

Governing Statutes of the Football Association of Maldives

Definition.

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| FAM | Football Association of Maldives |
| MC | Asian Football Confederation |
| FIFA | Football Internationale de Football Association |
| League | An organisation subordinate to an Association |
| Regional Association | An Organisation subordinate to an Association |
| Confederation | A group of Associations recognised by FIFA and belonging to the same continent (or similar geographic area) |
| Club | Member of a Football Association (that is itself a Member of FIFA) or of a League recognised by an Association |
| Officials | All board members, committee members, coaches, referees and attendants as well as other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at FIFA, a Confederation, Association, League or Club. |
| Player | A football player registered with an Association. |
| Congress | The supreme and legislative body of the FAM |
| Executive Committee | The executive body of the FAM. |
| Member | A legal person that has been admitted into the membership of the FAM by the Congress according to art.9 et seq of the FAM Statutes. This shall not include Honorary Members. |
| Association Football | The game controlled by FIFA and organised in accordance with the Laws of the Game. |
| IFAB | The International football Association Board |
| Ordinary Courts | State courts which hear public and private legal disputes. |
| Arbitration Tribunal | An independent and duly constituted private court of justice acting instead of an Ordinary Court |
| CAS | Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne (Switzerland) |

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1 - Name, headquarters, legal form

- 1. the FAM is an independent organization of an associative nature, registered in Male according to the Laws of the Republic of Maldives. It is formed for an unlimited period.*
- 2. the headquarter is in Male', Republic of Maldives at the following address.*

***Football Association of Maldives,
FAM House, /M. Ujaalaa Hinigun,
Male' 20388
Republic of Maldives***

- 3. The FAM is a member of FIEA and AFC.*
- 4. The flag of the FAM is*



- 5. The logo of the FAM is*



6. *The abbreviation of the Football Association of Maldives is FAM.*
7. *The flag, logo and abbreviation are legally registered with the relevant authorities.*

ARTICLE 2 - Objectives

The objectives of the FAM are.

- a) *to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of the Maldives in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes.*
- b) *to organize competitions in Association Football in all its forms at a national level, by defining precisely as required the areas of authority conceded to the various leagues of which it is composed.*
- c) *to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement.*
- d) *to protect the interests of its Members.*
- e) *to respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of AFC and FAM and as well as the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members.*
- f) *to promote integrity, ethics and fair play with a view to preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardize the integrity of matches or competitions, Players, Officials and Members or give rise to abuse of Association Football, futsal or beach soccer.*
- g) *to control and supervise Association Football, futsal and beach soccer at national level and to control and supervise all forms of international football matches played throughout the territory of the Maldives, in accordance with the relevant Statutes and regulations of FIFA and of the Confederations,*
- h) *to manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms.*
- i) *to host competitions at international and other levels.*

ARTICLE 3-Neutrality and non-discrimination

1. *FAM is neutral in matters of politics and religion.*
2. *Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion and/or disciplinary measures.*

ARTICLE 4 - Promoting friendly relations

1. FAM shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives.
2. *Every person and organization involved in the game of football is obliged to observe the Statutes, regulations and the principles of fair play as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.*
3. *FAM shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between Members, Clubs, Officials and Players of FAM.*

ARTICLE 5 - Players

1. *The status of Players and the provisions for their trans/er shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of the FAM in conformity with the current FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.*
2. *Players shall be registered with the FAM in accordance with its Regulations.*

ARTICLE 6-Laws of the Game

1. *FAM and each of its Members as well as their Leagues, Clubs, Players and Officials shall comply with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only The IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.*
2. *FAM and each of its Members as well as their Leagues, Clubs, Players and Officials shall play futsal and beach soccer in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game and the Beach Soccer Laws o/ the Game. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the Futsal Laws of the Game and the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.*

ARTICLE 7 - Conduct of bodies and Officials

The bodies and Officials of the FAM must observe the Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of AFC and of FAM.

ARTICLE 8-Official languages

1. *The official language of the FAM shall be English and Dhivehi. Official documents and texts shall be written in these languages. In the event of any divergence between the interpretations of texts in different languages, the text written in English shall be regarded as authoritative.*
2. *The official language at the Congress shall be English and Dhivehi.*

II. MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 9-Admission, suspension and expulsion

1. *The Congress shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.*
2. *Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfills the requirements of the football Association of Maldives (as stipulated in Article 10)*
3. *Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards the FAM or other members of the FAM, but leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to the FAM.*

ARTICLE 10-Admission

1. *The Members of the FAM are. -*
 - a) *The 8 clubs of the 1st Division*
 - b) *The 10 clubs of the 2nd Division*
 - c) *The 9 Zones*
2. *Any legal person wishing to become a member of FAM shall apply in writing to the General Secretariat of the FAM.*
3. *The application for membership of the association must be submitted to the Secretariat of the association accompanied by the following mandatory items.*
 - a) *A copy of its legally valid statutes and regulations*
 - b) *a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, Regulations and decisions of the RAM, FIFA, and AFC and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs, Officials and Players,*
 - c) *a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game;*
 - d) *a declaration that it will not take matters of interpretation and application Of the FIFA, AFC and FAM Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives to Ordinary Courts, unless the FIFA, the AFC or the FAM regulations, or binding national law, provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts, '*
 - e) *a declaration that it recognizes the Arbitration Tribunal of the FAM and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes,*

- f) *a declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of Maldives,*
- g) *a declaration to the effect that the legal composition of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions independently of any external entity and that they ensure that they are not subject to any political or other external influence.*
- h) *A declaration that the applicant is located in the territory Of Maldives.*
- i) *a list of Officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties,*
- j) *a declaration that it undertakes to organize or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of the FAM.*
- k) *a copy of the minutes of its last congress or constitutional meeting.*

ARTICLE 11-Request and procedure of application

1. *The procedure for admission shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of the FAM.*
2. *The Executive Committee shall request the congress either to admit or not admit an applicant. The applicant may state the reasons for its application to the Congress.*
3. *The new Member shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.*

ARTICLE 12-Members' rights

The Members o/ the FAM have the following rights:

- a) *to take part in the Congress of the FAM, to know its agenda in advance, to be called to the Congress within the prescribed time and to exercise their voting rights;*
- b) *to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;*
- c) *nominate candidates for all bodies of the FAM to be elected;*
- d) *to be informed of the affairs of the FAM through the official bodies of FAM.*
- e) *to take part in competitions organized by the FAM;*
- f) *to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and Regulations of FAM. The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.*

ARTICLE 13-Members' obligations

- I. *The Members of the FAM have the following obligations.*
 - a) *to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of, FIFA, AFC, and the FAM at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members*
 - b) *to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies,*
 - c) *to take part in the competitions organized by the FAM,*
 - d) *to pay their membership subscriptions;*
 - e) *to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game and the Futsal Laws of the Game as laid down by FIFA, and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a statutory provision,*
 - f) *to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC, FAM or the Leagues shall come solely under the jurisdictions of the appropriate Arbitration Tribunal or of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, both as specified in the FIFA Statutes and in these Statutes and that any recourse to the Ordinary Courts is prohibited.*
 - g) *to communicate to the FAM any amendment of its Statutes and Regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties,*
 - h) *not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognized or with Members that have been suspended or expelled,*
 - i) *to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;*
 - j) *to observe mandatory items specified under article 10 paragraph 3 for the duration of their affiliation,*
 - k) *to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated,*
 - l) *to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, AFC and FAM.*
2. *Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided in these Statutes.*

ARTICLE 14-Suspension

1. *The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member of FAM. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously and/or repeatedly violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.*
2. *A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by more than 50% of the valid*

votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.

3. *A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.*
4. *Members who do not participate in the competitions organized by the FAM during the previous season shall be suspended from voting at the Congress and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.*

ARTICLE 15-Expulsion

1. *The Congress may expel a Member if.*
 - a) *it fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards FAM.*
 - b) *it seriously violates the statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, AFC and FAM.*
 - c) *it brings a dispute to an Ordinary Court, except in cases where the FIFA, AFC or FAM regulations or binding legal provisions specifically provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts,*
2. *The presence of an absolute majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members entitled to vote at the Congress is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion of expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of the valid votes cast.*

ARTICLE 16-Resignation

1. *A Member may resign from the FAM with effect from the end of a calendar year. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat no later than six months before the end of the calendar year.*
2. *The resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards the FAM and other members of FAM.*

ARTICLE 17-Independence of Members and their bodies

1. *The Members of FAM shall manage their affairs independently and with no influence from third parties and shall ensure that they are not subject to any political or other external influence.*
2. *Their bodies shall be either elected or appointed and their statutes shall provide for a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment.*
3. *Any Members' bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with the provisions of par. 2, even on an interim basis, shall not be recognized by the FAM.*

4. *Decisions passed by bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with par. 2 shall not be recognized by the FAM.*

ARTICLE 18 -States of Clubs, Leagues, Regional Associations and other groups of clubs

1. *Clubs, Leagues, Regional Associations or any other groups of clubs affiliated to the FAM shall be subordinate to and recognized by the FAM. These Statutes define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these Clubs and groups. Their statutes and regulations must be approved by the Executive Committee of the FAM.*
2. *The affiliated Clubs and groups of the FAM shall take all decisions on any matters regarding their membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of their corporate structure.*
3. *In any case, no natural or legal person (including hosting companies and subsidiaries) shall exercise control over more than one club or grope whenever the integrity of any match or competition be jeopardized.*

ARTICLE 19- Honorary members

1. *The Congress may bestow the title of Honorary Member upon any person for meritorious service to football.*
2. *The executive committee of FAM shall make these nominations.*
3. *Honorary members of the FAM may take part in the Congress of the FAM and join the debates, but they are not entitled to vote.*

III. ORGANISATION.

ARTICLE 20 - Bodies of the FAM

1. *The Congress is the supreme and legislative body.*
2. *The Executive Committee is the executive body.*
3. *Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its duties. Their duties, composition and function are defined in these Statutes and special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee*
4. *The general secretarial is the administrative body.*
5. *The judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee, the Ethics Committee and the Appeal Committee.*
6. *The bodies of the FAM shall be either elected or appointed by FAM itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes. The members of the bodies shall not have previously been found guilty of any criminal offence incompatible with the position.*
7. *The Club Licensing Body is in charge of the club licensing system within the Association. The club licensing body of the FAM will be included under the general secretarial of the FAM.*
8. *The Electoral Committee is the body in charge of organizing and supervising the election process.*
9. *Any member of the bodies of FAM must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interest.*

A. CONGRESS

ARTICLE 21-Definition and composition of the Congress

1. *The Congress is the meeting at which all of the Members of the FAM represented by their delegates regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of the FAM. Only a Congress that is regularly convened has the authority to make decisions.*
2. *A Congress may be the Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.*
3. *The President shall conduct the Congress business in compliance with the standing orders of the Congress.*
4. *The Executive Committee may appoint observers or guests to take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote.*

ARTICLE 22 - Delegates and votes

I. The Congress is composed of these delegates with each one vote.

The allocation of the delegates representing the Members of the FAM is as follows.

- a) For each of the 8 clubs of the Ist Division: two Congress delegates with each one vote*
 - b) For each of the 10 clubs of the 2nd Division: one Congress delegate with one vote*
 - c) for each of the nine zones. one Congress delegate with one vote*
- 2. Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that Member. They must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.*
 - 3. Each delegate is entitled to one vote. Only delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.*
 - 4. The Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in the Congress without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates for their Clubs or associations.*

ARTICLE 23-Area of authority

The Congress has the following areas of authority.-

- a) adopting or amending the Statutes, regulations governing the application of the of the statutes and the standing orders of the Congress.*
- b) appointing two Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;*
- c) electing or dismissing the President and the Vice-President and members of the Executive Committee,;*
- d) ratifying the Executive Committee's appointment of the members of the judicial bodies, the Electoral Committee and the Audit and Compliance Committee,*
- e) appointing the scrutineers,*
- f) approving the Financial Statements;*
- g) approving the budget;*
- h) approving the President's activity report;*
- i) appointing independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;*
- j) fixing the membership subscriptions on the recommendation of the Executive*

Committee

- k) deciding upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, whether to bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member;*
- l) admitting, suspending or expelling a Member*
- m) revoking the mandate of one or more number of members of a body of FAM,*
- n) dissolving FAM and passing decisions at the request of a member in accordance with these statutes,*
- o) Only Congress shall bring changes to the logo and flag.*

ARTICLE 24-Quorum of the Congress

- 1. Decisions passed by the Congress shall only be valid if a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members who are entitled to vote are present at the beginning of the Congress.*
- 2. If a quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place within 24 hours after the first, with the same agenda.*
- 3. A quorum is not required for the second meeting of the Congress unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of the FAM,*
- 4. election of the President and election of the Vice-President and members of the Executive Committee, the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of the FAM, the expulsion of a Member of the FAM or the dissolution of the FAM.*

ARTICLE 25-Decisions of the Congress

- 1. Unless otherwise stipulated in the statutes, a majority (more than 50 No) of the valid votes cast is sufficient for decisions to be valid. Spoiled or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority.*
- 2. A decision that requires n vofe shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.*

ARTICE 26-Elections

- 1. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. Where a candidate has no opponent for the seat they will be elected by acclamation. Voting my letter of proxy is not permitted.*
- 2. Elections shall take place by list.*
- 3. Election of FAM, of Members of FAM and of members of Members of FAM shall be*

conducted by the Electoral Committee in Accordance with the Electoral Code of FAM.

4. *For the election of the Executive Committee, the list which receives a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast in the first ballot, shall be elected. If none of the lists receives the necessary majority, the list that obtains the lowest number of votes, is eliminated as from the second ballot. This procedure shall be repeated in every subsequent ballot until there is a list with the required majority of more than 50% of the valid votes cast.*
5. *In case of a tied vote, new ballots shall be conducted until the respective list is elected in accordance with the procedure set forth by the present provision.*

ARTICLE 27-Ordinary Congress

1. *The Ordinary Congress shall be held every year.*
2. *The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least forty-five (45) day before the FAM congress.*
3. *The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least (10) ten days before the date of the Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the President's activity report, the financial statements and the auditors' report and any other relevant documents.*

ARTICLE 28-Ordinary Congress agenda

1. *The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least (30) thirty days before the date of FAM Congress.*
2. *The Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items.*
 - a) *a declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of the FAM,*
 - b) *approval of the agenda,*
 - c) *an address by the President, '*
 - d) *appointment of two Members to check the minutes,*
 - e) *appointment of two scrutineers,*
 - f) *suspension or expulsion of Members (if relevant)*
 - g) *approval of the minutes of the preceding Congress,*
 - h) *President's activity report (containing the activities since the last Congress);*
 - i) *presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and loss statement,*

- j) *approval of the financial statements,*
 - k) *approval of the budget,*
 - l) *admission of membership (if relevant);*
 - m) *votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress (if relevant),*
 - n) *discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Executive Committee,*
 - o) *appointment of independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee,*
 - p) *dismissal of a person or a body (if relevant);*
 - q) *election of the President, Vice-President and members of the Executive Committee,*
 - r) *ratification of the Executive Committee 's appointment of the members of the judicial bodies, the Audit and Compliance committee and the Electoral Committee (if relevant),'*
 - s) *any further items proposed by the members of the Executive Committee of FAM in accordance with art. 25 par. 2 (if relevant).*
3. *The agenda of an Ordinary Congress may be altered, provided three-quarters of the Members present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.*
 4. *The Congress shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.*

ARTICLE 29-Extraordinary Congress

1. *The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time.*
2. *The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress if more than 50% of the Members of the FAM make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held within (45) forty-five days of receipt of the request, where the 45 days shall be counted excluding all Public Holidays falling within the period of notice. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened, the Members who requested it can convene the Congress themselves. As a last resort, the Members may request assistance from AFC or FIFA.*
3. *The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least (7) seven days before the date of the Extraordinary Congress.*
4. *When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, it must draw up the agenda. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened upon the request of Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members.*
5. *The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress may not be altered.*

ARTICLE 30 – Amendments to the Statutes, (regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing order of the Congress)

1. *The Congress is responsible for amending the Statutes;*
2. *Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal submitted by a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by one third of the Members.*
3. *For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members entitled to vote must be present.*
4. *A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if three quarters of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.*
5. *Any proposal to amend the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee.*
6. *A proposal for an amendment to the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress shall be adopted only if a majority (more than 50%) of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.*

ARTICLE 31-Minutes

The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the Congress. The minutes shall be checked by those Members designated and finally approved at the next Congress.

ARTICLE 32-Effective dates of decisions

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect for the Members 30 days after the close of the Congress, unless the Congress fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 33 Compositions

1. *Executive Committee is the Governing Committee stated in the law 1/2003 article 15.2. Executive Committee shall take full responsibility for legal and government requisites towards FAM.*
2. *The Executive Committee consists of 9 members.*

- *1 President*
- *1 first Vice-President*
- *1 second Vice-President*
- *2 members representing the 1st Division*
- *1 member representing the 2nd Division*
- *1 member representing the Regional Associations*
- *1 member representing the interest groups*
- *1 other member*

At least one member of the Executive Committee shall be female and at least one member of the Executive Committee shall be male.

3. *The President, the Vice-Presidents and the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Congress. The President, the Vice Presidents and the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by list. A list must be proposed by at least five Members of the FAM.*
4. *The mandate of the President, Vice-Presidents and members of the Executive Committee is for four years. Their mandates shall begin after the end of the Congress which has elected them. They may be re-elected.*
5. *They should have served or been active at managerial position in football for at least two of the last five years, and must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence and shall be Maldivian citizen.*
6. *Candidatures must be sent to the general secretariat of the FAM, thirty-five (35) days before the FAM Congress. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of the FAM at least ten (10) days before the FAM congress, along with the agenda of the Congress at which the Executive Committee will be elected.*
7. *A Member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a Judicial body of FAM.*
8. *If a position or up to 50% of the positions of the Executive Committee should become vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill that position until the next Ordinary Congress, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of mandate.*
9. *If more than 50% of the positions of the Executive Committee become vacant, the Emergency Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress in order to elect a new Executive Committee for a new term office. If the Emergency Committee lacks the required quorum, the General Secretary shall convene an elective Extraordinary Congress within the prescribed period of time.*
10. *A position will be considered vacant in case of death, resignation or if a member of the Executive Committee, except the President, does not participate in six consecutive meetings.*

ARTICLE 34-Meetings

1. *The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.*
2. *The President shall convene the Executive Committee meetings. If 50% or more of the Executive Committee members request a meeting, the President shall convene it within 7 days. If the President does not convene the requested meeting by the aforementioned deadline, the other members of the Executive Committee shall convene f/ themselves.*
3. *The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Executive Committee must submit the points they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the general secretariat at least 4 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least 2 days before the meeting.*
4. *The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.*
5. *The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Executive Committee.*

ARTICLE 35-Powers of the Executive Committee

1. *The Executive Committee:*
 - a) *shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;*
 - b) *shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of the FAM;*
 - c) *shall appoint the Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and members of the standing committees, '*
 - d) *shall propose to the Congress the candidates for the Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and members of the judicial bodies, the Electoral Committee and the Audit and Compliance Committee.*
 - e) *may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time,*
 - f) *shall compile the regulations %r the organization of standing committees and ad-hoc committees,*
 - g) *shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President. The General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all the committees ex officio,*
 - h) *shall propose the independent auditors to the Congress;*

- i) *shall appoint replacements for vacancies in the judicial bodies or the Audit and Compliance Committee until the next Congress, '*
- j) *shall draw up regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of competitions organised by the Association,*
- k) *shall decide the place and dates and the number of teams participating in the competitions of the FAM,*
- l) *shall appoint and dismiss the coaches for the representative teams, '*
- m) *shall approve regulations stipulating how the FAM shall be organized internally,*
- n) *shall ensure that the Statutes are applied, and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;*
- o) *may dismiss a number of members of a body or suspend a Member of the EAM provisionally until the next Congress,*
- p) *may propose to the appropriate judicial body to dismiss a person,*
- q) *may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of the FAM or third parties.*

ARTICLE 36-Decisions of the Executive Committee

1. *The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless more than 50% of its members are present.*
2. *The Executive Committee shall reach decisions by a majority of more than 50% of the members present. In the event of tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote. Voting by proxy or letter is not permitted.*
3. *Any member of the Executive Committee must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interest.*
4. *The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.*
5. *The decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.*

ARTICLE 37-Dismissal of a person or body

1. *The Congress may dismiss a person or a number of members of a body. The Executive Committee may place the dismissal of a person or a number of members of a body on the agenda for the Congress. The Executive Committee may also dismiss a number of members of a body provisionally. Any Executive Committee member may submit a*

proposal to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda of the Executive Committee or Congress. This provision does not prevent any member of the FAM to also propose a dismissal of a person or a number of members of a body.

- 2. The motion for dismissal must be justified. It will be sent to the Members of the FAM along with the agenda.*
- 3. The person or the members of a body in question have the right to speak in their own defense.*
- 4. If the motion for dismissal is upheld, the Congress shall reach a decision by means of secret ballot. For the vote on the motion for dismissal to be valid, a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members entitled to vote must be present. For the motion to be approved, a majority of two-thirds of the valid votes cast is required.*
- 5. The person or body dismissed must be relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.*

C. PRESIDENT

This article governs the duties, powers and election of the President of the FAM as a legal representative.

ARTICLE 38-President

- 1. The President represents the FAM legally.*
- 2. He is primarily responsible for;*
 - a) Implementing the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee through the general secretariat,*
 - b) Ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of the FAM in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes,*
 - c) Supervising the work of the general secretariat,*
 - d) Relations between the FAM and its Members, FIFA, AFC, political bodies and other organizations.*
- 3. Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.*
- 4. The President shall preside over the Congress, the Executive Committee and the Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed chairman.*
- 5. The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.*

6. *If the President is absent or unavailable, the first Vice-President shall deputize. If the first Vice-President is also absent or unavailable, the second Vice-President shall deputize.*
7. *If the position of the President becomes vacant, the first Vice-President shall automatically become acting president for the remaining period of office. The Executive Committee shall fill the vacant position in the Executive Committee until the next Ordinary Congress, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of mandate.*

The position of the President will be considered vacant in case of death, resignation or if he does not participate in six consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee. In case of resignation, the vacant position cannot be filled by the resigning President.

8. *Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organization regulations of the FAM.*

ARTICLE 39-Representation and signature

The President represents the FAM legally and is entitled to sign for the FAM. The Executive Committee may set up internal organization regulations regarding the joint signature of officers, in particular, in case of the President's absence and concerning all important business of the FAM.

D. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

The FAM may set up a Emergency Committee competent for all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE-40-Emergency Committee

1. *The Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee. The committee shall consist of the President of the FAM, the first Vice-President and 3 members chosen from amongst the FAM's Members and appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of 4 years.*
2. *The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.*
3. *The Emergency Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless more than 1/3 of its members take part in the debate. The Emergency Committee shall reach decisions by a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote.*
4. *All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Executive*

Committee at its next meeting.

5. *If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the first Vice-President shall deputize. If the first Vice-President is unable to attend, the longest-serving member of the Emergency Committee shall deputize.*

E. STANDING COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 41-Standing Committees

These articles shall govern the composition, function and duties of the standing committees. The association may constitute as many committees as necessary.

1. *The standing committees of the FAM are.*
 - a) *Finance Committee,*
 - b) *Organizing Committee for FAM competitions,*
 - c) *Technical, Youth Development Committee,*
 - d) *Medical Committee*
 - e) *Referees' Committee,*
 - f) *Women's Committee,*
 - g) *Eutsal and Beach Committee,*
 - h) *Players' Status Committee;*
 - i) *Media Committee*
 - j) *Audit and Compliance Committee,'*
 - k) *Legal Committee*
2. *The Chairpersons of the standing committees shall be members of the Executive Committee with the exception of those for the Audit and Compliance Committee who may not belong to the Executive Committee. The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and the members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of 2 years. They may be re-appointed and may also be relieved of their duties by the Executive Committee at any time, although the chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee may only be relieved of their duties by the Congress.*
3. *Each Chairperson shall represent his committee and conduct business in compliance with*

the relevant organization regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

4. *Each Chairperson shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report back to the Executive Committee.*
5. *Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.*

ARTICLE 42-Finance Committee

The Commftee shall monitor the financial management of the FAM and advice the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyze the budget and the financial statentents prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and three members.

ARTICLE 43-Audit and Compliance Committee

1. *The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the financial statements, the consolidated financial statement and the external auditors' reports.*
2. *The Audit and Compliance Committee shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in monitoring the FAM's financial and compliance matters, and issue and monitor compliance with the relevant regulations of the FAM.*
3. *Details on the Audit and Compliance Committee's responsibilities, it's internal cooperation and other procedural matters are stipulated in the relevant regulations of the FAM.*
4. *The chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years and may only be relieved of their duties by the Congress.*
5. *The chairperson and deputy chairperson of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be independent. They shall not be considered independent if, at any time during the four years preceding their terms, they or any family member (spouse, children, stepchildren, parents, siblings, domestic partner, parents of spouse/domestic partner and siblings and children of domestic partner);*
 - *held any paid position or material contract (directly or indirectly) with FAM and or any Member/Confederation, League or Club (including any of their affiliated companies/organizations), whereas a voluntary position with an expenses allowance of more than USD 2000 per month shall also be regarded as a paid position, was employed by FAM's outside legal counsel or by FAM's auditor (and was engaged*

in auditing FAM),

- *held any paid or voluntary position with a non-profit organization to which FAM and/or any Member, Confederation, League or Club makes annual payments in excess of USD 2000*

6. *If the chairperson, the deputy chairperson or a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee permanently ceases to perform his official function during his term office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Congress.*

ARTICLE 44 - Organising Committee for FAM Competitions

The Organizing Committee for FAM Competitions shall organize the competitions of FAM in compliance with the provisions of these statutes and the regulations applicable to FAM competitions. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and five members.

ARTICLE 45-Technical and Youth Development Committee

The Technical and Youth Development Committee shall primarily analyze the basic aspects of football training and technical development. It shall also organise Youth Football competitions and deal with all matters relating to Youth Football. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and five members.

ARTICLE 46-Referees' Committee

The Referees' Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game. It shall appoint the referees for matches in competitions organized by the FAM, organize refereeing matters within the Maldives in collaboration with the administration of the FAM and monitor the education and training of referees. It shall consist of a Chairperson and four members.

ARTICLE 47-Women's Football Committee

The Committee for Women's Football shall organize women's football competitions and deal with all matters relating to women's football as well as Futsal and Beach Soccer. It shall consist of a Chairperson and four members.

ARTICLE 48-Futsal and Beach Football Committee

The Futsal and Beach Committee shall organize Futsal competitions and deal with all matters relating to Futsal and Beach football. It shall consist of a Chairperson and four members.

ARTICLE 49-Medical Committee

The Medical Committee shall deal with all medical aspects of football. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and four members.

ARTICLE 50-Players' Status Committee

The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of Players for various competitions of the FAM. The Executive Committee may draw up special regulations governing the Player's Status Committee's powers of jurisdiction. The Player's Status Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and three members.

Players' status disputes involving the FAM, its Members, Players, Officials and Match and Players' Agents shall be settled by an Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with these Statutes.

ARTICLE 51-Media Committee

The Media Committee shall deal with the working conditions for the media at FAM's events and maintain relations with media organisations. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and four members.

ARTICLE 52-Legal Committee

The Legal Committee shall analyze basic legal issues relating to football and the evolution of the Statutes and Regulations of the RAM and its members. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and three members. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson must have legal qualifications.

ARTICLE 53 — Ad hoc Committees

The Executive Committee may, if necessary create ad hoc committees for special duties and for a limited period of time. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and the members. The duties and functions are defined in special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee. An ad hoc committee shall report directly to the Executive Committee.

F. OTHER BODIES

ARTICLE 54-Club Licensing Body

The Club Licensing Body is in charge of the club licensing system within the FAM in accordance with the regulations of FAM and the regulations of the relevant Confederation.

ARTICLE 55-Electoral Committee

The Electoral Committee is the body in charge of organising and supervising the election process in accordance with the Electoral Code of FAM.

ARTICLE 56-General Secretariat

The general secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of the FAM under the direction of the General Secretary. The staff of the general secretariat are bound by the internal organizational regulations of the RAM and fulfill the given tasks in the best manner.

ARTICLE 57-General Secretary

1. *The General Secretary is the chief executive of the general secretariat.*
2. *He shall be appointed on the basis of an agreement governed by private law and shall have the necessary professional qualifications.*
3. *He shall be responsible for:-*
 - a) *implementing decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee in compliance with the President's directives,*
 - b) *attending the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the standing and ad-hoc committees,'*
 - c) *organizing the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee and other bodies;*
 - d) *compiling the minutes of the meetings of the Congress, Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and standing and ad-hoc committees,'*
 - e) *managing and keeping the accounts of the FAM properly,*
 - f) *the correspondence of the FAM,'*
 - g) *relations with the Members, committees, FIFA and AFC,*
 - h) *organizing the general secretariat,*

- i) the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat,*
 - j) proposing managerial staff to the President, '*
4. *The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of the FAM.*

G. JUDICIAL BODIES

ARTICLE 58-Judicial bodies

1. *The judicial bodies of the FAM are.*
 - a) the Disciplinary Committee;*
 - b) the Ethics Committee;*
 - c) the Appeals Committee.*
2. *The responsibilities and functions of these bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of the FAM which shall comply with the FIFA and AFC Disciplinary Codes.*
3. *The judicial bodies shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and a specific number of other members*
4. *The judicial bodies of the FAM shall be independent, in the sense that they shall decide matters and/or cases before them impartially, on the basis of facts and in accordance with the statutes and regulations, without any restrictions, improper influences, inducements, pressures, threats or interferences, direct or indirect, from any quarter or for any reason*
5. *The judicial bodies are to be composed in such a way that the members, together, have the knowledge, abilities and specialist experience that is necessary for the due completion of their tasks. The chair of the judicial bodies shall be qualified to practise law. The term of office of all members shall be four years. The members may be re-elected or relieved of their duties at any time, although they may only be relieved of their duties by the Congress.*
6. *The chairperson, deputy chairperson and other members of the judicial bodies shall be elected by the Congress upon proposal of the Executive Committee and shall not be members of the Executive Committee or of a standing committee.*
7. *The chairperson and deputy chairperson of the Ethics Committee shall fulfil the same independence criteria that are stipulated in art. 43 for the chairperson and deputy chairperson of the Audit and Compliance Committee.*
8. *If the chairperson, the deputy chairperson or a member of a judicial body permanently*

ceases to perform his official function during his term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Congress.

9. *The responsibilities and function of the judicial bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of FAM and the Code of Ethics of FAM.*
10. *The decision-making powers of other committees remain unaffected.*
11. *The members of the judicial bodies may not belong to any other body of the FAM at the same time.*

ARTICLE 59-Disciplinary Committee

1. *The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a chairperson, deputy chairperson and three other members. The chairperson and the deputy chairperson shall have legal qualifications.*
2. *The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of the Football Association of Maldives. The Executive Committee shall issue the Disciplinary Code of FAM. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present.*
3. *The committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of the Football Association of Maldives on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match and players' agents.*
4. *These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.*

ARTICLE 60-Ethics Committee

1. *The function of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the Code of Ethics of FAM. The Ethics Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, as specified in the Code of Ethics, the chairperson may rule alone.*
2. *The Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, the Code of Ethics of FAM and the Disciplinary Code of FAM on Officials, Players and match and players' agents.*
3. *The Executive Committee shall issue the Code of Ethics of FAM, which shall be in accordance with the principles laid down in the valid FIFA Code of Ethics.*

ARTICLE 61-Appeal Committee

1. *The Appeal Committee shall consist of a chairperson, deputy chairperson and three other members. The chairperson and the deputy chairperson shall have legal qualifications*
2. *The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of the FAM and the Code of Ethics of FAM. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present.*
3. *The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee and decisions of the Ethics Committee that are not declared final.*
4. *Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee may only be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, or to a national, independent Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with the provisions in these Statutes.*

ARTICLE 62-Disciplinary measures

1. *For natural and legal persons:*
 - a) *a warning,*
 - b) *a reprimand,*
 - c) *a fine,*
 - d) *the return of awards.*
2. *For natural persons:*
 - a) *a Caution;*
 - b) *an expulsion;*
 - c) *a match suspension;*
 - d) *a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench,*
 - e) *a ban from entering the stadium.*
 - f) *a ban on taking part in any football-related activity.*
 - g) *Social work*
3. *For legal persons.*
 - a) *a transfer ban,*
 - b) *playing match without spectators, '*

- c) *playing a match on neutral territory,*
- d) *a ban on playing in a particular stadium;*
- e) *annulment of the result of the match*
- f) *expulsion;*
- g) *a forfeit,*
- h) *deduction of points,*
- i) *relegation to a lower division.*
- j) *Replaying a match*

ARTICLE 63-Arbitration

1. *Disputes in the FAM or disputes affecting Leagues, members of Leagues, Clubs, members of Clubs, Players, Officials and other FAM Officials shall not be submitted to Ordinary Courts, unless the FIFA regulations, these Statutes or binding legal provisions specifically provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts.*
2. *Such disputes as specified in par. 1 shall be taken to an independent Arbitration Tribunal recognized by FAM, or to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.*
3. *The FAM shall create an Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all internal disputes between the FAM, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents that do not fall under the jurisdiction of its judicial bodies. The Executive Committee shall draw up special regulations regarding the composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this Arbitration Tribunal.*
4. *As long as the Arbitration Tribunal of FAM has not been installed and recognized by the Congress of the FAM, any dispute of national dimension, may only be referred in the last instance to the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.*

ARTICLE 64-Jurisdiction

1. *Recourse may only be made to an arbitration tribunal in accordance with art. 63 o/ these statutes once all internal channels of FAM have been exhausted.*
2. *the FAM shall have jurisdiction in internal national disputes between parties belonging to FAM. EIFA shall have jurisdiction on international disputes i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different Associations and/or Confederations.*

ARTICLE 65-Court of Arbitration for Sport

1. *In accordance with Articles 60 and 61 of the FIFA Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding FIFA decision shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. CAS shall not, however, hear appeals on violations of the laws of the Game, suspensions of up to four matches or up to three months, or decisions passed by an independent and duly constituted Arbitration Tribunal of an Association or Confederation.*
2. *The FAM shall ensure its full compliance and of its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA body, by an AFC body, by the Arbitration Tribunal recognised by FAM or by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.*

H. FINANCE

ARTICLE 66-Financial period

1. *The financial period of the FAM shall be one year and shall begin on 01 January and end on 31 December.*
2. *The revenue and expenses of the FAM shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. The FAM's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.*
3. *The General Secretary is responsible/or drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of the FAM with its subsidiaries as at 31 December.*

ARTICLE 67-Revenue

1. *The revenue of the EAM arises specifically from.*
 - a) *Members' annual subscriptions.'*
 - b) *receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which the FAM is entitled;*
 - c) *fines imposed by the authorized bodies;*
 - d) *other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by the FAM.*

ARTICLE 68-Expenses

- a) *the expenses stipulated in the budget,*
- b) *other expenses approved by the Congress and expenses that the Executive Committee is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority,*
- c) *all other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by the FAM.*

ARTICLE 69-Independent and external Auditors

The independent and external auditors appointed by the Congress shall audit the accounts approved by the Finance Committee in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the Congress. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of one year.

ARTICLE 70-Membership subscriptions

1. *Membership subscriptions are due on 31 December. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the Congress at which they are admitted.*
2. *The Congress shall fix the amount of annual subscription every year on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Member and amount to be no more than Maldivian Rufiyaa 1,000 per year.*

ARTICLE 71-Settlement

The FAM may debit any Member's assets to settle claims.

ARTICLE 72 — Levies

The FAM may demand that a levy be paid by its members for matches.

I. COMPETITION AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITION AND EVENTS

ARTICLE 73-Competitions

1. *The FAM will organize and coordinate the following official competitions held within its territory.*

- a) *Dhivehi League*
 - b) *F.A. Cup*
 - c) *Charity Cup*
 - d) *Atoll Tournaments*
 - e) *Presidents Cup*
 - f) *President of Maldives' Invitational Soccer Cup (POMIS Cup)*
 - g) *People's Cup*
2. *The Executive Committee may delegate to the members of FAM the authority to organize competitions. The competitions organized by the members of FAM shall not interfere with those competitions organized by FAM. Competitions organized by FAM shall take priority.*
 3. *The Executive Committee may issue special regulations to this end.*

ARTICLE 74 — Club licensing

The Executive Committee of the EAM will set up regulations regarding a club licensing system governing the participation of clubs in competitions of FAM, in compliance with the minimum requirements of the club licensing system as set up by the ABC in conformity with the FIFA Club Licensing Regulations.

ARTICLE 75-Rights

1. *The FAM and its Members are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from the competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.*
2. *The Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilized and draw up special regulations to this end. The Executive Committee shall alone decide whether these rights shall be utilized exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.*

ARTICLE 76-Authorisation

The FAM and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorizing the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects.

J. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

ARTICLE 77-International matches and competitions

- 1. The authority for organizing international matches and competitions between teams of the FAM and Leagues and/or Club teams lies solely with FIFA. No match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of the FIFA Executive Committee. In addition, permission from the relevant Confederation may be required in accordance with the FIFA regulations.*
- 2. The FAM is bound to comply with the International match calendar compiled by FIFA and AFC.*

ARTICLE 78-Contacts

The FAM, its members, players, officials and match and players agents shall not play matches or make sporting contacts with Associations that are not members of FIFA or with provisional members of a Confederation without the approval of FIFA and the AFC.

ARTICLE 79 — Approval

- 1. Clubs, leagues or any other group of clubs that are affiliated to FAM may only join another association with the authorization of FAM, the other association, the respective Confederation(s) and FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances. .*
- 2. Clubs, leagues or any other groups of clubs that are affiliated to FAM cannot participate in competitions on the territory of another association without the authorizations of FAM, the other association, of FIFA and the respective Confederation, according to the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.*

K. FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 80-Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure

The Executive Committee shall have the final decision on any matters not provided for in the Statutes or in cases of force majeure

ARTICLE 81-Dissolution

- 1. Any decision relating to the dissolution of the FAM requires a majority of four fifths (or any other majority as stipulated in the applicable national legislation) of all of the Members of the FAM, which must be obtained at a Congress specially convened for the purpose.*
- 2. In any decision relating to the dissolution, income and properties of the association is not to be distributed among the members nor among the members of the Executive Committee.*
- 3. In any decision relating to the dissolution, neither the founding members, nor the general members or the members of the Executive Committee have any ownership rights whatsoever to cJ0ffn On any property or finance belonging to the association.*
- 4. If the FAM is disbanded, any money or property left over after paying of the debts and liabilities of FAM, after its dissolution shall be handed over to an organization that work towards the development of football, Olympic Committee or Sports Counsel. Congress may, however, decide on the organization to be handed over. Once FAM is established, money or property shall be given back to FAM.*

ARTICLE 82-Enforcement

These Statutes were adopted at the Congress held on 02nd JULY 2020 and will come into force on the from the date of adoption

ARTICLE 83-Transitory clauses

- 1. The Maldives Beach Football Association, The Maldives Youth Football Association, The Maldives Futsal Association, The Maldives Womens Football Association, The Maldives Referees Association, The Maldives Coaches Association, The Maldives Players Association and The Maldives Veterans Association shall comply with the requirements to become a member of FAM according to art. 10 within the next two years as from the enforcement of these statutes. Until they have not complied with all of these requirements, they shall not be able to exercise any rights of a member of the FAM. In case they do not comply with these requirements within the aforementioned period of time, the Congress shall decide about their membership.*
- 2. The newly inserted amendments in art.33 par.4 of these statutes (see below in bold) regarding the necessary requirements for a member of the Executive Committee of the FAM to*

have served or been active at a managerial position in football for at least two of the last five years, shall only be valid after the next elections of the FAM has taken place after the enforcement of these statutes. Further, it shall be a requirement for the next elections of the FAM that will take place after the enforcement of these statutes that lists may be proposed pursuant to the newly inserted amendments in art.33 par.2 of these statutes by at least five members of the FAM, three of whom shall be from the 1st Division.

TRANSLATION.

**THIS IS THE TRANSLATION OF THE FAM STATUTES 2020 WHICH WAS PASSED AND
ADOPTED ON 02ND JULY 2020.**

