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DEFINITIONS

Whenever relevant, the terminology used in this Electoral Code shall refer to the terms defined in the Definitions section of the Statutes of FAM.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Scope of Application

1. This Electoral Code is applicable to the elections of the members of the Executive Committee pursuant to Article 31 paragraph 1 of FAM Statutes.

2. In addition, FIFA and AFC Statutes, FIFA Governance Regulations and any other FIFA and AFC Regulations and directives are applicable to the elections to the FAM Executive Committee.

Article 2 Principles and Obligations

1. The democratic principles of separation of powers, transparency and publication of FAM electoral processes must be observed at all times and without exception.

2. Any undue influence from third parties in the electoral process is not permitted. FAM shall immediately inform FIFA and the AFC of such influence in the electoral process.

3. FAM shall ensure that any electoral rules and guidelines of its bodies are in line with the provisions of this Electoral Code, the Statutes of FAM as well as the Statutes, Regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA and the AFC. Any third-party Regulations concerning the FAM election shall not be applicable. This Electoral Code does not require approval from any third party.

4. FAM shall, at least sixty (60) days before the date of the relevant elections, inform FIFA and the AFC about the nature of the elections (i.e. commencement of the Executive Committee election, the announcement of the election and this Electoral Code, number of members to be elected, duration of election and mandates, reason for the elections, any third-party interference in the election process, etc.) and provide FIFA and the AFC with a copy of its valid Electoral Code and, if applicable, any other electoral rules and guidelines.

5. Unless stated otherwise in the Statutes and Regulations of FAM, the members of the relevant bodies of FAM shall continue to exercise their duties until the completion of the electoral process.

II. ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

Article 3 General Principles

1. The Electoral Committee shall manage and supervise the electoral process in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Statutes of FAM and of this Electoral Code.
2. The Electoral Committees consist of the Electoral Committee and the Election Appeal Committee. The members of the Electoral Committees shall not be members of any other body of FAM and may not hold any executive position in any government body. Members of the Electoral Committees may not be candidates for any of the positions to be filled within FAM as long as they are still under mandate.
3. The members of the Electoral Committees shall immediately withdraw from the matter in progress and refrain from taking any decision if:
    a. they are an immediate family member of one of the candidates running for any of the positions to be filled;
    b. there is a risk or possibility of a conflict of interest as defined in the Disciplinary and Ethics Code of FAM.
4. In the event that a member of the Electoral Committees does not fulfil any of the above requirements and/or has to step down as member of the Electoral Committee for any reason, the member shall be replaced in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 paragraph 3 of this Electoral Code.
5. The members of the Electoral Committees shall act in good faith at all times and observe the utmost impartiality when carrying out their duties.

Article 4 Composition

1. The Electoral Committee shall be composed as follows:
    a. a Chairperson;
    b. a Deputy Chairperson; and
    c. at least one (1) ordinary member.
2. Two (2) substitutes shall also be elected by the Congress.
3. If the Chairperson is absent or unavailable, the Deputy Chairperson shall deputise, and if the Deputy Chairperson too is absent or unavailable, then the ordinary member shall deputise. If the ordinary member is absent or unavailable, he/she shall be replaced by a substitute.
4. The FAM Head of Legal Affairs serves as the Secretary to the Electoral

Committee. He/She takes part in the activities of the Electoral Committee in a consultative capacity and is responsible for related logistical and administrative matters. The Electoral Committee may be assisted by the FAM General Secretariat at any time provided that the individuals providing the assistance are not candidates for any FAM election and have no identifiable conflict of interest.

5. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Electoral Committee shall be qualified to practise law.

6. Members of the Electoral Committee shall be appointed by the FAM Congress, upon recommendation by the FAM Executive Committee, in accordance with this Code.

7. If any member of the Electoral Committee:

   a. confirms receipt of a nomination for a contested position;

   b. is related by blood or marriage to a candidate;

   c. has a conflict of interest (e.g. business relationship with a candidate); or

   d. is unable to perform their duties,

   the member shall resign from the Committee. The replacement shall be proposed by the Executive Committee and appointed by the Congress for the remaining term.

8. Members intending to contest any position must declare their nomination in a timely manner to facilitate their replacement.

9. The Electoral Committee may be assisted by staff of the FAM General Secretariat, provided they are not candidates and have no conflict of interest.

Article 5 Duties of the Electoral Committee

1. The Electoral Committee shall be responsible for all tasks relating to the organisation, running and supervision of the elections to take place during the Congress. In particular, the Electoral Committee shall be responsible for:

   a. strictly enforcing the Statutes and Regulations and directives of FIFA, AFC and FAM as well as this Electoral Code;

   b. ensuring that any applicable electoral rules or guidelines of the bodies of FAM are in line with the provisions of this Electoral Code and the Statutes of FAM as well as the Statutes, Regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA and the AFC;

   c. strictly enforcing the statutory deadlines for elections;

d. providing information to the Members as well as to relevant government authorities (where necessary, i.e. when expressly provided for under the national legislation), the media and the public, notably by holding a media conference (where necessary);

e. where necessary, managing relations with relevant government authorities;

f. the candidature procedure (launch, distribution of information, evaluation, publication of official list, etc.);

g. drawing up the list of voters (delegates), assisted by the FAM General Secretariat, in accordance with the statutory provisions of FAM;

h. verifying the identity of the voters (delegates) and their representation powers;

i. monitoring the electoral and voting procedure, including taking decisions regarding the validity or invalidity of ballot papers, passing a definitive decision on any matters relating to the electoral procedure during the elective Congress and certifying the official results;

j. performing checks regarding the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria, independence and integrity requirements stipulated in the Statutes of FAM;

k. manage the election agenda during the FAM Congress; and

l. any and all other tasks to ensure the smooth running of the electoral process.

Article 6 Meetings, Quorum and Decisions

1. The Chairperson shall convene the meetings of the Electoral Committee. Only duly convened members of the Electoral Committee may deliberate and approve decisions.

2. The Electoral Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless a majority (more than 50%) of its members are present.

3. The Electoral Committee shall reach its decisions by a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast. Abstentions as well as voting by proxy or by letter are not permitted. In the event of a tied vote, the chairperson shall have the casting vote.

4. Decisions must be recorded in minutes signed by the Chairperson and Secretary (or Deputy Secretary).

III. CANDIDATURES

Article 7 Eligibility Criteria

1. The eligibility criteria for the positions to be filled within the relevant bodies of FAM are defined in the relevant provisions of the Statutes of FAM.

2. The Electoral Committee shall not impose any eligibility criteria that are not provided for in the Statutes of FAM or any other formal requirements that are not provided for in this Electoral Code or in the Statutes of FAM. The Electoral Committee shall only request the documents that help establish whether the relevant eligibility criteria have been fulfilled.

3. The Electoral Committee shall publish the full list of eligibility criteria (with reference to the relevant provisions of the Statutes of FAM), as well as the documents to be provided for each of the positions within the deadlines stipulated in the Statutes of FAM.

Article 8 Submission and Examination of Candidatures for the Executive Committee

1. No fees or charges of any sort shall be requested from any of the candidates at any point during the entire electoral procedure, unless they have previously been approved by the Congress. In any event, any fees or charges agreed upon shall remain reasonable and shall only serve to cover the costs of the relevant administrative burden.

2. Candidatures for any of the positions of the Executive Committee shall be sent by registered post, email with delivery notification, or delivered by hand in exchange for confirmation of receipt, to the FAM General Secretariat as per Article 31 paragraph 13 of the FAM Statutes, at least sixty (60) days before the relevant elective Congress. Candidatures received by the FAM General Secretariat shall immediately be forwarded to the Secretary of the Electoral Committee for the relevant integrity checks to be carried out as per Annexe A of the Statutes of FAM. The Electoral Committee is entitled to request the support of an external company to conduct the integrity check.

3. Within ten (10) days of the deadline for submission of the candidatures, the Electoral Committee shall inform in writing those candidates who have failed to provide all the relevant documents in support of their candidatures and grant them another five (5) days to complete their applications. If the relevant candidates fail to complete their applications within the prescribed deadline, their candidatures shall be declared invalid.

4. The Electoral Committee shall review all nominations within fifteen (15) days after the submission deadline. The Committee shall conduct an integrity check, with support from the FAM General Secretariat or external experts if

needed. Decisions on eligibility and integrity must be notified to candidates within the same period.

Article 9 Confirmation of Nominations

1. Candidates shall confirm acceptance of their nomination through a prescribed form within fifteen (15) days before the Congress, accompanied by a declaration that they are not subject to Article 10 of the FAM Statutes.

2. Failure to accept or confirm shall result in disqualification. Candidates may withdraw their acceptance by submitting written notice to the Electoral Committee prior to the commencement of the election agenda. Candidates who withdraw after their acceptance thereafter shall be ineligible to contest.

Article 10 Appeal Procedure for Candidates for the Executive Committee

1. Appeals against decisions of the Electoral Committee may be lodged only with the Election Appeal Committee, thereby precluding the possibility of appealing said decisions before any other body, particularly a government body.

2. Any appeal, duly motivated, shall be sent by recorded post, or delivered in exchange for confirmation of receipt, to the FAM General Secretariat within three (3) days of receipt of the decision of the Electoral Committee. Appeals received by the FAM General Secretariat shall immediately be forwarded to the members of the Election Appeal Committee.

3. Appeals shall be considered by the Election Appeal Committee within ten (10) days of their receipt and communicated to the candidates within the same period.

4. Appeals shall be either upheld, dismissed or declared inadmissible by the Election Appeal Committee. In case the appeal is upheld, the Election Appeal Committee shall take a decision on the merits replacing the decision of the Electoral Committee.

5. The Election Appeal Committee shall be composed of a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and one ordinary member who shall be elected by the Congress. Two substitutes shall also be elected by the Congress at the same time as the members of the Election Appeal Committee. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be qualified to practise law.

6. The decisions of the Election Appeal Committee may only be referred to an arbitration tribunal in accordance with the Statutes of FAM.

Article 11 Procedure for Candidates for Other Bodies of FAM

1. Candidatures for any of the positions of all other bodies of FAM (Audit and Compliance Committee, Electoral Committees and judicial bodies) shall be

sent by the Executive Committee to the FAM General Secretariat at least sixty (60) days before the relevant elective Congress.

2. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the candidatures, the FAM General Secretariat shall confirm to the Executive Committee whether the formal requirements for the relevant positions have been fulfilled. In the event that one or more candidates cannot be validated, the Executive Committee shall propose additional candidates for the relevant positions.

Article 12 Official List of Candidates

1. The final official list of candidates shall be sent to all FAM Members in accordance with Article 31 paragraph 13 of the Statutes.

IV. VOTING PROCEDURE

Article 13 Ballot Papers

1. FAM General Secretariat shall produce the ballot papers under the supervision of the Electoral Committee. The ballot papers shall be printed clearly and legibly.

2. The ballot papers shall be of a different colour for each round of the election.

Article 14 Ballot Box

1. Before the start of the voting procedure, the ballot box - which shall be transparent if possible shall be opened and presented to the delegates of the Congress. The ballot box shall then be closed and placed in a visible spot close to the members of the Electoral Committee.

2. During the entire voting process, the ballot box shall be monitored by one of the members of the Electoral Committee.

Article 15 Polling Station

1. The polling area shall be located near the ballot box, allowing Members to fill out their ballot privately and individually.

Article 16 Casting of Ballots

1. Before the delegates are requested to cast their vote, the Chairperson of the Electoral Committee shall explain in detail the electoral procedure (ballot box, ballot papers, valid and invalid ballot papers, count, required majorities, results, etc.) and refer to the relevant statutory provisions.

2. The elections of the members of the Executive Committee shall take place as follows:

    a. The Chairperson of the Electoral Committee shall call in turn each delegate of the Members present and eligible to vote to move to the front of the Congress hall where the election is taking place;

    b. Once called, the relevant delegate shall move to the front of the Congress hall and, after signing receipt of the ballot paper form, receive a ballot paper;

    c. The delegate shall then complete the ballot paper in the polling booth designated for this purpose. The polling booth shall be placed in a visible spot, but still allow the delegate to cast his/her vote secretly. No mobile phones, cameras or any other recording devices shall be allowed in the polling booth; and

    d. The delegate shall then deposit the ballot paper in the ballot box, sign

the electoral register and return to his/her seat.

3. The counting procedure shall begin as soon as all of the delegates have deposited their ballot papers in the ballot box. The Chairperson or Committee Members shall open the box and begin counting ballots.

4. The count shall then commence.

V. COUNT

Article 17 General Principles

1. Only the members of the Electoral Committee shall take part in the count of the ballot papers. All operations (opening the ballot box(s), counting the ballot papers, counting the votes, etc.) shall be carried out in a way that can be followed clearly by all the delegates of the Congress.

2. In the event of a dispute regarding the validity or invalidity of a ballot paper or of a vote, the drafting of the minutes, the declaration of the results or any other matter relating to the counting procedure, the decision of the Electoral Committee shall be final.

Article 18 Invalid Ballot Papers

1. The following ballot papers are considered invalid:

a. ballot papers that do not bear the official distinctive marks defined by the Electoral Committee;

b. ballot papers that bear any words other than the names of the candidates;

c. ballot papers that are illegible or have been defaced;

d. ballot papers that bear identifying marks.

e. ballots marked outside designated areas or altered marks.

2. The Chairperson of the Electoral Committee shall write on the back of any invalid ballot paper the reason(s) for its invalidity and confirm with a signature.

Article 19 Spelling Mistakes

1. Spelling mistakes shall result in the invalidity of a vote only if they mean that it is not possible to identify with certainty any of the official candidates.

Article 20 Count and Declaration of Results

1. Counting begins immediately after all entitled Members have voted. The Chairperson or Committee Members shall open the box and begin counting ballots. Only authorised Committee Members, the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and designated FAM General Secretariat staff may handle ballot counting. The entire procedure must remain visible to the Congress.

2. After opening, the Committee shall count and verify the number of ballots:

   a. If the number matches ballots issued, the vote is valid.

   b. If more or fewer, the vote is void and must be repeated immediately.

3. After the number of ballot papers has been verified, the members of the Electoral Committee shall proceed to count the number of votes cast for each candidate.

4. If a second (or subsequent) round of voting is required, the voting procedure shall be repeated in accordance with the above articles. The Members are also to be informed of the statutory provisions that apply for the second (and subsequent) rounds of voting (e.g. any changes to the majority required, elimination of candidates, etc.).

5. After each round of the election, the Chairperson of the Electoral Committee shall officially declare the results to the Members.

6. The General Secretary shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose. The envelopes shall then be signed by the chairperson of the Electoral Committee and sealed. The FAM General Secretariat shall keep these envelopes and destroy them 100 days after the Congress.

Article 21 Verification Procedure

1. The Committee Secretary and FAM General Secretariat are responsible for verifying voter identities and ensuring compliance with voting procedures.

VI. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 22 Archiving of documents and confidentiality

1. The Electoral Committee and the Election Appeal Committee shall hand over all official documents as well as all documents provided to them during the electoral process to the FAM General Secretariat, which shall be responsible for archiving them.

2. The members of the Electoral Committee and of the Election Appeal Committee shall maintain absolute confidentiality and secrecy with respect to any information and documents made available to them during the course of the electoral process. Such obligation shall remain for an indefinite period following the relevant electoral process. Furthermore, they shall not retain any documents (electronic or otherwise) supplied to them during the electoral process.

Article 23 Matters not provided for herein

1. All matters relating to the administrative and technical organisation of the elective Congress that are not covered by this Electoral Code or by the Statutes and Regulations of FAM shall be ruled upon by the Electoral Committee, whose decision shall be final.

2. All matters relating to the running of the elections that are not covered by this Electoral Code or by the Statutes and Regulations of FAM shall be ruled upon by the Electoral Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Article 24 Enforcement

1. This FAM Electoral Code was adopted by the Congress on 4 June 2026 and came into force immediately.

Endorsed by Congress on 4 June 2026:

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