Date)

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