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DEFINITIONS

The terms given below denote the following:

MFF: “Mongolian Football Federation”.

FIFA: "Fédération Internationale de Football Association".

Association: a football association recognised as such by FIFA and by the relevant confederation. It is a member of FIFA, unless a different meaning is evident from the context.

AFC: “Asian Football Confederation”.

League: an organisation that is subordinate to an Association.

Regional Association: an organisation that is subordinate to an Association.

Confederation: a group of Associations recognised by FIFA and belonging to the same continent (or assimilable geographic area).

Club: a member of an Association (that is a Member of FIFA) or of a League recognised by an Association that enters more than one team in a competition.

Official: every board member (including the members of the Council), committee member, referee and assistant referee, coach, trainer and any other person (except Players) responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters in FIFA, a Confederation, a FIFA Member Association, League or Club as well as any other persons obliged to comply with the FIFA Statutes.

Player: a football player registered with the MFF.

Congress: the supreme and legislative body of MFF.

Delegate: a natural person validly representing a Member at the Congress.

Council: strategic and oversight body of MFF.

Member: a legal entity that has been admitted into membership of MFF by the Congress and that is a Member of the Congress.

Affiliate: a football stakeholder (legal entity) that has been recognised by the MFF and/or by one of its Members.

Association Football: the game controlled by FIFA and organised in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

Laws of the Game: the laws of association football issued by the IFAB in accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes.

IFAB: the International Football Association Board.

Ordinary Courts: state courts which hear public and private legal disputes.

Mongolian International and National Sports Arbitration Tribunal: an independent and duly constituted private court of justice recognised by MFF, seated in the territory of Mongolia under MFF and acting instead of an Ordinary Court.

CAS: Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne (Switzerland).

Disability Football Board: a board that composed of representatives of the Special Olympics Committee of Mongolia.

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

Article 1 Name, headquarters, legal form and trademarks

1. MFF is a public non-government organisation of an associative nature formed on 30 October 1959 in compliance with the legislation of Mongolia and registered by the Ministry of Justice of Mongolia under Register no. 10009656 in the city of Ulaanbaatar. It is formed for an unlimited period.
 2. The headquarters are located in the city of Ulaanbaatar, Khan-Uul district, 15th khoroo.
 3. MFF is a member of FIFA, AFC and EAFF.
 4. The flag of MFF is set in Annexe 1.
 5. The emblem of MFF is set in Annexe 1.
 6. The flag and emblem are legally registered with the National and International intellectual certified authority property protection bodies.
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Article 2 Objectives

1. The objectives of MFF are the following:
 - 1.1. to develop the game of football constantly and promote, regulate, and control it throughout the territory of Mongolia in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural, and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;
 - 1.2. to organise competitions in all its forms at national level;
 - 1.3. to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;
 - 1.4. to protect the interests of its Members;
 - 1.5. to respect and prevent any infringement of the Statutes, regulations, directives, and decisions of FIFA, AFC, EAFF, MFF and as well as the Laws of the Game, and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
 - 1.6. to promote integrity, ethics, and fair play with a view of preventing and fighting all methods or practices, such as ethical misconduct, corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardise the integrity of matches, competitions, Players, Officials and Members or give rise to abuse of Association Football, futsal or beach soccer;
 - 1.7. to control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of Mongolia;
 - 1.8. to control and supervise Association Football at national level and to control, supervise all forms of international football matches played throughout the territory of Mongolia, in accordance with the relevant Statutes and regulations of FIFA and of the Confederations;
 - 1.9. to manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;
 - 1.10. to host competitions at international and other levels;
 - 1.11. to promote and strengthen good governance principles and practices at national level and encourage its Members to adopt their own good governance principles;
 - 1.12. to promote the development of women's football and the full participation of women at all levels of football governance;

Article **3** **Human rights**

MFF is committed to respecting all internationally recognised human rights and shall strive to promote the protection of these rights.

Article **4** **Non-discrimination and equality**

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, age, physical appearance, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation, disability or any other reason conducted by member is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion and/or disciplinary measures.

Article **5** **Neutrality and institutional independence**

- 1 MFF is neutral in matters of politics and religion.
 - 2 The Members of MFF shall also be neutral in matters of politics and religion and shall ensure that their own members remain neutral.
 - 3 MFF shall remain independent and shall avoid any form of undue political interference. MFF shall manage its affairs independently and shall ensure that its own affairs are not influenced by any third parties.
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Article **6** **Promoting friendly relations**

- 1 MFF shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives.
 - 2 MFF shall have the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between Members, Clubs, Officials, and Players of MFF.
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Article **7** **Players**

- 1 The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Council of MFF in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
 - 2 Players shall be registered in accordance with the regulations of MFF.
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Article **8** **Laws of the Game**

- 1 MFF and each of its Members play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.

- 2 MFF and each of its Members play futsal in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the Futsal Laws of the Game.
 - 3 MFF and each of its Members play beach soccer in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.
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Article **9** **Conduct of bodies and Officials**

- 1 All bodies and Officials of MFF must observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics and the Disciplinary Code of FIFA, AFC and MFF in their activities.
 - 2 Every person and organisation involved in the game of Association Football, futsal, and beach soccer in the territory of MFF is obliged to observe the Statutes and regulations of FIFA, of the AFC, of MFF and any other relevant statutes, as well as the principles of fair play, loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
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Article **10** **Official languages**

- 1 The official language of MFF shall be Mongolian. MFF Statutes and regulations shall be written in Mongolian and English. In the event of an inconsistency in the MFF Statutes and regulations, the English version prevails.
- 2 The official language at the Congress shall be Mongolian.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 11 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 fulfils the requirements of MFF in accordance with these Statutes.
 - 3 Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards MFF or other Members of MFF, but leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to MFF.
 - 4 A Member which fails to meet its obligations stipulated in art. 15 par. 1 of these Statutes, may be suspended or expelled by the Congress in accordance with art. 16 and 17 of these Statutes.
 - 5 MFF shall ensure that all relevant stakeholders are represented within its Congress. The interests of women's football shall also be adequately represented in the Congress.
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Article 12 Members

- 1 The Members of MFF are:
 - 1.1. The 21 Regional Football Associations
 - 1.2. 24 Clubs from the Premier League, First League, Women's Football League, Futsal League and U16 youth competition
 - 1.3. The Refereeing board
 - 1.4. The Coaching board
 - 1.5. The Women's board
 - 1.6. -Players' board for master level
 - 1.7. The Disability football board
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Article 13 Admission

- 1 Any legal entity wishing to become a Member of MFF shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of MFF.
- 2 The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
 - 2.1. a copy of its legally valid statutes and regulations;
 - 2.2. a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of MFF, FIFA, EAFF and AFC and ensure that these are also respected by its own members, clubs, officials and players;
 - 2.3. a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force as laid down by The IFAB, as well as the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game and the Futsal Laws of the Game as laid down by FIFA;
 - 2.4. a declaration that it will not take matters of interpretation and application of the FIFA, AFC, EAFF and MFF Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives to Ordinary Courts, unless the FIFA, the AFC, EAFF or the MFF regulations provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts;
 - 2.5. a declaration that it recognises the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, and (if applicable) the Mongolian International and National Sports Arbitration Tribunal, as specified in these Statutes;

- 2.6. a declaration that it is located and registered in the territory of Mongolia;
- 2.7. a declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of Mongolia;
- 2.8. a declaration to the effect that the legal composition of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions independently of any external entity;
- 2.9. a list of Officials, specifying those who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
- 2.10. a declaration that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of MFF;
- 2.11. a copy of the minutes of its last congress or constitutional meeting;
- 2.12. a Development program (if any strategic plan);
- 2.13. the Audited financial balance and report;
- 2.14. In case of a Club, it needs to have a license under the Club licensing regulations (categories A, B or C).

Article **14** Request and procedure for application

- 1 The procedure for admission of Members shall be regulated by special regulations approved by the Council of MFF.
- 2 The Council shall request the Congress either to admit or not to 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 by the Congress. Its delegates are eligible to be elected with immediate effect.

Article **15** Members' rights

1. The Members of MFF have the following rights:
 - 1.1. to take part in the Congress of MFF, to know its agenda in advance, to be called to the Congress within the prescribed time and to exercise their voting rights;
 - 1.2. to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
 - 1.3. to nominate candidates for elections to all bodies of MFF;
 - 1.4. to be informed of the affairs of MFF through the official bodies of MFF;
 - 1.5. to take part in competitions [if applicable] and/or other sporting activities organised by MFF;
 - 1.6. to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of MFF.
2. The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

Article **16** Members' obligations

- 1 The Members of MFF have the following obligations:
 - 1.1. to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC, EAFF and MFF at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its member;
 - 1.2. to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies every four years;
 - 1.3. to convene its supreme and legislative body at regular intervals, as a general rule once a year, but if circumstances so require, at least every two years;
 - 1.4. to take part in competitions [if applicable] and other sporting activities organised by MFF;

- 1.5. to pay their membership subscriptions;
 - 1.6. to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and the Beach Soccer and 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;
 - 1.7. to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relation to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC, or MFF shall only be referred to the Mongolian International and National Sports Arbitration Tribunal, as specified in the FIFA Statutes and in these Statutes and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;
 - 1.8. to manage their affairs independently and ensure that their own affairs are not influenced by any third parties in accordance with art. 20 of these Statutes;
 - 1.9. to ensure that their bodies are either elected or appointed according to a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment;
 - 1.10. to immediately communicate to MFF any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorised signatories with the right to enter legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - 1.11. not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognised or with Members that have been suspended or expelled by the Congress;
 - 1.12. to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
 - 1.13. to observe the mandatory items specified under art. 12 par. 3 of these Statutes for the duration of their affiliation;
 - 1.14. to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated. Shall communicate the updated record to MFF through written form;
 - 1.15. to ratify statutes that are in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes of MFF;
 - 1.16. to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, AFC and MFF;
 - 1.17. to release the players to the national teams of Mongolia in necessary course in accordance with the pertinent FIFA regulations.
- 2 Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions as provided for in these Statutes.
 - 3 Violation of par. 1.8. above may also lead to sanctions, even if the third-party influence was not the fault of the Member concerned. Each Member of MFF is responsible towards MFF for any and all acts of the members of their bodies caused by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such members.

Article **17** **Suspension**

- 1 The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member. The Council may, however, temporarily suspend a Member that seriously violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Council has lifted it in the meantime.
- 2 The presence of a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members eligible to vote is necessary for a suspension to be valid. A suspension of a Member by the Congress or the Council shall be confirmed at the next Congress by two-thirds of the delegates representing the members present and eligible to vote. 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 that do not participate in the sporting activities of MFF for a full calendar year shall be suspended from membership and suspended from voting at the Congress and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect. This provision shall not apply in case the non-participation was the direct result of a force majeure situation.

Article **18** **Expulsion**

- 1 The Congress may expel a Member if it seriously and repeatedly violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decision of FIFA, AFC and MFF.
- 2 A Member may also be expelled by the Congress if it was suspended on the basis of art. 17 of these Statutes for a period of no less than 12 months for having violated the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, AFC and MFF and does not remedy the relevant violation following that period of suspension.
- 3 The presence of a majority (more than 50%) of delegates representing the Members eligible to vote at the Congress is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a 2/3 majority of the valid votes cast.

Article **19** **Resignation**

1. Member may resign from MFF with effect from the end of the football season. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat no later than six months before the end of the football season.
2. The resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards MFF and the other Members of MFF.

Article **20** **Independence of Members and their bodies**

- 1 Each Member shall manage its affairs independently and with no influence from third parties.
- 2 The Members' bodies shall be either elected or appointed. The Members' statutes shall provide for a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment.
- 3 Any Member's bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with the provisions of par. 2 above, even on interim basis, shall not be recognised by MFF.
- 4 Decisions passed by bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with par. 2 shall not be recognised by MFF.

Article **21** **Status of Clubs, Leagues, Regional Football Associations, and other groups of Clubs**

- 1 Clubs, Leagues, Regional Football Associations or any other groups of clubs affiliated to MFF shall be subordinate to and recognised by MFF. There shall only be one top-tier national league on the territory of MFF. 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 MFF and must be in line with the Example Statutes approved by the Congress. MFF shall have the primary responsibility to regulate matters relating to refereeing, the fight against doping, the registration of players, club licensing, the imposition of disciplinary measures, including for ethical misconduct, as well as measures required to protect the integrity of competitions.
- 2 The affiliated Clubs, Regional Football Associations and groups of MFF 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 holding companies and subsidiaries) shall exercise control over and/or belong to more than one Club or group whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardised.

Article **22** **Affiliates**

1. The procedure for admission of affiliates shall be regulated by special regulations approved by the Council of MFF.
2. The rights and obligations of affiliates shall be defined in the regulations of MFF or in the regulations of the Members of MFF. Affiliates may also become Members of MFF, provided they comply with the provisions of art. 13 and 14 of these Statutes.

III. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBER

Article **23** **Honorary president and honorary member**

1. The Congress may bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member upon any person for meritorious service to football.
2. The Council shall make these nominations.
3. The honorary president or honorary member may take part in the Congress. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

Article **24** **Bodies of MFF**

- 1 The Congress is the supreme and legislative body.
- 2 President represents the MFF officially.
- 3 The Council is the strategic and oversight body.
- 4 Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the Council in fulfilling its duties.
- 5 The general secretariat is the administrative body.
- 6 The independent committees fulfil their functions in accordance with these Statutes and applicable regulations. The independent committees are the Audit and Compliance Unit, the electoral committees and the judicial bodies.
- 7 The judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee, the Ethics Committee and the Appeal Committee.
- 8 The Club Licensing Bodies are in charge of the club licensing system within MFF.
- 9 The Electoral Committees are the bodies in charge of organising and supervising the election process.
- 10 The bodies of MFF shall be either elected or appointed by MFF itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes. The members of the bodies of MFF shall not have previously been found guilty of any criminal offence under the laws of Mongolia incompatible with their position.
- 11 The organisational chart of MFF can be found in Annexe 2.
- 12 Any member of the bodies must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interest. In particular, members of the bodies shall always be aware of, and comply with, the relevant provisions of the FIFA Code of Ethics on conflicts of interest and adjust their conduct as necessary (e.g. abstain from performing their duties, notify the chairperson in cases of potential conflicts of interest, etc.).

Article **25** **Dismissal of a member of a body**

- ¹ The Congress may dismiss a member of a body. The Council may also dismiss a member of a body provisionally, with the exception of the members of the independent committees.¹ The provisional dismissal approved by the Council shall be confirmed by the next Congress, unless the Council has lifted it in the meantime. If the next Congress is of an elective nature, a dismissed member shall be allowed to be an elective candidate (provided that he fulfils the relevant eligibility criteria) on a conditional basis depending on the final decision of the Congress on his dismissal which shall be taken before the election.
- ² The motion for dismissal must be justified and shall be sent to the members of the Council and/or to the Members of MFF along with the respective agenda.
- ³ The member of the body in question has the right to defend himself in front of the Council and/or the Congress.
- ⁴ The motion for dismissal shall be decided by means of secret ballot at the Council and/or the Congress. For the motion to be passed, a majority of two-thirds of the valid votes cast is required.
- ⁵ The member dismissed (provisionally or not) is relieved of his functions with immediate effect

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A. CONGRESS

Article 26 Definition and composition of the Congress

- 1 The Congress is the meeting at which all of the Members of MFF regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of MFF. It must be constituted in accordance with the principles of representative democracy and taking into account the importance of gender equality in football. Only a Congress that is duly convened in accordance with the Statutes has the authority to make decisions.
- 2 A Congress may be an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress. As a general rule, a Congress will be conducted in person. However, a Congress may be held by teleconference or videoconference, in case of force majeure except if it is an elective Congress.
- 3 The President shall conduct the Congress in compliance with these Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress as well as any applicable regulations.
- 4 The Council may appoint observers who take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote.

Article 27 Delegates and votes

- 1 The Congress is composed of 52 delegates. The number of delegates is allocated as follows:
 - 1.1 21 delegates for the Regional Football Associations (1 delegate per Regional Football Association);
 - ~~1.2~~ 1.2 24 delegates for the clubs mentioned in art. 12 par. 1.2 (one delegate per club)
 - 1.3 one delegate for the Refereeing Board;
 - 1.4 one delegate for the Coaching Board;
 - 1.5 two-delegates for the Women's' Football Board;
 - 1.6 two delegates for the Players' board for master level
 - 1.7 one delegate for the Disability Football Board.
- 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 has one vote in the Congress. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Attendance by teleconference or by videoconference shall constitute presence. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- 4 The Council and the General Secretary shall take part in the Congress without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Council may not be appointed as delegates for their association.

Article 28 Areas of authority

- 1 The Congress has the following authority:
 - 1.1 adopting or amending the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress;
 - 1.2 appointing three Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;

- 1.3. electing the President, the vice-presidents and members of the Council;
- 1.4. electing the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the independent committees;
- 1.5. appointing the 3 scrutineers;
- 1.6. approving the annual audited financial statements and the annual report;
- 1.7. approving the budget;
- 1.8. approving the activity report;
- 1.9. appointing the independent and external auditors upon the proposal of the Council;
- 1.10. fixing the membership subscriptions on the recommendation of the Council;
- 1.11. deciding, upon the nomination of the Council, whether to bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member;
- 1.12. admitting, suspending or expelling a Member;
- 1.13. admitting, suspending or expelling a Affiliates;
- 1.14. dismissing a member of a body of MFF;
- 1.15. dissolving MFF;
- 1.16. deciding on the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes;
- 1.17. passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes or passing any decision entrusted to the Congress in accordance with these Statutes.

Article **29** **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 eligible to vote are present.
- 2 If a quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place within 24 hours 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 MFF, the election of the President, Vice Presidents and the election of the members of the Council, the dismissal of one or several members of a body of MFF, the expulsion of a Member of MFF or the dissolution of MFF.
- 4 Once it is declared that the Congress has been convened and composed in accordance with these Statutes, the quorum shall not be influenced by delegates departing. Delegates arriving after it has been declared that the Congress has been convened and composed in accordance with these Statutes may join the debates but may no longer vote.

Article **30** **Decisions of the Congress**

- ¹ A decision that requires a vote 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 favour of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.

- ² Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is sufficient for a decision to be valid. Blank ballot papers, invalid votes or electronic votes manipulated in any other way as well as abstentions shall be disregarded when calculating the majority.

Article **31** Elections

- 1 Elections shall take place by position and shall be conducted by secret ballot. If the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies, candidates may be elected by a show of hands or cards.
- 2 Elections of MFF shall be supervised by the MFF Electoral Committee and conducted in accordance with the Electoral Code of MFF.
- 3 Elections for positions of the Council shall follow the pre-defined order listed in art. 38 par. 1 below and shall be held as follows:
 - a) **President:** A majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is necessary for the election of the President. If there are more than two candidates for the office of President, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated after each ballot. This process shall continue (if required) until only two candidates are left, and a majority (more than 50%) is achieved.
 - b) **Vice president:** A majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is necessary for the election of the Vice president. If there are more than two candidates for the office of Vice president, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated after each ballot. This process shall continue (if required) until only two candidates are left, and a majority (more than 50%) is achieved.
 - c) **Female vice president:** A majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is necessary for the election of the female vice president. If there are more than two candidates for the office of the female Vice president, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated after each ballot. This process shall continue (if required) until only two candidates are left, and a majority (more than 50%) is achieved.
 - d) **Ordinary members:** For the election of the ordinary members, the candidate(s) who receive(s) the most votes in respect of the free seat(s) shall be elected.
 - e) **Female member:** A majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is necessary for the election of the female member. If there are more than two candidates for the office of the female member, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated after each ballot. This process shall continue (if required) until only two candidates are left, and a majority (more than 50%) is achieved.
 - f) **Member of the Regional Football Associations:** For the election of the member of the Regional Football Associations, the candidate who receives the most votes from the 21 delegates representing the Regional Football Associations at the Congress shall be elected. The successful candidate shall then be immediately ratified by the MFF Congress with a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast.
 - g) **Member of the Disability Football:** The Disability Football Board shall elect its member according to its own rules and regulations during its own congress. The candidate proposed by the Disability Football Board shall be ratified by the MFF Congress with a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast.
- 4 For the election of the Chairpersons, Deputy Chairpersons and members of all other bodies of MFF, the candidate(s) who receive(s) the most votes in respect of the free seat(s) or the list which receives the most votes shall be elected. These elections may be conducted en bloc.
- 5 In case of a tied vote in any elections of any body, further ballots shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure set forth in this article. If the tied vote remains after four (4) new rounds, the relevant position shall remain vacant until a new elective Congress convenes to proceed with new elections according to these Statutes.
- 6 Candidatures for any of the positions of any of the bodies of the MFF must be sent to the General Secretariat of MFF at the latest 30 days prior to the elective Congress. The official list of candidates must be passed to the members of the MFF 10 days before the relevant elective Congress.
- 7 Blank ballot papers, invalid votes or electronic votes manipulated in any way as well as abstentions shall be disregarded when calculating the majority.

Article **32** Ordinary Congress

- ¹ The Ordinary Congress shall be held every year.
- 2 The Council shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least 45 days in advance.
- ³ 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 days before the date of the Congress.
- ⁴ The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 10 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 **33** Ordinary Congress agenda

- ¹ The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Council and the Members.
- 2 The Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items (in chronological order):
 - 2.1. a declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of MFF;
 - 2.2. approval of the agenda;
 - 2.3. an address by the President;
 - 2.4. appointment of Members to check the minutes;
 - 2.5. appointment of scrutineers;
 - 2.6. suspension or expulsion of Members (if applicable);
 - 2.7. approval of the minutes of the preceding Congress;
 - 2.8. activity report (containing the activities since the last Congress);
 - 2.9. presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and loss statement, as well as the independent and external auditor's report;
 - 2.10. approval of the audited financial statements;
 - 2.11. approval of the budget;
 - 2.12. votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress;
 - 2.13. discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Council in accordance with the procedure stipulated under art. 30 par. 3 of these Statutes;
 - 2.14. appointment of independent and external auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Council;
 - 2.15. dismissal of a person or a body (if applicable);
 - 2.16. election of the President, vice-presidents and members of the Council (if applicable);
 - 2.17. election of the members of the independent committees, i.e. Audit and Compliance Unit, Electoral Committees and judicial bodies (if applicable);
 - 2.18. admission for membership (if applicable);
 - 2.19. any other items;

3. The Congress shall not take a decision on any point not included in the agenda. However, the agenda of an Ordinary Congress may be altered and discussed, provided two-third of the delegates representing the Members present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.

Article **34** **Extraordinary Congress**

- 1 The Council may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time if it is deemed necessary.
- 2 The Council shall convene an Extraordinary Congress if more than two third of the delegates representing the Members of MFF make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held within one month of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened, the delegates representing the Members who requested it may convene the Congress themselves. In doing so, they shall inform all the Members of MFF and the Council of the date and location of the Extraordinary Congress, along with the items to be included in the agenda in accordance with par. 3 below.
- 3 The Members shall be notified of the place, date and the purpose of the Extraordinary Congress at least 14 days before the Extraordinary Congress.
- 4 When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Council, it must draw up the agenda. In case of 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 **35** **Amendments to the Statutes and Standing Orders of the Congress**

- 1 The Congress is responsible for amending the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress.
- 2 Any proposals for an amendment to 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 Council. A proposal submitted by a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least three delegates representing the Members.
- 3 For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes or the Standing Orders of the Congress to be valid, a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members eligible to vote must be present.
- 4 A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes or the Standing Orders of the Congress shall be adopted only if more than two-third of the delegates representing the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.
- 5 MFF shall inform FIFA and the AFC of any amendments to its Statutes.

Article **36** **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 **37** **Effective dates of decisions**

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect for the Members immediately after the close of the Congress, unless otherwise stipulated in the present Statutes or unless the Congress fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

B. COUNCIL

Article 38 Composition

1. The Council consists of 15 members:
 - 1.1. 1 President
 - 1.2. 1 Vice-President
 - 1.3. 1 female Vice-President
 - 1.4. 9 ordinary members
 - 1.5. 1 female member
 - 1.6. 1 from the Regional Associations
 - 1.7. 1 from the Disability Football Board
 2. The President, the Vice-Presidents and all other members of the Council shall be elected by the Congress according to the provisions of art. 31 of these Statutes. Every candidate in the election for President, Vice-Presidents, ordinary members or female candidate must be proposed by at least 5 Members. Every candidate in the election for the representative from the Regional Football Associations must be proposed at least by 3 Members representing the Regional Football Associations. The Disability Football Board elects its candidate according to its own rules and regulations.
 3. The mandate of the members of the Council is for four years. Their mandates shall begin after the end of the Congress which has elected them. They may be re-elected, except for the President of MFF who may not serve for more than two terms of office. (whether consecutive or not). Any partial term shall count as full term.
 4. The members of the Council shall not be younger than 18 and shall undergo an integrity check (see Annexe 3), to be conducted by the Electoral Committee prior to their election or re-election. They shall have already been active in football (in any capacity) for at least four years, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence according to the laws of Mongolia that is incompatible with their position and have residency within the territory of Mongolia.
 5. A member of the Council may not at the same time be a member of an independent body of MFF, or a delegate to the MFF Congress.
 6. If a position or up to 50% of the positions of the Council become vacant, the Council shall fill the position(s) in question with member(s) who have the same category or status as the member(s) who have produced the vacancy, until the next Congress, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of mandate.
 7. If more than 50% of the positions of the Council become vacant, the General Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary Congress which shall elect the replacements for the remaining term of mandate.
 - ~~8.~~ A position will be considered vacant in case of death, of permanent disability or if a member of the Council does not participate in three meetings per year.
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Article 39 Meetings

- 1 The method of main operation of Council shall be through meetings. Meetings shall be held in person, or by teleconference or by videoconference in case of force majeure.
- 2 The meetings can be ordinary or extraordinary. The extraordinary meetings may be held online and members may attend online.
- 3 The Ordinary council shall meet one time per quarter. The President shall convene the Council meetings.
- 4 the President shall convene it within 7 days. If the President does not convene the requested meeting within the aforementioned deadline, the 50% of more of the members of the Council shall convene it themselves.

- 5 The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Council is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Council at least -3-days within the meeting.
- 6 The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Council in a consultative role without voting rights. If the General Secretary is unable to attend a meeting, he/she may nominate a representative to attend the meeting on his/her behalf, subject to the approval of the Council.
- 7 The meetings of the Council shall not be held in public. The Council may invite third party to attend. Those third parties shall not have voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Council.
- 8 The President may also convene the Council on an urgent basis to deal with any matter requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Council. In such cases, the deadlines mentioned in par. 4 above may be either reduced or disregarded if the urgency so requires, and decisions may be passed through other modern means of written communication (e.g. emails, messaging apps).

Article **40** Powers of the Council

The Council:

1. shall defines MFF’s mission, strategic direction, policies and values;
2. 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;
3. shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of MFF;
4. shall appoint the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the standing committees on the proposal of the Members of MFF or the President of MFF;
5. may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time;
6. shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
7. shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President;
8. shall propose the independent and external auditors to the Congress;
9. shall draw up regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of competitions organised by MFF. This shall not affect the composition of the Congress;
10. shall appoint the coaches for the representative national teams and other technical staff;
11. shall approve regulations stipulating how MFF shall be organised internally;
12. shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the Executive arrangements required for their application;
13. may dismiss a member of a body of MFF provisionally until the next Congress;
14. may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of MFF or third parties;
15. may appoint observers who take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote;
16. shall appoint replacements for vacancies in the independent committees until the next Congress.
17. electing or dismissing the members of the Club Licensing body

Article **41** Decisions

¹ The Council shall not engage in valid debate unless a majority (more than 50 percent) of its members are present. Attendance by videoconference, teleconference or any other means of communication shall constitute presence.

² The Council 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. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted. When a Council is held by teleconference or by videoconference, voting online is permitted.

³ Any member of the Council must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interests.

- ⁴ The decisions taken from meeting shall be recorded in the minutes.
- ⁵ The decisions taken by the Council shall come into effect immediately, unless the Council decides otherwise.

C. PRESIDENT

Article **42** President

- ¹ The President represents MFF generally.
- ² The president shall head the presidential office and shall be responsible for the appointment or dismissal of the staff members of his presidential office.
- ³ The mandate of the President is for four years, which shall begin after the end of the electoral Congress. The President may be re-elected once.
- ⁴ He is primarily responsible for:
 - a) implementing the decisions passed by the Congress and the Council through the general secretariat;
 - b) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of MFF in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
 - c) supervising the work of the general secretariat;
 - d) the relations between MFF and its Members, FIFA, AFC and political bodies and other organisations.
- ⁵ Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.
- ⁶ The President shall preside over the Congress and the Council meetings.
- ⁷ The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Council and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.
- ⁸ If the position of the President becomes vacant in the sense of art. 38 par. 8 of these Statutes, the most senior Vice-President, or, if he/she is also unavailable, the longest serving member of the Council, shall deputise until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new President for the remaining term of the mandate.
- ⁹ Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the Internal Organisation Regulations of MFF.

Article **43** Representation and signature

The President represents MFF legally and is entitled to sign for MFF. The Internal Organisation Regulations shall regulate the joint signature of directors of MFF concerning all important business of MFF, in particular, in case of the President's absence.

D. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 44 Standing Committees

1. The standing committees of MFF are:
 - 1.1. Finance Committee;
 - 1.2. Organising Committee for MFF competitions;
 - 1.3. Technical and Development Committee;
 - 1.4. Referees Committee;
 - 1.5. Committee for Women's Football
 - 1.6. Youth Football Committee;
 - 1.7. Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee;
 - 1.8. Players' Status Committee.
 2. The chairperson of the standing committees except for the Referees Committee may be members of the Council. The members of each standing committee will be appointed by the Council on the proposal of the Members of MFF or the President of MFF.
 3. The chairperson, deputy chairpersons and the other members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of four years. Each committee shall be composed of no more than 2 members of the Council.
 4. Each chairperson shall represent its standing committee and it shall run its operation in accordance with the approved regulations by Council.
 5. 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 Council.
 6. The standing committees shall be composed in such a way that their members, together, have the knowledge, abilities and specialist experience that is necessary for the due completion of their tasks and duties. The Council shall ensure appropriate female representation on standing committees.
 7. Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Council.
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Article 45 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advise the Council on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyse the budget of MFF and the financial statements prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Council for approval. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.

Article 46 Organising Committee for MFF competitions

The Organising Committee for MFF competitions shall organise the competitions of MFF in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations applicable to MFF's competitions. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.

Article **47** **Technical and Development Committee**

The Technical and Development Committee shall primarily analyse the basic aspects of football training and technical development. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.

Article **48** **Referees Committee**

The Referees Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game. It shall appoint the referees for matches in competitions organised by MFF, organise refereeing matters within MFF in collaboration with the administration of MFF and monitor the education and training of referees. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members, at least 50 % of whom shall be ex-referees.

Article **49** **Committee for Women's Football**

The Committee for Women's Football shall organise women's football competitions and deal with all matters relating to women's football. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.

Article **50** **Youth Football Committee**

The Youth Football Committee shall organise youth football competitions and deal with all matters relating to youth football and grassroots. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.

Article **51** **Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee**

The Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee shall organise futsal and beach soccer competitions and deal with all matters relating to futsal. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.

Article **52** **Players' Status Committee**

¹ The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of Players for various competitions of MFF. The Council may draw up special regulations governing the Players' Status Committee's powers of jurisdiction. The Players' Status Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.

² Players' status disputes involving MFF, its Members, Players, Officials and match agents and intermediaries shall be settled in the last instance by an Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with these Statutes.

Article **53** **Ad-hoc committees**

The Council may, if necessary, create ad-hoc committees for special duties and a limited period of time. The Council shall appoint a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and the members. The duties and function are defined in special regulations drawn up by the Council. An ad-hoc committee shall report directly to the Council.

E. CLUB LICENSING BODIES

Article 54 Club Licensing Bodies

1 The Club Licensing Bodies are in charge of the club licensing system within MFF in accordance with the Club Licensing Regulations of MFF and the Club Licensing Regulations of AFC.

2 The Club Licensing Bodies shall consist of a first instance body and an appeal body. Decisions passed by the club licensing appeal body may only be appealed before an independent and duly constituted arbitration tribunal in accordance with the provisions in these Statutes.

3 The Council of MFF shall issue regulations regarding a club licensing system governing the participation of Clubs in the competitions of MFF, in compliance with the minimum requirements of the club licensing system as set up by AFC in conforming with the FIFA regulations.

4 The first instance body and the appeal body shall each be composed of a chairperson, a vice chairperson and a member. The members of each body shall jointly have expertise in football, financial and legal matters.

F. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 55 General secretariat

The general secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of MFF under the direction of the General Secretary in accordance with internal regulation. The members of the general secretariat are bound by the Internal Organisational Regulations of MFF.

Article 56 General Secretary

- 1 The General Secretary is the chief Executive of the general secretariat.
- 2 He/she shall be appointed based on an agreement governed by private law and shall have the necessary professional qualifications.
- 3 He/she shall obey the MFF statutes and have the rights stated on the labour contract.
- 4 He/she shall be responsible for:
 - 4.1 implementing decisions passed by the Congress and Council in compliance with the President's directives;
 - 4.2 attending the Congress and meetings of the Council and the standing and ad-hoc committees;
 - 4.3 organising the Congress and meetings of the Council and other bodies;
 - 4.4 compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, Council and standing and ad-hoc committees;
 - 4.5 managing and keeping the accounts of MFF properly;
 - 4.6 the correspondence of MFF;

- 4.7 relations with the Members, committees, FIFA and AFC;
- 4.8 organising the general secretariat;
- 4.9 the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat;
- 4.10 proposing managerial staff to the President;
- 4.11 In circumstances if not stated otherwise he shall sign by confirming the committee decisions.
- 4.12 Providing the electoral committees with logistic and operative support for the elections.

⁵ The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of MFF.

V. INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES

Article **57** Institutional independence

1 The independent committees as well as their individual members shall conduct their activities and perform their duties entirely independently but always in the interests of MFF and in accordance with its Statutes and regulations.

² The chairperson, vice-chairperson and members of the electoral committees and the Audit and Compliance Officer as well as the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the judicial bodies shall comply with the independence criteria as defined in par. 3 below.

³ The persons mentioned in par. 2 above as well as any of their immediate family members may not exercise or have exercised during the four years preceding their initial terms any executive function at MFF, one of MFF's Members, a league or a club (including any of their affiliated companies/organisations), nor have or have had in the four years preceding their initial term any material business relationship with MFF, one of MFF's Members, a league or a club (including any of their affiliated companies/organisations). "Immediate family member" shall mean, with respect to a person, such person's spouse or domestic partner, siblings, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, children (including any stepchild or adopted child), grandchildren, son-, daughter-, father- or mother-in-law, and including anyone else, whether by blood or otherwise, with whom the individual has a relationship akin to a family relationship for which such person provides financial support.

Article **58** Audit and Compliance Unit

¹ The Audit and Compliance Officer shall be in charge of the Audit and Compliance Unit. The Audit and Compliance Officer shall be knowledgeable and experienced in financial and/or regulatory and legal matters and may not be involved in any decision affecting the operations of MFF.

² The Audit and Compliance Officer shall advise, assist and oversee the Council in monitoring MFF's financial and compliance matters, set up compliance mechanisms and monitor compliance with the relevant regulations of MFF. He shall also supervise the general secretariat in financial and compliance issues. The Audit and Compliance Officer shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the consolidated financial statements and the independent and external auditor's report. The Audit and Compliance Officer shall furthermore monitor MFF's financial and compliance matters and suggest to the appropriate bodies any action that it deems necessary as a result of such monitoring.

³ Details on the Audit and Compliance Unit's responsibilities, its internal cooperation and other procedural matters are stipulated in the Internal Organisation Regulations of MFF.

⁴ The Audit and Compliance Officer shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years and may only be relieved of his duty by the Congress. He shall not belong to any other body of MFF.

Article **59** Electoral Committees

1. The Electoral Committees are the bodies in charge of organising and supervising the election process in accordance with the Electoral Code of MFF. The electoral committees consist of the Electoral Committee (the first instance body) and the Election Appeal Committee (the second instance body). The composition and function of the electoral committees shall be governed by the Electoral Code of MFF.
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Article **60** **Judicial bodies**

- ¹ The judicial bodies of MFF are:
 - a. the Disciplinary Committee;
 - b. the Ethics Committee;
 - c. the Appeal Committee.
 - ² The judicial bodies shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three ordinary members.
 - ³ 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 chairpersons of the judicial bodies shall be qualified to practise law. The term of office 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.
 - ⁴ The Chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and other members of the judicial bodies shall be elected by the Congress upon proposal of the Council
 - ⁵ The Chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the judicial bodies shall not be members of any other bodies of MFF.
 - ⁶ If the chairpersons, the deputy chairperson or a member of a judicial body permanently ceases to perform his official function during his term of office, the Council shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Congress.
 - ⁷ The responsibilities and function of the judicial bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of MFF and the Code of Ethics of MFF.
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Article **61** **Disciplinary Committee**

- ¹ The function of the Disciplinary Committee shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of MFF. The Disciplinary Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone.
 - ² The Disciplinary Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of MFF on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match and agents and intermediaries.
 - ³ These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and the Council regarding the suspension and expulsion of Members.
 - ⁴ The Council shall issue the Disciplinary Code of MFF, which shall be in accordance with the principles laid down in the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
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Article **62** **Ethics Committee**

- ¹ The function of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the Code of Ethics of MFF. The Ethics Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone.
- ² The Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, the Code of Ethics of MFF and the Disciplinary Code of MFF on MFF Members, Officials, Players and match agents and intermediaries.
- ³ The Council shall issue the Code of Ethics of MFF, which shall be in accordance with the principles laid down in the FIFA Code of Ethics.

Article **63** Appeal Committee

- ¹ The function of the Appeal Committee shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of MFF and the Code of Ethics of MFF. The Appeal Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three of the members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone.
- ² The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee and the Ethics Committee that are not declared final by the relevant regulations of MFF.
- ³ Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee may only be appealed to the Mongolian International and National Sports Arbitration Tribunal , as specified in these Statutes.

VI. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Article **64** Disciplinary measures

The disciplinary measures are primarily:

- 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 a stadium;
 - f) a ban on taking part in any football-related activity;
 - g) a social work;
- ³ for legal persons:
 - a) a transfer ban;
 - b) playing a match without spectators;
 - c) playing a match on neutral territory;
 - d) a ban on playing in a stadium;
 - e) annulment of the result of the match;
 - f) expulsion from a competition;
 - g) a forfeit;
 - h) deduction of points;
 - i) relegation to a lower division;
 - j) replaying a match.

- ⁴ Disciplinary measures shall be taken disregarding its ordering.

VII. ARBITRATION

Article **65** Arbitration

- ¹ Disputes within MFF or disputes affecting Members of MFF, Leagues, members of leagues, Clubs, members of Clubs, Players, Officials and other Association Officials may only be referred in the last instance (i.e. after exhaustion of all internal channels within MFF) to the Mongolian International and National Sports Arbitration Tribunal, which shall settle the dispute definitively to the exclusion of any ordinary court, unless expressly prohibited by the legislation of Mongolia.
 - ² Disputes of international dimension arising from or related to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA or the AFC may only be submitted in the last instance to CAS as specified in the Statutes of FIFA and of the AFC.
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Article **66** Jurisdiction

- ¹ MFF shall have authority on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to MFF. If such decision is not accepted by parties, disputes can be lodged against in line with Article 65. FIFA and/or the AFC shall have authority on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different Associations and/or Confederations.
- ² MFF shall ensure its full compliance and that of all those subject to its jurisdiction with any final decision passed by a FIFA body, an AFC body, the Mongolian International and National Sports Arbitration Tribunal or CAS.

VIII. FINANCE

Article **67** Financial period

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

Article **68** **Revenue**

The revenue of MFF arises specifically from:

- a) Members' annual subscriptions;
- b) receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which MFF is entitled;
- c) fines imposed by the authorised bodies;
- d) other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by MFF;
- e) donations;
- f) any other revenue related to football activities.
- g) funding from FIFA and from the AFC

Article **69** **Expenses**

MFF bears:

- a) the expenses stipulated in the budget;
- b) other expenses approved by the Congress and expenses that the Council is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority;
- c) all other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by MFF.

Article **70** **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 carry out yearly independent audits of accounts and shall be appointed for a period of four years. This mandate shall not be renewed.

Article **71** **Membership subscriptions**

- ¹ Membership subscriptions are due on 31 January each year. 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 the annual subscription every four years on the recommendation of the Council. It shall be the same for every Member and amount to 100.000 tugrugs.

Article **72** **Settlement**

MFF may debit any Member's assets to settle claims.

Article **73** **Levies**

MFF may demand that a levy be paid by its Members for matches.

Article **74** **Publication of financial data**

MFF shall publish on its official website the financial documents referred to under art. 31 par. 2.9, 2.10 and 2.12 of these Statutes once the relevant items have been approved by the Congress.

IX. COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article **75** **Competitions**

- ¹ MFF owns, organises and coordinates the following official competitions held within the territory of Mongolia:
 - Junior 4 age groups national Championship
 - Youth Championship
 - Futsal (all age categories, incl. league)
 - Women's tournaments
 - National League
 - MFF Cup
 - Super Cup
 - National Cup
 - Amateur Championship
 - Veterans Championship
 - Regional championships
- ² The Council may delegate to MFF's subordinate Regional Associations the authority to organise competitions. The competitions organised by the Regional Associations shall not interfere with those competitions organised by MFF. Competitions organised by MFF shall take priority.
- ³ The Council may issue special regulations to this end.

Article **76** **Rights**

- ¹ MFF and its Members are the original owners of all the rights emanating from 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 Council shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilised and draw up special regulations to this end.

Article **77** **Authorisation**

MFF and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorising 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.

X. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article **78** International matches and competitions

¹ The authority for organising international matches and competitions between representative teams and between Leagues, Club teams and/or scratch teams lies solely with FIFA, the Confederation(s) and/or the FIFA Member Association(s) concerned. In accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches, no such match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of FIFA, the Confederation(s) and/or the FIFA Member Association(s) concerned.

² MFF is bound to comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

Article **79** Contacts

MFF, its Members, Players, Officials and match and player's 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.

Article **80** Approval

¹ Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to MFF may only join another FIFA Member Association with the authorisation of MFF, the other FIFA Member Association, the respective Confederation(s) and FIFA.

² Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to MFF cannot participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorisation of MFF, the other FIFA Member Association(s), FIFA and the respective Confederation(s) according to the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

XI. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article **81** Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure

The Council shall have the power to decide on all cases of force majeure and on all matters not provided for in these Statutes, such decisions to be made per right and justice, considering the relevant regulations of FIFA and AFC.

Article **82** Publication of corporate documents

MFF shall make available on its official website the following documents and information:

- a) Statutes and Standing Orders of the Congress;
 - b) Electoral Code;
 - c) Disciplinary and Ethics Code;
 - d) Internal Organisation Regulations;
 - e) most important/key decisions;
 - f) its strategy;
 - g) agenda for Council and Congress meetings;
 - h) circular letters.
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Article **83** Dissolution

¹ Any decision relating to the dissolution of MFF requires most two-thirds of all the Members of MFF, which must be obtained at a Congress specially convened for the purpose.

² If MFF is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to It shall hold these assets as a trustee in accordance with the relevant professional duties until MFF is re-established. The final Congress may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two-thirds majority.

Article **84** Enforcement

These Statutes were adopted at the Ordinary Congress in Ulaanbaatar on [04 July 2022] and will come into force immediately. The former Statutes of MFF are hereby repealed.

¹ The Members as defined under art. 12 of these Statutes, shall be granted a period of 12 months, as from the adoption of these Statutes, to comply with the mandatory requirements stipulated in art. 13 par. 2.1 to 2.13 of these Statutes. Any Member which does not comply with all of these requirements within the aforementioned timeframe, shall automatically lose its right to vote at the Congress and the delegate(s) of the Member in question shall not be taken into account when establishing the quorum. The Member in question shall only regain its right to vote at the Congress once it has fully complied with its obligations as mentioned in this paragraph.

² The Members as defined under art. 12 par. 1.2 of these Statutes, shall be granted a period of 6 months, as from the adoption of these Statutes, to comply with the mandatory requirements stipulated in art. 13 par. 2.14 of these Statutes (i.e. obtain a club license A, B or C in line with the requirements of the Club Licensing Regulations of MFF). Any Member which does not comply with this requirement within the aforementioned timeframe, shall automatically lose its right to vote at the Congress and the delegate of the Member in question shall not be taken into account when establishing the quorum. The Member in question shall be given another period of 6 months to comply with the aforementioned requirement. Should it then not have obtained the relevant club license, the Member in question shall automatically be suspended as Member of MFF without the need for the Congress to confirm such suspension and the Member in question shall remain suspended as long as it does not fulfil the requirement of art. 13 par. 2.14.

³ The requirement to undergo an integrity check as mentioned in art. 38 par. 4 of these Statutes of these Statutes shall not apply to the members of the Council that are in place at the time of adoption of these Statutes but shall be complied with by any candidate running for any of the positions on the Council following the adoption of these Statutes.

⁴ The term limits as defined in art. 38 par. 3 of these Statutes shall only apply as from the elections which shall take place following the adoption of these Statutes.

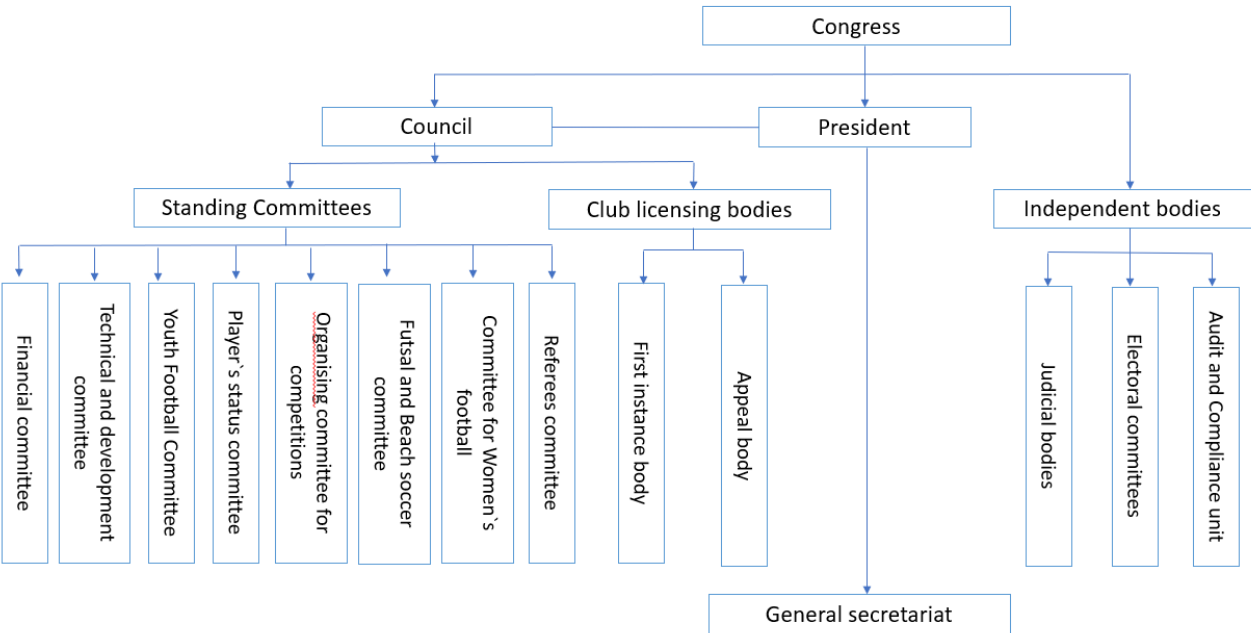
⁵ Within 12 months upon the adoption of these Statutes, the Congress shall elect the relevant members of the independent committees as defined under art. 58 to 63 of the Statutes that are not already in office. Within this same period, the Congress shall also dismiss the relevant members of the independent committees that do not comply with the independence criteria mentioned under art. 57 par. 3 of these Statutes and elect the relevant number of members to fill the positions.

ANNEXE 1 – TRADEMARKS

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ANNEXE 2 – ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Part 1: General provisions

¹ The integrity checks with regard to candidates for, and holders of, official positions within CTFA that are subject to such checks (“candidates or holders”) shall be conducted by the relevant body in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes and this annexe.

² Candidates or holders are obliged to comply with the screening and self-disclosure process as outlined in parts 2 and 3 below. Prior to the screening process, every candidate or holder shall give his written consent to said process through a form provided by the relevant body conducting the integrity check. If such written consent is not provided, the candidate or holder shall be deemed not to have passed the integrity check.

³ Candidates or holders shall act in good faith at all times and shall fully collaborate to establish the relevant facts upon reasonable notice. If the candidate or holder concerned does not cooperate with the body competent to conduct the integrity check, the candidate or holder shall be deemed not to have passed the integrity check.

⁴ The candidate or holder shall be deemed not to have passed the integrity check, if he:

- a) has been subject to criminal convictions or disciplinary sanctions by a state court, in particular if the offence in question was a substantive issue and not a minor infraction or procedural misconduct;
- b) has been found guilty and/or sentenced by the FIFA Ethics Committee or any other sporting body with a sanction that would seriously put into question the discharge of the office concerned.

⁵ Subject to the relevant provisions regarding disclosure and forwarding of the information and related data obtained in the context of integrity checks in accordance with this annexe, all such information and related data must be treated as strictly confidential by the body conducting the integrity check concerned.

Part 2: Screening process

¹ At the beginning of the screening process, every candidate or holder shall undergo an identification check (“ID check”). In this context, the candidate or holder shall submit a valid copy of his passport or National ID to the body in charge of performing the integrity check. The ID check shall include verification/identification of the following elements:

- a) name(s) and surname(s);
- b) address of residence;
- c) date and place of birth;
- d) nationality/nationalities.

² Every candidate or holder shall complete the questionnaire contained in part 3 below.

³ The body in charge of performing the integrity check may conduct independent research and/or investigations in order to obtain further relevant information on a particular candidate or holder, which may include information on intermediaries and related parties, mandates, potential conflicts of interest and significant participations as well as civil and criminal proceedings/investigations.

Part 3: Questionnaire

First name(s):	
Surname(s):	
Address of residence:	
Date and place of birth:	
Nationality/nationalities:	
Profession:	

¹ Have you previously been 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?

No Yes

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?

No Yes

If yes, please specify:

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

No Yes

If yes, please specify:

⁴ I am fully aware that I am subject to the provisions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Code of CTFA and to the provisions of the Statutes and other regulations of CTFA that may address integrity issues, and I fully comply with such provisions.

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 (cf. in particular art. 23 par. 9 of these Statutes):

⁷ Remarks and observations which may be of potential relevance in the context of the integrity check:

⁸ I am fully aware and agree that this questionnaire is made available to the members of the appropriate body of CTFA.

⁹ I am fully aware and confirm that I must notify the body conducting the integrity check of any relevant facts and circumstances arising after the integrity check has been completed.

¹⁰ I am fully aware and confirm that I am obliged to collaborate fully to establish the relevant facts with regard to the integrity check to which I am subject. In particular, I will comply with requests for any documents, information or any other material of any nature held by me. In addition, I will comply with the procurement and provision of documents, information or any other material of any nature not held by me but which I am entitled to obtain.

¹¹ I am fully aware and confirm that the body conducting the integrity check may also request information on possible sanctions (questions 1 and 2 above) directly from FIFA or the relevant confederation as well as from other institutions such as the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, 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 integrity check may collect further information on me in accordance with part 2 par. 3 of this annexe.

(Place and date)

(Signature)

ANNEXE 4 – STANDING ORDERS OF THE CONGRESS

Standing Orders of the Congress of Mongolian Football Federation

2022 edition

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Definitions

Whenever relevant, the terminology used in these Standing Orders shall refer to the terms defined in the Definitions section of the Statutes of MFF.

NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

Article 1 Representation and participation in the Congress

- ¹ Members of MFF shall be represented at the Congress by the delegates as mentioned under art. 27 par. 1 of the Statutes of MFF.
2. The names of the delegates shall be submitted to the general secretariat before the opening of the Congress.
3. MFF shall bear the costs of travel and accommodation for the delegates of the Members taking part in the Congress. The Council shall issue appropriate directives in this connection.

Article 2 Chairperson

1. The President of MFF shall chair the Congress. If the President is unable to attend, the most senior vice-president available shall deputise and if no vice-president is present, the longest-serving Council member.
2. The chairperson shall ensure that the Congress is conducted in strict compliance with these Standing Orders, open and close the Congress and debates, and, unless the Congress decides otherwise, grant delegates permission to speak and conduct all discussions.
3. The chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining order during debates. He may take the following action against any delegate who disturbs the debates:
 - a) a call to order;
 - b) a reprimand;
 - c) exclusion from the Congress.
4. If an appeal is made against such action, the Congress shall decide immediately without debate.

Article 3 Scrutineers

At the beginning of the meeting, the Congress shall appoint the relevant number of scrutineers to count the votes and to assist the General Secretary in distributing and counting voting papers issued for the elections.

Article 5 Debates

1. Debates on each item on the agenda shall be preceded by a short report or introduction:
 - a) by the chairperson or a member of the Council designated for this purpose;
 - b) by a representative of the committee designated by the Council to give such a report or introduction;
 - c) by a delegate of the Member that requested the item to be included in the agenda.
2. The chairperson then opens the debate.

Article 6 **Speakers**

1. Permission to speak is granted in the order in which it is requested. A speaker may not begin speaking until he has obtained permission to do so.
2. A speaker may not speak for a second time on the same item until all other delegates who have requested permission to speak have spoken.
3. The chairperson may set a time limit for speakers.

Article 7 **Proposals during the Congress**

1. All proposals submitted during the Congress shall be made in writing. Proposals which are not relevant to the subject under discussion shall not be admitted to the debate.
2. Any amendment to such initial proposals shall be drawn up in writing and passed to the chairperson before being put to the debate.

Article 8 **Procedural motions and closing of debates**

1. If a procedural motion is made, discussion on the main question shall be suspended until a vote has been taken on the motion.
2. If a motion is made to close the discussion, it shall immediately be put to the vote without debate. If the motion is approved, permission to speak shall only be granted to those Members who asked to speak before the vote was taken.
3. The chairperson shall close the discussion unless the Congress decides otherwise by a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast.

Article 9 **Votes**

1. A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count, unless decided otherwise by the Congress.
2. Before each vote, the chairperson, or the person designated by him, shall read the text of the proposal aloud and explain the voting procedure (quorum) to the Congress. If an objection is raised, the Congress shall decide immediately.
3. Votes may be taken by roll call if requested by at least five Members present and eligible to vote.
4. No one shall be compelled to vote.
5. Proposals made during the Congress shall be put to the vote in the order in which they are submitted. If there are more than two main proposals, they shall be put to the vote in succession and the delegates may not vote for more than one of the proposals.
6. Alterations to amendments shall be put to the vote before the amendments proper, and amendments before the main proposal.

7. Proposals without a vote against are regarded as having been accepted by the Congress.
8. The chairperson shall check the result of the vote and announce it to the Congress.
9. No one is permitted to speak during the vote and until after the result has been announced.

Article 10 Elections

Elections and the electoral process within MFF shall be conducted according to the relevant provisions of the Statutes and Electoral Code of MFF.

Article 11 Enforcement

These Standing Orders were adopted at the Congress in 4 July 2022 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia] and come into force on 4 July 2022

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President

General Secretary