

# BAHRAINI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION STATUTES 2019

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## **Chapter One General Provisions**

### **Article (1) Definitions**

In the application of the provisions of this statutes, the following terms shall have the meanings set out for each term hereunder, unless the context suggests a different meaning, and the reference to natural persons applies to both genders, as well as the reference to individuals as all and vice versa:

Kingdom: Kingdom of Bahrain.

FIFA: International Federation of Association Football.

IFAB: International Football Association Board.

Asian Confederation (AFC): Asian Football Confederation.

The Association: Bahrain Football Association.

The Olympic Committee: The Bahrain Olympic Committee.

Regional association: A grouping of football association s from several countries grouped by a particular region or region.

General Assembly: the legislative body and the supreme authority in the Association.

The Council: the executive body of the Association.

Member of the General Assembly: Each legal person has accepted as a member of the General Assembly.

The Supervisory Committee: The committee supervising the election process for the chairmanship and membership of the council.

Association: An organization of the association.

Club: Each sports club legally renowned and member of the association.

Player: Any football player registered in the association.

Administrators: All members of the council, members of committees, coaches, referees, and persons responsible for technical, medical, and administrative affairs in FIFA, the AFC, the association, or any association or club member of it.

Football game: The game that managed and supervised by FIFA in accordance with the laws of the game issued by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

Simple majority: More than half of the total number of present members and eligible to vote.

Absolute majority: more than half of the total number of members entitled to vote.

Special majority: three-quarters of the total members entitled to vote.

Regular courts: Ordinary national courts that deal with public and private disputes.

Judicial Bodies: Bodies competent to deal with sports disputes.

National Sports Arbitration Court: An independent national arbitration tribunal competent to deal and adjudicate all sports disputes at the local level.

Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS): The International Arbitration Authority for Sports Dispute Resolution, located in Lausanne, Switzerland.

## **Article (2)**

### **Name, Association, Headquarter and Legal Form**

1-Name: The Bahrain Football Association, which is the supervising authority for the football game in the Kingdom.

2- Association: The association was established in 1957 in accordance with the Kingdom's legislation, and is in existence for an unlimited period.

3- Headquarters: The headquarter of the association is located in Riffa - in the Kingdom.

4- Legal form: The association is an independent civil organization of a federal well-established nature in the Kingdom in accordance with the provisions of applicable laws and regulations, And it is a member of FIFA, AFC, the Arab Football Association and the Olympic Committee.

5- The logo of the association is packed with gold features to complement Bahrain as a high-status Kingdom, In an Arab style symbolizing Arab culture in the Kingdom, Bahrain's name was written in Arabic and English to unite and form a dual identity, And the designation of the flag of Bahrain as a gem to establish prosperity.

6-The colors of the association logo are composed of golden, red and white.

7-The name of the Bahrain Football Association is abbreviated in Latin letters (BFA).

8- The flag, logo and acronym are legally registered in accordance with the official authorities in the Kingdom, and the association. And their property rights with the legal implications thereof.

9- The main dress color for the national team is red and white, the color for the first reserve is also red and white, and the color for the second reserve is blue and white.

## **Article (3)**

### **vision, mission, goals and values**

1- Vision: To strive for the Kingdom to occupy a distinguished position in the football fields on all regional, continental and global scales

2- Mission: Quality in administrative and technical work through development programs that contribute to obtaining honorable results in all fields of football at the local, regional, continental and international levels.

3- Goals:

- a) deepening national belonging and national identity among the Kingdom's citizens through football.
- b) create a broad base of football practitioners.
- c) to work on selecting football players in the Kingdom on the basis of a sound process.
- d) preparing national football teams for the honorable representation in regional, continental and international forums.
- e) E)preparing the necessary leadership cadres in the fields of administration, training and arbitration in football.
- f) to extend cooperation and coordination with regional, continental and international associations for the development of Bahraini football.
- g) Organizing competitions and festivals that contributing to develop the football sector in the Kingdom.
- h) Spreading and strengthening a culture of football professionalism.
- i) Encouraging scientific research to improve football in the Kingdom.
- j) Promote and market football activities in order to gain support from the local community, in both sectors “governmental and private”.
- k) K ) Establishing a strategic community partnership for the development of football locally and internationally.
- l) L) Preventing practices that may hinder the safety of matches and competitions held under the supervision of the association and refrain from all activities that hinder the football Marchs.
- m)M) Supporting the national team in a way that contributes to achieving the optimal external representation for the Kingdom.

4- Values:

- a) Credibility, objectivity and transparency in all matters related to football.
- b) Establish the principle of athletic spirit, good ethics.
- c) Teamwork.

#### **Article (4)** **Neutrality and non-discrimination**

The association, its bodies and members are obligated to these following:

- A. Not discriminating between people on the basis of origin, race, sex, color, language, religion, politics or any other reason, and those actions are punishable by suspending or dropping.
- B. Neutrality in political and religious matters.
- C. Equality and opportunities for players to be discovered by focusing on all popular and national levels.

#### **Article (5)** **Enhancing Friendly Relationships**

- 1- The association works to promote friendly relations between members, administrators, players and society in order to achieve its goals.
- 2- Every individual, member, association or institution involved in the game of football is obliged to observe the provisions of this statutes and other relevant regulations and respect the principles of equal opportunity, loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
- 3- The association is committed to providing the means to consider local disputes in the field of soccer that arise between members, clubs, associations, administrators and players.
- 4- The association is committed to setting regulations and decisions that contribute to achieving its goals and working to effectively control the actions and behaviors of its members. These regulations and decisions include provisions for administrative affairs, discipline of clubs, members, associations, players, administrators, and other members.

#### **Article (6)** **Players**

- 1- The council shall issue, by a decision from it, a regulation pertaining to the status of players and the provisions of their transfers in accordance with the FIFA regulations in this regard.
- 2- Players are registered according to the provisions stipulated in this status and the regulations issued by the association.

### **Article (7)**

#### **Rules**

The association and the football members in accordance with the rules issued by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and it is not permissible for another party to set or change the rules of the game.

Beach soccer and gymnasiums are also subject to the relevant laws issued by the FIFA Executive Committee.

### **Article (8)**

#### **The association cooperates with the Olympic Committee**

Without prejudice to the independence of the association, the association is obligated to coordinate and cooperate with the Olympic Committee in accordance with the existing legislation.

### **Article (9)**

#### **Official languages**

- 1- The official language of the association is Arabic, and all documents, Papers and regulations shall be written in Arabic language.  
They may be translated into other languages, and if there is a difference in the interpretation of texts edited in other languages, the Arabic text shall be adopted.
- 2- The official language of the General Assembly is Arabic only.

## **Chapter Two**

### **Association Membership**

### **Article (10)**

#### **Acceptance, suspension and cancellation of Membership**

- 1- The general assembly is concerned with the report of accepting members, stopping and dropping their membership in accordance with the provisions of this law.
- 2- The Association's Membership is accepted by a decision issued by a special majority in accordance with the provisions of this law.
- 3- The Association's Membership ends either by dropping or resigning from the association, and the termination of membership does not exempt from the obligation to pay all financial dues to the member and to any of its members or affiliates.

### **Article (11)** **Join the association Membership**

1. The association Membership is either regular or affiliation.
2. Ordinary association Members: They are the clubs and associations that enjoy all the membership rights established in this status.
3. Associate Members: They are the clubs that the General Assembly decides to grant them affiliation membership in the association in accordance with the provisions and procedures stipulated in Article No (12) of this law.

Their membership shall be valid for a period of four years, and members shall be assessed and evaluated according to their performance. They shall meet the necessary requirements in order to be among the ordinary members of the Association.

The council raises its recommendation regarding the affiliate member to the General Assembly in its first meeting after four years from the date of its acceptance as an affiliate member, which shall be decided by special majority either to grant the affiliate member as an ordinary member of the association or to renew his membership as an affiliate member for a one similar term more.

In the case of renewing the membership for a similar period, the council raises its recommendation regarding the affiliate member to the general assembly at its first meeting after four years from the date of renewal, which is decided by the special majority to grant the affiliate member the rank of an ordinary member of the articles of association of the Bahrain Football Association or not.

In any event, if the consent of the special majority is not possible, the membership of the association's affiliate member shall be dropped and may not be applied for membership again until a one year after the date of the loss of membership.

## **Article (12)**

### **Membership Application and Procedures**

- 1- The procedures for requesting membership and the conditions for accepting it shall be subject to a special regulation issued by the council in respect of which no provision has been made in this law.
- 2- Anyone who desires to be a member of the association is obliged to submit a written request to the General Secretariat of the association to ensure that it meets the legal requirements, provided that the application is presented to the council and included in the agenda of the General Assembly to decide on it. In the event of approval of membership, FIFA and the Olympic Committee will be notified of that.
- 3- The following application must be attached to the membership application:
  - a) A copy of the applicant's articles of association and approved regulations.
  - b) Acknowledgment of the applicant's commitment to the provisions of this law, regulations, and decisions issued by the association, AFC and FIFA, while ensuring that they are respected and adhered to by the administrators and the players affiliated with it, and that its statute provides for that.
  - c) Acknowledgment of adherence to the rules of the football games and all the amendments that respond to it.
  - d) A declaration of recognition of the association 's judicial bodies, the National Dispute Resolution Chamber and Court of Arbitration for Sport to consider any local legal dispute.
  - e) A declaration that its headquarters are located in the association 's area (Kingdom).
  - f) A declaration that will play all official matches organized by the association.
  - g) A list of its administrators is authorized to sign and entering into contracts
  - h) A declaration of his pledge not to organize or participate in foreign matches except with prior written approval from the association.

- i) A declaration of his pledge not to organize or host any club from outside the Kingdom except with prior written approval of the association.
  - j) A declaration of commitment in the event of a decision by the association regarding the failure to organize or participate in any internal or external match.
  - k) A copy of the last general assembly or founding meeting.
- 4- The council recommends the general assembly to either approve or disapprove the membership application, and the general assembly has the right to request mentioning those reasons, and the applicant for the membership application is allowed to inform the general assembly of the reasons for submitting the application.
- 5- Members shall enjoy their membership rights, however bind to their duties approving on their membership in accordance with the provisions of this statute.

### **Article (13)** **Member Rights**

1. Ordinary members of the Union enjoy the following rights:
- a. Participating in discussions and voting in the ordinary and extraordinary general assembly meetings and reviewing its agenda in advance.
  - b. Suggesting topics for inclusion on the agenda of the General Assembly.
  - c. Nominating candidates for membership of the association 's committees and committees in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.
  - d. Nomination of candidates for election to the Presidency and membership of the council according to the provisions of this Bylaw.
  - e. Follow up the federal affairs in accordance with the powers set forth in this statute.
  - f. Participating in competitions and sport activities organized by the association.
2. Associate members enjoy the following rights:
- a. Attending regular and extraordinary general assembly meetings, as they have the right to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.
  - b. Participating in competitions and sports activities organized by the association.
3. Exercise of all rights shall be as defined in this bylaw and the regulations in force in the association.

**Article (14)**  
**The duties of the members**

The members of the Federal are bound by the following duties:

- A. Adherence to the provisions of this bylaw, regulations, directives, and decisions issued by the AFC and FIFA.
- B. Supporting national teams through programs to equip players and prepare them to represent the teams optimally.
- C. C)Participation in competitions and sports activities organized by the association.
- D. Pay the membership fee.
- E. Respect the rules of the game issued by the International Football Association Board (IFAB), and ensure their respect from all administrators.
- F. Including its articles of association with an obligation stating that in the event of any sport dispute related to it or one of its affiliates with other parties regarding the application of the provisions of this statutes or the regulations, directives and decisions issued by the association, FIFA or the AFC by resorting to the competent arbitration or judicial bodies in FIFA or AFC or the association, in which asylum or litigation is brought by the ordinary courts.
- G. Inform the association of any amendment to its articles of association, regulations or list of administrators or persons authorized to sign on it to conclude binding legal agreements and contracts.
- H. Not to establish any relationship of a sporting nature with unrecognized entities or with members whose membership has been suspended or dropped.
- I. Observance of the principles, loyalty and integrity, sportsmanship and equal opportunity.
- J. Maintain and keep a record of members and update it regularly.

**Article (15)**  
**suspension of membership**

- 1- The general assembly may temporarily suspend the membership of any of the association's member, if the member commits a violation of the provisions of this statutes, the regulations, directives and decisions in force, and the council may suspend the membership of a association's member urgently if he violates the provisions of this statue, regulations, directives and decisions

in a serious way, and the suspension decision is presented at the nearest meeting of the General Assembly, unless the council withdrew its decision before this meeting.

- 2- The suspension of the decision issued by the council at the General Assembly meeting shall be approved by absolute majority, and the suspension shall be automatically lifted if approval is not achieved.
- 3- The suspended member loses his membership rights during the suspension period, and the other members may not have any sports cooperation with him during this period, and this does not prevent the application of other penalties.
- 4- The membership of members who do not participate in one or more of the local competitions stipulated in Article No (83) of this statutes shall be suspended, provided that the suspension period is not less than six months and not more than a one year.
- 5- The decision to suspend the membership shall be lifted by the end of its specified period or by a decision of the General Assembly upon the request of the suspended member of his membership at the nearest meeting of the General Assembly, in the event that the reasons for suspend the membership are proven.

#### **Article (16)** **Dismissal of membership**

- 1- the general assembly may dismissal the membership in this cases defined:-
  - a) If the member does not fulfill the duties stipulated in Article NO(14) of this law or any financial obligations prescribed for the association.
  - b) If the member violates the provisions of this law, regulations, directives issued by the association, AFC or FIFA.
  - c) If the member is liquidated or dissolved.
- 2- The justifications for dismissing the membership must be sent to the association's member attached to the agenda, and the member concerned has the right to speak in self-defense and submit a written defense memorandum.
- 3- The decision to dismissal the membership of the general assembly is passed by a special majority.
- 4- A member whose dismissed his membership must be immediately exempted from his duties, and must fulfill his financial obligation towards the association and its members.

- 5- A request for re-membership of a forfeited member shall not be considered except after the dismissed of one year from the date of the decision.

### **Article (17)** **Resignation**

- 1- A member may resign from the association membership at the end of the sports season, He have to notify the General Secretariat by registered letter with the arrival knowledge before the end of the sports season by not less than three months.
- 2- In all cases, the member's resignation does not take effect until after the end of the sports season, and all his financial obligations towards the association and the rest of the members.

### **Article (18)** **clubs and leagues conditions**

- 1- Clubs or associations are affiliated and recognized by the association, and this statutes defines the scope of the association 's authority and the rights and duties of members, provided that its basic regulations and the regulations are in accordance with the laws in force in the Kingdom and do not conflict with the provisions of the association 's regulations.
- 2- Clubs and associations are committed to the fact that all decisions related to their membership in the association are taken independently over exterior body regardless of the nature of the legal personality.
- 3- In all cases, no natural or legal person (including holding companies and its subsidiaries) may exercise authority over more than one club or one group in a manner that affects the integrity of the decisions of any match or competition.

### **Article (19)** **Presidency and Honorary Membership**

- 1- The general assembly may grant the title of honorary president or honorary member to any person who provided great service to football, and the council shall nominate this given title.
- 2- The honorary president or honorary member may attend the general assembly meetings and participate in discussions without having the right to vote.

## **Chapter Three**

### **The Association bodies**

#### **Article (20)**

1. The General Assembly.
2. council.
3. Permanent and temporary committees.
4. General Secretariat.
5. Judicial bodies.
6. The association, in accordance with the provisions of this law, shall elect, appoint, or form the members of its bodies independently and without influence from any external authority.

#### **Section One**

#### **General Assembly**

#### **Article (21)**

1. The General Assembly represents the legislative body and the supreme authority that includes the members of the association, and it has the power to issue decisions, and its decisions are considered effective and binding, and it is formed according to the provisions of this statute.
2. The general assembly meetings are either ordinary or extraordinary.
3. The Chairman of the council shall preside over the general assembly meetings and manage its business in accordance with the provisions of the articles associated by this bylaw in the association. If the president happens to be absent, the vice president takes his place. However, if all of them are absent, the oldest members of the council assume the chairmanship of the general assembly meeting.
4. The general assembly may appoint observers to participate in its meetings and answer questions addressed to them, and they have the right to participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

#### **Article (22)**

#### **Representatives of the members to the General Assembly**

- 1- Each club or association in the General Assembly is represented by two representatives chosen by the club's council or the officials of the association, provided that the representatives of the member are affiliated with it, and they were elected members of the member's council by the competent authority of the member, provided that they are obliged to provide evidence of that when requested of them.
- 2- The right to vote in the general assembly is only for ordinary members present, and each member of them has one vote in the assembly, and voting by proxy or by correspondence is not permitted.
- 3- The member's representative record must be free of any criminal competition that violates honor and honesty.
- 4- The members of the council, the Secretary-General, and the Assistant Secretary-General participate in the meetings of the General Assembly without having the right to vote, and they may not be appointed as representatives of any member of the General Assembly during their term of office in the Association.
- 5- The Chairman of the council may request who he sees as employees of the Association to attend the meetings of the General Assembly to answer the questions addressed to them without having the right to vote.

### **Article (23)** **The powers of the general assembly**

The general assembly is concerned with the following:

- A) Issuing and amending the articles of the Association.
- B) Approving the minutes of the previous meeting of the General Assembly.
- C) Electing of the chairman and members of the council.
- D) Appointing observers for the electoral process.
- E) Appointing auditors.
- F) Approval of the financial report.
- G) Approving the annual budget of the Association.
- H) Approving the administrative report issued by the Chairman of the council.
- I) Determining the member subscription fees and any other fees.

- J) Granting the title of president or honorary member of the Union, based on nominations from the council.
- K) Granting, suspending, or canceling federal membership in accordance with the procedures stipulated in this law.
- L) Dismissal of membership for any member of the council.
- M) Withholding confidence from the council.
- N) Dissolution of the Association.
- O) Some of its powers are delegated to the Chairman of the council or the council.
- P) Take any other decision based on the proposal of one or more members of the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of this law.

#### **Article (24)** **Holding the general assembly**

- 1- The general assembly shall be held in the presence of the absolute majority.
- 1- If the aforementioned quorum is not complete, a second meeting of the General Assembly shall be held after a period of no less than eight days and no more than fifteen days from the date of the first meeting, without requiring a legal quorum and the same agenda unless the schedule includes topics in which a special majority is required.

#### **Article (25)** **General Assembly resolutions**

- 1. Unless the provisions of this statute stipulate otherwise, the General Assembly shall issue its decisions by simple majority, and when calculating the required majority, the invalid and abstained votes shall be excluded from voting.
- 2. Voting shall be by raising the hand, paper cards, electronic counting, or any other means determined by the council. The vote may be secret. In the event that the counting of votes is not clear, the vote shall be made by calling the members by name according to their alphabetical order.

#### **Article (26)** **Holding the ordinary general assembly**

- 1. The ordinary general assembly is held once every year.

2. The council determines the venue and date.
3. The General Secretariat shall send an invitation to convene the General Assembly to the members of the Assembly and the Olympic Committee in writing not less than (30) days before the date specified for the Assembly.
4. The invitation must include the administrative report, financial report and other related documents.

**Article (27)**  
**The agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly**

- 1- The General Secretariat shall prepare the agenda in accordance with the proposals of the members of the General Assembly and the council, provided that these suggestions are sent to the General Secretariat with a brief explanation, within a period of not less than (15) days from the date of the General Assembly.
- 2- The General Secretariat sends the agenda within a period of not less than (7) days from the date of the General Assembly.
- 3- The agenda of the general assembly should include the following items:
  - a) A statement that the General Assembly has been invited and convened as provided for in this statutes.
  - b) Adoption of the agenda.
  - c) President's speech.
  - d) Adoption of the record of the previous meeting of the General Assembly.
  - e) Appointing financial and legal auditors, whether from inside or outside the Association (if any).
  - f) Administrative report (deals with a summary of the Association 's activities since the last meeting of the General Assembly until the current meeting).
  - g) View a report on the consolidated or modified balance sheet and the statement of profit and loss.
  - h) View and approve financial statements.
  - i) Approval of the estimated budget.
  - j) Agree to accept new members (if any).
  - k) Suspension or dismissal the membership of a member.

- l) Withholding confidence from the council or dissolving the Association. (if any).
  - m) Vote on proposals to amend the articles of association of the Association (if any).
  - n) At least (3) of the members of the General Assembly are appointed to review the agenda of the meeting.
  - o) Discuss the suggestions submitted by members of the General Assembly and the council
  - p) Election of the chairman and members of the council (if it was decided at the meeting).
- 4- The agenda of the ordinary general assembly may be modified, subject to the approval of the absolute majority. The general assembly may not consider any other topics that are not included in the agenda items or have not been approved for addition to the amendment.

**Article (28)**  
**The general assembly meeting's agenda**

- 1- The General Secretariat shall be responsible for preparing and editing the agendas of the meetings of the General Assembly. The agendas shall be subject to scrutiny by the members appointed for that. The agenda shall be approved at the next session of the General Assembly.
- 2- A copy of the agendas of the meeting must be sent to the members of the General Assembly and the Olympic Committee within (30) days of the date of the meeting.

**Article (29)**  
**Validity of General Assembly resolutions**

The decisions of the General Assembly shall take effect upon its issuance, unless the General Assembly sets another date for that.

**Article (3)**  
**The Extraordinary General Assembly**

- 1- The council may call an extraordinary general assembly at any time.
- 2- The council may call an extraordinary general assembly whenever it was presented to it in written request by the absolute majority, provided that this request includes its reasons, and the extraordinary general assembly is held within (30) days from the date of receiving the request, In the event that the council does not do so, the applicant members may be invited by the General Assembly to meet themselves and in all cases, these members are entitled to seek the assistance of FIFA in all objections to this request.

- 3- Members and the Olympic Committee shall be notified of the place and time of the meeting and of the agenda, at least (15) days before the date of the meeting.
- 4- If the extraordinary general assembly is convened by invitation by the council, it must prepare the agenda, but if it is invited by the requesting members, they must prepare the agenda that includes the topics that these members want to discuss, and in all cases it is not permissible to amend the agenda of the extraordinary General Assembly.
- 5- Provisions for the convening of the ordinary general assembly shall be valid in the absence of a text.

### **Article (31)**

#### **The Mechanism for amending the articles of association of the Association**

- 1- Every ordinary member of the general assembly has the right to submit a written request to the General Secretariat with a proposal to amend the articles of association provided that it is accompanied by the reasons for the amendment. The council shall study the proposal for amendment and submit a memorandum thereon, provided that the proposal and its reasons are presented with the memo of the council to the General Assembly at its nearest meeting.
- 2- The council has the right to propose an amendment to the articles of association, by presented it to the general assembly with its agenda with the reasons for the amendment.
- 3- The approval of the proposal to amend the articles of association requires the approval of the special majority of the members of the General Assembly.

### **Section Two**

#### **The council**

### **Article (32)**

#### **Formation of the council**

The council consists of ten members, including one president, two vice presidents, and seven members who are elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years, and they may be re-elected according to the provisions of this statutes.

### **Article (33)**

The ordinary member of the Association has the right to nominate only one candidate, either for the presidency of the council or for his membership.

**Article (34)**  
**Conditions for candidacy for the chairmanship and membership of the council**

- 1- He must be a Bahraini.
- 2- He must be a representative of one of the ordinary members of the Association.
- 3- He must not be less than (21) years old at the time of the elections.
- 4- He must be resident in the Kingdom.
- 5- He must be fully competent.
- 6- He must be fluent in reading and writing in Arabic.
- 7- He have a good conduct and reputation, and he has not been issued a criminal ruling against honor or honesty.
- 8- That no decision has been issued against him or her to suspend or revoke his or her membership from the Association unless membership is restored to him.
- 9- A member of the council is not allowed to combine the membership of the council with the membership of a sports judicial body or another council of a club or other Association.
- 10- Is not a member of a political or civil society
- 11- He must have a university degree of no less than a Bachelor's degree or have active experience in the field of sports of not less than 10 years.

**Article (35)**

- 1- The General Secretariat shall announce the opening of the candidacy door for the Presidency and membership of the council at least (30) days before the date of the General Assembly.
- 2- Clubs must name their candidate and fill out the nomination form prepared by the General Secretariat, provided that it is sent within (15) days from the date the nomination door is opened to the General Secretariat.
- 3- The General Secretariat shall prepare lists of the names of the candidates, including their CVs, in accordance with the provisions of this statutes.

- 4- The General Secretariat sends a complete list of candidates for the Association member clubs with the agenda of the general assembly.

**Article (36)**  
**Formation of the Supervisory Committee**

The Chairman of the council shall form the Supervisory Committee, provided that the following items are observed in this formation:

- A) The Supervisory Committee shall be formed from the date of opening the candidacy for the chairmanship and membership of the council.
- B) The supervisory committee consists of a president and two members appointed by the chairman of council, one of them must have a Bachelor's degree in law.
- C) Two other members join the supervisory committee, who are appointed by the General Assembly as election process observers.

**Article (37)**  
**Independence of the Supervisory Committee**

The Supervisory Committee enjoys complete independence in the performance of its tasks, and the council must provide the capabilities and tools necessary for the committee to carry out its tasks.

**Article (38)**  
**Supervisory Committee Functions**

The Supervisory Committee is concerned with managing everything related to the electoral process, such as accepting candidacy applications, verifying the availability of conditions in the candidates, excluding those who did not meet the conditions mentioned in this statutes, and managing the conduct of the elections and announcing their results.

**Article (39)**

The General Secretariat shall prepare the voting mechanism according to two different forms, one for the elections to the presidency of the council and the other for its membership, and it shall be approved by the supervisory committee.

**Article (40)**

for any candidate has the right to withdraw from the elections, at least three (3) days before the date set for the elections, by submitting a letter signed by him.

#### **Article (41)**

Ordinary general assembly members elect a chairman and members of the council from among the final candidates, proving each of his vote, with no mark or sign indicating his personality being provided, provided that the voting mechanism is confidential, and every vote is considered invalid otherwise.

#### **Article (41)**

1. After completing the voting, the supervisory committee will count the votes, approve the correct votes, exclude the invalid and indicate the number of valid votes obtained by each candidate.
2. The Supervisory Committee announces the name of the winning candidate for the presidency and the candidates who won the membership of the council who received the largest number of valid votes.
3. If the number of candidates for membership in the council is equal to the number of seats in this council, the election process is not held and their victory is declared by acclamation.
4. If a number less than the specified number of seats for the council stipulated in this statute is submitted for candidacy, their victory shall be declared by acclamation, provided that the election process is held to complete the remaining number of seats in an extraordinary general assembly within (60) days from the date of this announcement. In the event that the specified number continues to be incomplete after the election process, the Chairman of the council shall appoint those who occupy these seats.

#### **Article (43)**

If one of the seats in the council becomes vacant before the end of its session, the council appoints who occupies this seat until the nearest meeting of the General Assembly, whereby those who occupy the remaining term of the Council are elected according to the procedures stipulated in this statutes unless the remaining period of the session of the council a year.

#### **Article (44)**

#### **The Council Meetings**

- 1- The council meets at least six meetings a year.
- 2- The council is invited by the invitation from its Chairman or by an application submitted by half of the members of the council. In last previous case, the Chairman shall be obligated to invite the council to meet within seven (7) days from the date of submitting the application.
- 3- The Chairman of the council sets the agenda, and every member of the council has the right to suggest topics for inclusion in the schedule, provided that these proposals are submitted to the General Secretariat not less than two days before the meeting, and the agenda is sent to the members of the council.
- 4- The General Secretariat participates in the meetings of the council, and its role is advisory, and it prepares the agendas of the meeting.
- 5- council meetings are confidential, and the council may invite any person it deems appropriate to express an opinion if requested, without having the right to vote.

**Article (45)**  
**The powers of the council**

The council shall have the following terms:

- a) Take decisions in all matters that do not fall within the competence of the General Assembly or other Association bodies in accordance with the provisions of this statutes.
- b) Prepare and invite for ordinary and extraordinary general assembly meetings.
- c) Appointing presidents, their deputies and members of the permanent committees.
- d) Appointing presidents, their deputies and members of the judiciary.
- e) Establishing temporary committees when needed at any time.
- f) Establishing regulations related to the work of the permanent and temporary committees and judicial bodies of the Association.
- g) Appoint and dismiss the Secretary-General and the Assistant Secretary-General upon the proposal of the President, and supervise the performance of the General Secretariat and administrative and financial affairs.
- h) Nomination of independent auditors in preparation for presentation to the General Assembly
- i) Determine the location, dates and numbers of teams participating in the various competitions in the Association.

- j) Assigning Association employees, coaches and other technicians to the various national teams in the Association.
- k) Establishing the Association 's internal regulations.
- l) Ensuring the implementation of this statutes and making the necessary arrangements and executive decisions to implement it.
- m) Suspending the membership of any member of the Association temporarily until the nearest meeting of the General Assembly, where the matter is presented to it for decision.
- n) Appointing members of the Executive Office.
- o) Delegating the Association 's bodies with tasks falling within the powers of the council.
- p) Selecting the Association's candidates for membership committees and external positions.
- q) Development of Association Resources.

**Article (46)**  
**The council 's Decisions**

- 1. The meeting of the council shall not be valid unless attended by half of its members, provided that the Chairman or one of his deputies is among them.
- 2. The council shall take its decisions by simple majority. If the votes are equal, the side from which the chairman of the meeting is weighted, may not vote by proxy or by correspondence.
- 3. Any member of the council, in the event of a conflict or conflict of interest when discussing any issue, is obligated to disclose it, and he is prohibited from participating in the discussion or voting.
- 4. The decisions of the council shall be noted during the meeting.
- 5. The decisions of the council shall be executed as soon as they are issued, unless the council decides otherwise.

**Article (47)**  
**Dismissal, suspension, or resignation of a member of the council**

1- council membership shall be forfeited in the following cases:

- A) The death of a council member.

- B) Absence from attending council meetings three times in a row or five separate times without an acceptable excuse from the council.
- C) Loss of legal capacity.
- D) Committing any act that breaches the respect of the Kingdom and its slogans and the integrity of the Association and its bodies or any of the sports organizations, or harms their reputation.
- E) Losing any of the conditions for candidacy for membership in the council mentioned in Article (34) of this law.

2-The council is obliged to suspend the member temporarily in the event of any of the aforementioned incidents.

### **Article (48)** **The president**

1. the president of the council is the legal representative of the association, he supervise the work of the association and primarily responsible for:

- a) Implementing the decisions passed by the general assembly and the council through general secretariat.
- b) Ensure that the Association's bodies fully fulfill their duties to achieve the objectives set out in this statute.
- c) Supervising the work of the general secretariat.
- d) Relations between association, its members, AFC, FIFA, committees and other organizations.
- e) Propose the appointment or dismissal of the secretary general and his assistant.
- f) Propose the appointment of legal and monetary consultant.
- g) Preside over the general assembly, the council and its committee's meetings, and those committees in which he has been appointed chairperson except for judicial bodies.

2. if the president is absent or unavailable, the longest serving vice-president shall deputies.

3. any additional powers of the president shall be contained in the internal regulations of the association.

**Article (49)**  
**Vice president**

The council shall elect two deputies for the president in the first meeting, in the event of the president is permanently or temporarily unable to perform his official function, the longest-serving vice-president shall assume the powers and responsibilities of the President until the ability of the current president or the election of new president, according to the provisions of this statute.

The President may delegate some of his powers to a Deputy or any of the members of the council.

**Article (50)**  
**Representation and signature**

The President represents the association generally, he is authorized to sign for the association, and he may delegate one of his deputies or the general secretariat to sign, and the council may establish The shared signatures system for administrators.

**Article (51)**  
**Executive bureau**

1. The Executive bureau consists of the president and four members selected from among the council appointed by the council for a period of one year, and the bureau is competent to consider matters requiring immediate settlement.
2. In the event that the President is absent from the meeting of the Executive bureau, one of his deputies shall assume the functions of the President.
3. Secretariat general is responsible for preparing the agenda of the Executive bureau, editing the minutes of the meetings and following up decisions.

**Section Three**  
**Standing and temporary committees**

**Article (52)**  
**The Standing Committees of the association**

1. The standing committees of the association consist of the following committees:
  - A) Competitions Committee.
  - B) Finance and Marketing Committee.
  - C) Legal Affairs Committee.
  - D) Futsal and Beach Ball Committee.
  - E) Internal Audit Committee.
  - F) Media Committee.
  - G) National Teams Committee.
  - H) Player Status and Transfer Committee.
  - I) Referees Committee.
  - J) Women's Football Committee.
2. The council shall appoints the chairperson of the standing committees from the members of the council at the first meeting, except for the Internal Audit Committee who are appointed from the members of the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions stipulated in Article (57) of this statute, and the term of membership of these committees is four years, and is related to the beginning and end of the council session.
3. Each committee shall consist of at least five members and not more than eight members.
4. The council may, if necessary, appoint the chairperson of the committees from non-members.
5. The council has the right to suspend some committees or merge them with each other when needed.
6. The council may delegate the authorities of some committees to other organizations according to a particular agreement and in a manner that does not contradict FIFA rules and regulations.
7. Each committee chairman nominates a deputy and members of his committee, provided that this is submitted to the council for approval.
8. Each chairperson shall represents his committee and conduct functions in compliance with the relevant regulations, decisions and instructions. The deputy of the Committee shall replace the Chairman in the event of his absence or the performance of his functions in the Committee

9. Each chairperson shall determine the dates of meetings in coordination with the General Secretariat and ensure that all tasks are carried out, and reports and minutes of meetings are submitted to the council.
10. The chairperson or his deputy shall convene its meetings on a regular basis or whenever it is necessary.
11. The meeting of the committee shall be valid in the presence of half of its members, provided that the chairperson or his deputy is among them, and the committee shall take its decisions by simple majority. In the event of a tie, the chairman will cast the deciding vote.
12. Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations and submit it to the council.
13. The committees shall submit their recommendations to the council for approval to be valid, unless authorized by the council for decision-making.
14. In the event of a conflict of interest, the committee's members are not entitled to participate in the deliberations of any topic or vote on it.

#### **Article (53)** **Competitions Committee**

It specializes in organizing the competitions of the association in accordance with the provisions of this statute and the regulations in force. Also considers the general issues of football in its own framework, and relations with clubs, associations, members, AFC and FIFA.

#### **Article (54)** **Finance and Marketing Committee**

The committee is responsible for following up all financial matters within the association's competence, such as promotion, marketing, announcing tenders, auctions, etc., and it also develops the association's financial strategic plan and advises the council on matters that contribute to the development of the association's revenues, and reviews the reports of external auditors at the request of The council, and the committee analyzes the budget and financial data prepared by the council before its approval, provided that the committee includes a member with legal experience and another with accounting experience.

#### **Article (55)**

### **Legal Affairs Committee**

The committee is responsible for analyzing the laws submitted by the council, reviewing the contracts that it intends to conclude, and expressing an opinion thereon, in addition to the legal matters referred to it by the council.

### **Article (56)**

#### **Futsal and Beach Ball Committee**

It specializes in organizing futsal and beach ball events and competitions, and examines all matters related to the promotion and development of these two games.

### **Article (57)**

#### **Internal Audit Committee**

It specializes in auditing and investigating the validity of financial and administrative matters within the association and has the ability to review the reports of the external auditors at the request of the council.

The general assembly shall elects the chairman, his deputy and members of the committee who are not affiliated with any of the association's bodies based on the proposal of the council, and they may not be exempted except by the general assembly.

The committee reports to the general assembly.

### **Article (58)**

#### **Media Committee**

The committee is responsible for formalizing media policy that is in line with the general strategy of the association, supervising and implementing it, establishing relationships with various media outlets, and covering all the association's activities and occasions with the various available media.

### **Article (59)**

#### **National Teams Committee**

It specializes in the affairs of national teams in accordance with the provisions of this statute and the regulations related to its function.

**Article (60)**  
**Player Status and Transfer Committee**

The committee is responsible for shall set up and monitor compliance with the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players in accordance with FIFA regulations related to the Status and Transfer of Players and the national regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and determining their conditions in the various competitions of the association. It may also propose special regulations that specify its authorities and competence.

**Article (61)**  
**Referees Committee**

The committee is responsible for following up the implementation of the laws of football and appoints referees in the matches of various competitions and events organized by the association. And it organizes arbitration affairs and follow up on the education, training, development and evaluation of referees and testing candidates for the international list that FIFA issues annually.

**Article (62)**  
**Women's Football Committee**

It specializes in organizing competitions and events for women's football, coordination and consideration of all matters related to it.

**Article (63)**  
**Ad-hoc committees**

The council may decide to set up Ad-hoc committees, if necessary at any time, to carry out special duties for a specified period of time. The council shall appoint the chairperson, deputies and members of these committees. The duties of these committees are defined by regulations or decisions set by the council, and the ad-hoc committees shall report directly to the Council.

## **Section Four**

### **General secretariat**

#### **Article (64)**

The general secretariat shall perform its tasks under the direction of the Secretary General, Members of the Secretariat are bound by this statute and regulations and to perform their tasks in proper way.

#### **Article (65)**

##### **Secretary General**

1. The Secretary General is the chief executive officer (CEO) of Secretary General and reports to the council, and he may not be a member of the general assembly or any entity affiliated to the association or AFC or FIFA Except for the committees that represent the association is ex officio Secretary-General.
2. The Secretary-General shall be assisted by an Assistant Secretary-General, who shall assume the functions entrusted to him by the Secretary-General in the absence of him.
3. The appointment of the Secretary-General and the Assistant Secretary-General shall be in accordance with labor law, and the necessary qualifications.
4. The Secretary-General shall:
  - a) Implement decisions passed by the General Assembly and the Council in accordance with the President's directives.
  - b) Preparation of the agenda of the General Assembly and editing of the minutes of meetings according to the provisions of this statute.
  - c) Attend meetings of the General Assembly, the council, the Executive bureau, the Standing and ad-hoc Committees and bodies, organize their meetings and record their proceedings.
  - d) Manage and keep the association's files and account documents.
  - e) Responsible for the association's correspondence.

- f) Establish and strengthen relations with members, committees, FIFA and AFC.
- g) Organization of the Secretariat and develop a strong management team capable of operating the association effectively and efficiently.
- h) Appointment, dismissal or promotion of Secretariat staff and determination of remuneration according to labor law,
- i) Nominating and administratively supervising the association's staff.
- j) Proposal of the annual budget and preparation of the annual accounting reports of the association.

## **Section Five Judicial bodies**

### **Article (66)**

1. The judicial bodies of the association are:
  - A) Disciplinary Committee.
  - B) Appeal Committee.
2. The responsibilities and functions of each of the judicial bodies are defined by a special regulation, according to the provisions of this statute and regulations in which does not contradict FIFA regulations.
3. The decision-making powers of certain committees remain unaffected by the judicial bodies

### **Article (67)**

#### **Appointment and dismissal of members of judicial bodies and the requirements that must be met by them**

1. The council shall appoints the chairperson, deputy and members of the judiciary.
2. The members of the judicial bodies must meet the following requirements:
  - A) The necessary knowledge and experience in football.
  - B) He must not have previous convictions for an offence against honor or a breach of trust
  - C) At least two members of the commission must have a legal qualification.
  - D) It is not permissible to combine membership of judicial bodies with membership of the council, the General Secretariat, standing committees, or membership of any council of a

member of the General Assembly.

3. The council may not dissolve any of the judicial bodies or dismiss one of its members except in the following cases:

- A) Any requirement of appointment have been lost.
- B) A member or body is proven unable to perform their duties.
- C) The member is absent from attending the committee's meetings for five consecutive meetings or eight separate meetings without an legitimate justification accepted by the Chairperson of the committee.

### **Article (68)** **Discipline Committee**

- 1. The Disciplinary Committee consists of a chairperson, deputy and at least five members and no more than seven members.
- 2. The committee shall pass its decisions in the presence of at least half of its members, provided that the committee chairman or his deputy is among them, after conducting the necessary investigation and deliberation.
- 3. The Disciplinary Committee may take decisions by passing in urgent matters, and the decision is valid by absolute majority
- 4. The Disciplinary Committee is competent to impose the sanctions described in this statute and according to the disciplinary affairs regulations.

### **Article (69)** **Appeal Committee**

- 1. The Appeals Committee consists of a chairperson, deputy and at least than five members and no more than seven members.
- 2. The committee shall pass its decisions in the presence of at least half of its members, provided that the committee chairperson or his deputy is among them.
- 3. The Appeals Committee may take decisions by passing in urgent matters, and the decision is valid by absolute majority.
- 4. The Appeals Committee is competent to consider submissions for appealing the decisions of

the Disciplinary Committee, and to consider appeals submitted to the decisions of other committees operating in the association, in accordance with its regulations.

### **Article (70)** **Disciplinary Sanctions**

1. Disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed for natural persons:

- A) Caution
- B) Warning
- C) Fine.
- D) Social work.
- E) Suspension or cancellation.
- F) To stop participating in the matches.
- G) a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
- H) a ban from entering a stadium.
- I) a ban on taking part in any football-related activity;
- J) Withdrawing titles or medals and redeeming prizes or rewards.
- K) Any other sanction stipulated in the regulations issued by FIFA And AFC.

2. Disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed for legal persons:

- A) Warning.
- B) Fine.
- C) a transfer ban.
- D) playing one or more matches without spectators.
- E) Playing one or more matches on neutral territory.
- F) a ban on playing in a particular stadium;
- G) Exclusion from ongoing posts.
- H) Denial of future posts.
- I) annulment of the result of a match;.
- J) Losing a match.
- K) replaying a match

- L) deduction of points.
- M) relegation to a lower division.
- N) Withdrawing titles or medals and redeeming prizes or rewards.
- Q) Permanent or temporary deprivation of revenue resulting from local partnerships.
- P) Social work.

### **Article (71)**

#### **The National Dispute Resolution Chamber**

1. A National Dispute Resolution Chamber is established to deal with all local disputes between clubs and players that is related to contracts, compensation for training and solidarity contributions. The council shall issue the regulations for the formation of this chamber, its functions and work procedures in accordance with the principles of the FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber, and the Chamber's decisions are subject to appeal before the National Sports Arbitration Court. And the appeal shall be before an Appeal Committee until the establishment of the National Sports Arbitration Court.
2. The National Dispute Resolution Chamber is formed by a chairperson and deputy who have legal jurisdiction and a number of at least five members and no more than seven members.

### **Article (72)**

#### **The association Arbitration commission**

The association may form an arbitration commission to consider any of the internal national disputes between each of the association and its members, players, coaches, administrators, match agents and agents of players whenever the contract stipulates or the parties to the dispute choose to resort to the commission, with the exception of the authorities that fall within the judicial bodies, the council shall set the regulations for the formation of this body, its functions and its work procedures.

### **Article (73)**

#### **Recourse to ordinary courts**

1. The association, members, administrators, match agents or players may not refer any dispute to the ordinary national courts unless specifically provided for in this statute or FIFA regulations.

2. The Disciplinary, Appeal Committees, the National Dispute Resolution Chamber and the National Sports Arbitration Court are competent to consider internal disputes between parties belonging to the association as stipulated in this statute, FIFA and AFC have jurisdiction in disputes of international character arising from parties belonging to different associations or federations, Unless the parties agree to resort to a national arbitral tribunal, all in accordance with this statute, regulations, and decisions issued by FIFA, the AFC and the association.
3. Association`s members, administrators, players, match agents and brokers are obligated Obeying and abiding by this statute, regulations, provisions, and decisions issued by the association, the standing committees, and the judicial bodies.
4. Whoever violates the provisions of this Article shall be sanctioned with the penalties stipulated in this statute.

#### **Article (74)** **National Sports Arbitration Court**

1. Under the provisions of this statute, the association, its members, clubs, associations, administrators, players and any entities or persons affiliated with the association acknowledge and affirm that in case the National Sports Arbitration Court is established, it will be the supreme judicial authority exclusively competent to deal with sports disputes, after all appeal rights have been exhausted in the association and according to the provisions of this statute.
2. The decisions issued by the National Sports Arbitration Court are final, binding and not subject to appeal to any local or international body.
3. The National Sports Arbitration Court will not have jurisdiction over disputes related to any decisions issued by the association`s judicial bodies relating to the following:
  - A) Disputes related to the application of the laws of the game.
  - B) Suspension for up to four matches or three months, with the exception of decisions related to doping.
4. Decisions on all matters related to doping should be in accordance with the applicable doping regulations, and according to the code of the International Anti-Doping Agency and the FIFA statute.

#### **Article (75)**

## **Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**

1. The association recognizes the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in accordance with the provisions stipulated in this statute, the FIFA and the AFC.
2. According to the provisions of the FIFA Statute, every appeal against any final and binding decision issued by FIFA is referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), which does not hear appeals related to violations of the laws of the game or suspension for up to four matches or three months, or decisions issued by the National Sports Arbitration Court or any independent arbitration body and properly formed in the association and recognized by FIFA.
3. The association is committed to full compliance by its members, players, administrators, and match agents, with any final decision issued by FIFA or the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

## **Chapter four Finance**

### **Article (76) Financial period**

1. The financial period of the association shall begin on each 1 January and ends in 31 December.
2. the annual budget shall include the association`s revenues and expenditures in the financial period. The Association must develop a financial strategy to consider their major duties through the creation of reserves.
3. Financial matters shall be managed in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, and under the supervision of the Olympic committee.
4. The Secretary General and financial principal are both responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of the association with its subsidiaries as at the end of the financial period 31 December .
5. The financial principal shall keep and properly maintain accounting records under the supervision of the Secretary General.
6. The association shall have a bank account in one of the national banks in the name of the association, which is deposited with the association`s funds, and is issued from it according to the association`s financial regulations.

7. The council shall establish the Financial Regulation of the association, which shall specify the mechanism for collecting revenues and exchange items and those authorized to sign the orders of exchange, checks, permissible exchange limits and the controls of transfers between the budget sections.

#### **Article (77)** **Incomes**

The association`s income shall consists of:

1. Amounts allocated by the Olympic Committee.
2. Annual member`s subscriptions.
3. Amounts allocated by the international sport committees.
4. Returns of local and international matches in which the association participates.
5. Revenues of sponsorship and marketing agreements of the association`s activities.
6. Returns of fines imposed by the competent bodies in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
7. State financial support.
8. Voluntary contributions and donations to the association are granted with the approval of the council.
9. subscriptions and other outcomes which are within the scope of the association`s objectives and are not in violation of the law.
10. Returns of the association`s resources exploitation.

#### **Article (78)** **Expenditures**

The association shall borne the following expenditures:

1. Approved budgetary expenditures.
2. Expenses approved by the General Assembly or the Council are within limits Their powers.
3. All other expenses which are within the scope of the association`s objectives.

#### **Article (79)** **financial Auditors**

The financial auditors appointed by the General Assembly shall audit the association`s accounts in accordance with the approved accounting rules, and submit a report to the general secretary to present it to the general assembly meeting. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of one years, Their mandates may be renewed. The Olympic Committee may appoint external auditors to the association, and the association and his staff shall cooperate with them and enable them to carry out their duties whenever requested.

#### **Article (80)**

##### **Membership subscriptions**

1. Membership subscriptions are due on 1 January of each year. The annual subscription for new member associations for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days from the end of general assembly meeting at which they were admitted.
2. The general assembly shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every two years on the recommendation of the Council. It shall be the same for every member association and amount to no more than BHD 500.

#### **Article (81)**

##### **Settlement**

The association may debit from any member`s account to settle their claims, or on the basis of the judicial or arbitral decisions.

#### **Article (82)**

##### **Charges**

The association may demand its members to pay fees for matches.

### **Chapter five**

#### **Competitions and events**

#### **Article (83)**

##### **National competitions**

1. The association shall organize the following official competitions:

- a) First division league
  - b) Second division league
  - c) His majesty the king`s cup of first and second class.
  - d) Elite league.
  - e) Elite cup championship.
  - f) Any competition or championships organized by the association.
2. The council may authorize the member associations to organize competitions and events in a manner that does not conflict with the competition organized by the association.
  3. The association may organize competitions for certain events and circumstances, subject to special regulations.
  4. The council shall issue regulations to organize these competitions and specify the number of participated teams.

**Article (84)**  
**authorization to organize or participate in competitions and events**

1. The council shall issue special regulations for participation in the Association's competitions and events. The regulation must also specify the clubs to which the statute applies, and that regulation must be applied on first division clubs that qualify for the sports competitions that organized by AFC, and work to improve the professional environment of first division clubs and raising regulatory standards.
2. The Council shall compile requirements for the administrative staff of each category of the national team and club.
3. The association shall issue an authorization for the football activity according to the requirements in the club authorization regulations within the association.
4. The club authorization system aims to establish fair competition among clubs, improve the professional level of the association, promote sportsmanship according to the principle of fair play and also to enhance the safety and security of the match environment and enhance transparency in all matters related to financing, ownership and running clubs.

**Article (85)**  
**Rights in national competitions and events**

1. the association and its members are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction. These rights include 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, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law.
2. The Council shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilized and draw up special regulations to this end.
3. The council is responsible for authorizing the utilization of all Visual and audible rights and others stated in par.1 of this article, the Council shall issue special regulations to this end.

**Article (86)**  
**International matches and competitions**

1. The association shall be responsible for issuing regulations for organizing international matches and competitions and events between representative teams and between leagues, club . No such match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of FIFA`s executive committee, AFC in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.
2. The association is bound by the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

**Article (87)**  
**Contact**

The association and its members may not play matches or make sporting contacts with associations that are not affiliated to FIFA or provisional members of the confederations without the approval of the association and FIFA.

**Chapter six**  
**Final provisions**

**Article (88)**

1. The Council shall have the final decision on matters on which no provision is made in this statute, as well as the interpretation of the provisions of this statute.
2. The council shall be the competent authority to decide matters relating to a conflict of interest.

#### **Article (89)**

The member clubs and associations are not entitled to join any other football association except with the prior approval of the association, the other association, the AFC and FIFA.

#### **Article (90)**

While no special provision is made in this statute, the provisions of FIFA and AFC regulations shall be applicable.

#### **Article (91)**

##### **No-confidence decision of the council**

1. The General Assembly has the right to issue a decision on the council in the following circumstances:
  - a) Corruption and serious financial abuses have been established by the Council.
  - b) The quorum of the council meetings could not be completed for four consecutive sessions, or eight separate sessions per year.
  - c) If the General Assembly is not invited to hold a regular meeting twice in a row or two separate session, with no proper reason.
  - d) Withdrawal, freezing or withholding of FIFA or the AFC 's recognition of the association.
  - e) In case more than half of the council members resigned or dismissed.
2. Any decision regarding the no-confidence requires approval vote from the council by special majority of the members of the General Assembly, which must be obtained in any unusual general assembly for this purpose.

#### **Article (92)**

##### **Dissolution of the association**

1. The dissolution decision requires the approval of the special majority of the members of the General Assembly, which must be obtained in any unusual general assembly for this purpose.
2. Dissolution If FIFA is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to the Olympic committee or other entity in which the General Assembly shall determine by the special majority of its members. It shall hold these assets in trust as until the association is re-established.

#### **Article (93)**

##### **Vote**

Fractions vote results are counted in taking the highest number of such votes.

#### **Article (94)**

##### **Enforcement**

This Statute was adopted by the general assembly resolution, held in Manama, in Regency Hotel on Sunday, 16 June 2019. And come into force immediately after adoption with a version of it submitted to FIFA and the Bahraini Olympic committee .