

Chinese Taipei Football Association

Statutes

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The terms given below denote the following:

CTFA: Chinese Taipei Football Association.

FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

AFC : Asian Football Confederation

EAFF : East Asia Football Federation

Association: a football Association recognised by and a Member of FIFA.

League: an organisation subordinate to an Association.

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

Club: Member of a football Association (that is itself a Member of FIFA).

Officials: all board members, committee members, coaches, referees and attendants as well as other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at FIFA, a Confederation, Association, League or Club.

Player: a football player registered with an Association.

Congress: the supreme body of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

Executive Committee: the executive body of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

Member: a legal or natural person that has been admitted into membership of the Chinese Taipei Football Association by the Congress.

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

IFAB: the International Football Association Board.

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

Arbitration Tribunal: private court of justice acting instead of an Ordinary Court.

CAS (TAS): Court of Arbitration for Sport (Tribunal Arbitral du Sport) in Lausanne (Switzerland).

NB: References to natural persons include both genders. The singular case applies to the plural and vice-versa.

I. General Provisions

Article 1 Name, headquarters, legal form

¹ The Chinese Taipei Football Association is a social organisation registered with the Ministry of the Interior, in compliance with the legislation of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) and registered in Taipei. It is formed for an unlimited period.

² The headquarters are in Room 210, 2nd Floor, No. 55, Chang Chi Street, Tatung District, Taipei City, Taiwan, ROC 10363

³ The Chinese Taipei Football Association is a Member of FIFA, of the AFC and EAFF.

⁴ The flag of the Chinese Taipei Football Association is



⁵ The emblem of the Chinese Taipei Football Association is



⁶ The logo of the Chinese Taipei Football Association is



⁷ The abbreviation of the Chinese Taipei Football Association is CTFA.

⁸ The emblem and logo are legally registered with the Ministry of the Interior.

Article 2 Objectives

The objectives of the Chinese Taipei Football Association are:

- a) to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;
- b) to organise competitions in Association Football in all its forms at a national level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various Leagues of which it is composed;
- c) to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;
- d) to protect the interests of its Members;

- e) to respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of the AFC and the Chinese Taipei Football Association as well as the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
- f) to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of Association Football;
- g) to control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei);
- h) to manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;
- i) to host competitions at international and other levels;

Article **3** **Neutrality and non-discrimination**

- ¹ The Chinese Taipei Football Association is neutral in matters of politics and religion.
- ² Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

Article **4** **Promoting friendly relations**

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

Article **5** **Players**

- ¹ The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of the Chinese Taipei Football Association in accordance with the current FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
- ² Players shall be registered in accordance with the regulations of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

Article **6** **Laws of the Game**

- ¹ The Chinese Taipei Football Association and each of its Members shall 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 The Chinese Taipei Football Association and each of its Members shall play Association Football in compliance with the Futsal and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the Futsal and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

Article **7** **Conduct of bodies and Officials**

The bodies and Officials of the Chinese Taipei Football Association must observe the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of the AFC and of the Chinese Taipei Football Association in their activities. Furthermore, they must observe the Code of Ethics of FIFA and AFC and the Code of Conduct of FIFA.

Article **8** **Official languages**

- ¹ The official written language of the Chinese Taipei Football Association shall be Traditional Chinese.
- ² The official language at the Congress shall be Mandarin Chinese.
- ³ Member delegate has the right to vote, suffrage, be elected, and recall. Each member delegate has one vote.

II. Membership

Article **9** **Admission, suspension and expulsion**

- ¹ The Congress shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.
 - ² Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfils the requirements of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
 - ³ Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards the Chinese Taipei Football Association or other Members of the Chinese Taipei Football Association, but leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
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Article **10** **Admission**

- ¹ The Members are:
 - a) Taiwan City League;
 - b) Taiwan Ladies League;
 - c) Football Committees of the 6major cities;
 - d) Football Committees of the 14 Cities and Counties;
 - e) Coaches Association;
 - f) Referees Association;
 - g) Futsal Development Association;
 - h) Youth Football Development Association.
- ² Any legal or natural person wishing to become a Member of the Chinese Taipei Football Association shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

- ³ The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
- a) a copy of its legally valid statutes and regulations;
 - b) a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of the Chinese Taipei Football Association, FIFA and the AFC and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs, Officials and Players;
 - c) a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force;
 - d) a declaration that it recognises the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes;
 - e) a declaration that it is located and registered in the territory of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei);
 - f) a declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei);
 - g) a declaration to the effect that the legal composition of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions independently of any external entity;
 - h) a list of Officials, specifying those who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - i) a declaration that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
 - j) a copy of the minutes of its last congress or constitutional meeting.

Article **11** Request and procedure for application

- ¹ The procedure for admission shall be regulated by special regulations approved by the Executive Committee of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
- ² The Executive Committee 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. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.

Article **12** Members' rights

- ¹ The Members of the Chinese Taipei Football Association have the following rights:
- a) to take part in the Congress of the Chinese Taipei Football Association, to know its agenda in advance, to be called to the Congress within the prescribed time and to exercise their voting rights;
 - b) to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
 - c) to nominate candidates for all bodies of the Chinese Taipei Football Association to be elected;
 - d) to be informed of the affairs of the Chinese Taipei Football Association through the official bodies of the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
 - e) to take part in competitions and/or other sports activities organised by the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
 - f) to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
- ² The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

Article **13** **Members' obligations**

- ¹ The Members of the Chinese Taipei Football Association have the following obligations:
- a) to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, the AFC and the Chinese Taipei Football Association at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
 - b) to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
 - c) to take part in competitions and other sports activities organised by the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
 - d) to pay their membership subscriptions;
 - e) to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB, the Futsal and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as laid down by FIFA and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a statutory provision;
 - f) to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, the AFC, the Chinese Taipei Football Association or the League(s) shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Tribunal of the Chinese Taipei Football Association and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;
 - g) to communicate to the Chinese Taipei Football Association 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 into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - h) not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognised or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;
 - i) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
 - j) to observe the mandatory items specified under article 10 paragraph 3 for the duration of their affiliation;
 - k) to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated;
 - l) to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, the AFC and the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
- ² Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided for in these Statutes.
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Article **14** **Suspension**

- ¹ The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, provisionally suspend a Member that seriously violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
- ² A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by a two-third majority of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.
- ³ A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
- ⁴ Members that do not participate in the sports activities of the Chinese Taipei Football Association for 1 year shall be suspended from voting at the Congress and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.

Article **15** **Expulsion**

- ¹ The Congress may expel a Member if:
 - a) it fails to fulfil its financial obligations towards the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
 - b) it seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, the AFC and the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
- ² The attendance rate for the congress should be over 50% of the Members entitled to vote at the Congress is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a two-third majority of the valid votes cast.

Article **16** **Resignation**

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

Article **17** **Status of Clubs, Leagues, Regional Associations
and other groups of Clubs**

- ¹ County and City Association, Leagues, Associations, or any other groups of Clubs affiliated to the Chinese Taipei Football Association shall be subordinate to and recognised by the Chinese Taipei Football Association. These Statutes define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these Clubs and groups. Their statutes and regulations must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
- ² The affiliated Clubs and groups of the Chinese Taipei Football Association 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 more than one Club or group whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardised.

III. Honorary president and honorary members

Article 18 Honorary president and honorary member

- ¹ The Congress may bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member upon any persons for meritorious service to football.
- ² The Executive Committee 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.

IV. Organisation

Article 19 Bodies (of the Association)

- ¹ The Congress is the supreme and legislative body.
- ² The Executive Committee is the executive body.
- ³ Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its duties. Their duties, composition and function are defined in these Statutes and/or special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.
- ⁴ The general secretariat is the administrative body.
- ⁵ The judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee.
- ⁶ The bodies of the Chinese Taipei Football Association shall be either elected or appointed by the Chinese Taipei Football Association itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes.

A. CONGRESS

Article 20 Definition and composition of the Congress

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

⁵ The honorary presidents or honorary members may take part in the Congress. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

Article **21** Delegates and votes

- ¹ The Congress is composed of 50 delegates. The number of delegates is allocated as follows:
 - a) for the Taiwan City League 8 delegates;;
 - b) for the Taiwan Ladies League 8 delegates;
 - c) for the Football Committees of the 6 major cities 12 delegates (2 each);
 - d) for the Football Committees of the 14 cities 14 delegates;
 - e) for the Coaches Association 2 delegates;
 - f) for the Referees Association 2 delegates;
 - g) for the Futsal Development Association 2 delegates;
 - h) for the Youth Football Development Association 2 delegates.
 - 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 of the same category of Member has an equal number of votes in the Congress. Voting by letter is not permitted.
 - ⁴ The Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in the Congress without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates for their association/organisation.
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Article **22** Areas of authority

The Congress has the following authority:

- a) adopting or amending the Statutes, regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress;
- b) appointing 9 Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
- c) electing the members of the Executive Committee, the President and the Vice-Presidents;
- d) electing the members of the Audit and Compliance Committee;
- e) appointing the scrutineers;
- f) approving the financial statements;
- g) approving the budget;
- h) approving the President's activity report;
- i) appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
- j) fixing the membership subscriptions;
- k) deciding, upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, whether to bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member;

- l) admitting, suspending or expelling a Member;
- m) revoking the mandate of one or a number of members of a body of the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
- n) dissolving the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
- o) passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes;

Article **23** Quorum of the Congress

- ¹ Decisions passed by the Congress shall only be valid if the absolute majority of the Members who are entitled to vote are represented.
- ² If a quorum is not achieved, a second Congress must take place one week after the first, with the same agenda.
- ³ A quorum is not required for the second meeting unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of the Chinese Taipei Football Association, the election of the President and election of the vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee, the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of the Chinese Taipei Football Association, the expulsion of a Member of the Chinese Taipei Football Association or the dissolution of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

Article **24** Decisions of the Congress

- ¹ Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a simple majority of the Members entitled to vote is sufficient for a vote to be valid. The number of valid votes counted shall decide the majority. Spoiled or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority.
- ² A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands (apart from amendments of the Statutes of the Chinese Taipei Football Association and elections which will be conducted by secret ballot). 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.

Article **25** Elections

- ¹ Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- ² For a person to be elected, a simple majority (50% + 1) of the votes cast and valid is required in the first ballot. If none of the candidates in an election obtains a simple majority after the first ballot and there are more than three candidates for the position contested, the three candidates that obtained the highest number of votes will remain for the following ballot. If there are only three candidates contesting for a position, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated and the following ballot will take place between the two remaining candidates.

Article **26** Ordinary Congress

- ¹ The Ordinary Congress shall be held every year.
 - ² The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date. The Members have to be notified in writing at least 45 days in advance.
 - ³ The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 15 days before the date of the Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the president's activity report, the financial statement, the auditor's report and any other relevant documents.
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Article **27** Ordinary Congress agenda

- ¹ The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least 30 days before the date of the Congress.
- ² The Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items:
 - a) a declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
 - b) approval of the agenda;
 - c) an address by the President;
 - d) appointment of Members to check the minutes;
 - e) appointment of scrutineers;
 - f) suspension or expulsion of Members (if applicable);
 - g) approval of the minutes of the preceding Congress;
 - h) President's activity report (containing the activities since the last Congress);
 - i) presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and loss statement;
 - j) approval of the financial statements;
 - k) approval of the budget;
 - l) admission for membership (if applicable);
 - m) votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress (if applicable);
 - n) discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Executive Committee;
 - o) appointment of independent auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
 - p) dismissal of a person or a body (if applicable);
 - q) election of the President, vice-presidents, members of the Executive Committee and Audit and Compliance Committee(if applicable).
- ³ The agenda of an Ordinary Congress may be altered, provided two-thirds of the Members present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.
- ⁴ The Congress shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.

Article **28** Extraordinary Congress

- ¹ The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time.
 - ² The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress if more than 50% of the delegates of the Chinese Taipei Football Association make such a request in writing, the request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress must be held within 30 days of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened, the Members who requested it may convene the Congress themselves. As a last resort, the Members may request assistance from FIFA.
 - ³ The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least 14days before the date of an Extraordinary Congress.
 - ⁴ When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, it must draw up the agenda. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened upon the request of Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members.
 - ⁵ The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress may not be altered.
 - ⁶ The quorum of art. 23 of these statutes applies to the extraordinary congress.
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Article **29** Amendments to the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress

- ¹ The Congress is responsible for amending the Statutes, [if applicable, the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress].
 - ² Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal submitted by a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least twelve delegates.
 - ³ For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, an absolute majority of the Members eligible to vote must be present. Votes are carried out by secret ballot.
 - ⁴ A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes has to be adopted only if two-thirds of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.
 - ⁵ Any proposal to amend the standing orders of the Congress must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee.
 - ⁶ A proposal for an amendment to the standing orders of the Congress shall be adopted only if a simple majority of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.
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Article **30** 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 **31** **Effective dates of decisions**

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect for the Members 60 days after the close of the Congress, unless the Congress fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article **32** **Composition**

¹ The Executive Committee consists of 11 members:

- 1 President
- 3 Vice-presidents
- 7 Members
- 3 Substitutes for any vacancy of the Executive Committee members

² The President and the vice-presidents must be elected individually by the Congress. The seven members and the three substitutes of the Executive Committee are elected according to the total number of votes received (the seven candidates obtaining the highest number of votes will be members of the Executive Committee and the candidates obtaining less votes than the seven members but more than the other candidates will become substitutes). Every candidate in the election of Executive Committee members must be proposed by at least one delegate.

³ The mandate of the President, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee is for four years. They may be re-elected once.

⁴ The members of the Executive Committee shall be no younger than 20. They shall have already been active in football holding an executive position from among the members of Chinese Taipei Football Association for at least two years within the last five years, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence, as proven by the Police Criminal Record Certificate, and have residency within the territory of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei).

⁵ Candidatures must be sent to the general secretariat of the Chinese Taipei Football Association. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of the Chinese Taipei Football Association along with the agenda for the Congress at which the Executive Committee will be elected.

⁶ A member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

⁷ If a position of a vice-president should become vacant (death, resignation, absence from three consecutive meetings), the member with the most number of votes received will fill the position for the remaining term of mandate. If a position of a member should become vacant (death, resignation, absence from three consecutive meetings), the substitute with the most number of votes received will fill the position for the remaining term of the mandate.

⁸ If more than 50 % of the positions of the Executive Committee become vacant, the remaining members of the Executive Committee must convoke an Extraordinary Congress within 45 days in order to elect the replacements for the remaining term of mandate,

Article **33** **Meetings**

- ¹ The Executive Committee shall meet every three months.
- ² The President shall convene the Executive Committee meetings. If one-third of the Executive Committee members request a meeting, the President shall convene it within 21 days. If the President does not convene the meeting, the other members of the Executive Committee shall convene it themselves.
- ³ The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Executive Committee must submit the points they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the general secretariat at least 14 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least seven days before the meeting.
- ⁴ The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.
- ⁵ The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Executive Committee.

Article **34** Powers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee:

- a) shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;
- b) shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
- c) shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the standing committees;
- d) shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the judicial bodies;
- e) may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time;
- f) shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
- g) shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President. The General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all the committees ex officio;
- h) shall propose the independent auditors to the Congress;
- i) shall decide the place and dates of and the number of teams participating in the competitions of the Chinese Taipei Football Association;
- j) shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff;
- k) shall approve regulations stipulating how the Chinese Taipei Football Association shall be organised internally;
- l) shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;
- m) may dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of the Chinese Taipei Football Association provisionally until the next Congress;
- n) may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of the Chinese Taipei Football Association or third parties.

Article **35** Decisions

- ¹ The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless 50% of its members are present.

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

Article **36** Dismissal of a person or body

- ¹ The Congress may dismiss a person or body. The Executive Committee may place the dismissal of a person or body on the agenda for the Congress. The Executive Committee may also dismiss a person or body provisionally. Any Executive Committee member may submit a proposal to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda of the Executive Committee or Congress.
- ² The motion for dismissal must be justified. It will be sent to the Members of the Chinese Taipei Football Association along with the agenda.
- ³ The person or body in question has the right to speak in his or its own defence.
- ⁴ If the motion for dismissal is upheld, the Congress or Executive Committee shall reach a decision by means of secret ballot. For the motion to be passed, a majority of two-thirds of the valid votes is required.
- ⁵ The person or body dismissed (provisionally) must be relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.

C. PRESIDENT

Article **37** President

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

⁶ If the President is temporarily absent or unavailable, the longest serving vice-president or the most senior in case two vice-presidents have been serving for the same amount of time will deputise. If the position becomes vacant (death, resignation, absence from five consecutive meetings), an extraordinary congress must be convened within 45 days and a new President will be elected.

⁷ Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organisation regulations of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

Article **38** **Candidates for the office of the President**

¹ The President shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years. His mandate shall begin after the end of the Congress which has elected him. A President may be re-elected just once.

² The candidates for the presidency must be no younger than 35. They shall have already been active in football holding an executive position from among the members of Chinese Taipei Football Association for at least four years within the last ten years, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence, as proven by the Police Criminal Record Certificate, and have residency within the territory of Taiwan (Chinese Taipei).

Article **39** **Representation and signature**

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

D. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Article **40** **Emergency Committee**

¹ The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee. The Committee consists of the President of the Chinese Taipei Football Association and the three Vice-Presidents.

² The President must convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.

³ All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

⁴ Decisions are reached by a simple majority of the members present, in the event of a tie of votes, the President shall have the casting vote.

E. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article **41** **Standing Committees**

- ¹ The standing committees of the Chinese Taipei Football Association are:
- a) Finance Committee;
 - b) Audit and Compliance Committee (elected by the Congress);
 - c) Organising Committee for the Chinese Taipei Football Association competitions;
 - d) Technical and Development Committee (incorporating the Youth Football Committee);
 - e) Referees' Committee;
 - f) Legal Committee;
 - g) Women's Football Committee;
 - h) Futsal Committee;
 - i) Medical Committee
 - j) Player's Status Committee

² The chairmen and deputy chairmen of the standing committees shall be members of the Executive Committee with the exception of those for the Internal Audit Committee, who cannot belong to the Executive Committee. The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Members of the Chinese Taipei Football Association or the President of the Chinese Taipei Football Association. The chairmen, deputy chairmen and the members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of four years.

³ Each chairman shall represent his committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant organisation regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

⁴ Each chairman shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report back to the Executive Committee.

⁵ Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

Article **42** Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advise the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyse the budget of the Chinese Taipei Football Association and the financial statements prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 member.

Article **43** Audit and Compliance Committee

The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the financial statements, the consolidated financial statement and the independent auditors' report.

² The Audit and Compliance Committee shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in monitoring the Chinese Taipei Football Association's financial and compliance matters.

³ The chairman, deputy chairman and 1 member of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years and may only be relieved of their duties by the Congress.

⁴ The chairman, deputy chairman and the member of the Audit and Compliance Committee must not be members of the Executive Committee or any other body of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

Article **44** **Organising Committee for the Chinese Taipei Football Association competitions**

The Organising Committee for the Chinese Taipei Football Association competitions shall organise the competitions of the Chinese Taipei Football Association in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations applicable to the Chinese Taipei Football Association competitions. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and ...members.

Article **45** **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 chairman, a deputy chairman and ... members.

Article **46** **Referees' Committee**

The Referees' Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game. It shall appoint the referees for matches in competitions organised by the Chinese Taipei Football Association, organise refereeing matters within the Chinese Taipei Football Association in collaboration with the administration of the Chinese Taipei Football Association and monitor the education and training of referees. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and ... members.

Article **47** **Legal Committee**

The Legal Committee shall analyse basic legal issues relating to football and the evolution of the Statutes and regulations of the Chinese Taipei Football Association and its Members, deal with matters concerning players' status, ethics and fair play. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 5 to 7 members.

Article **48** **Women's Football Committee**

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 chairman, a deputy chairman and ... members.

Article **49** **Futsal Committee**

The Futsal Committee shall organise futsal competitions and deal with all matters relating to futsal. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and ... members.

Article **50** **Medical Committee**

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

Article **51** **Players' Status Committee**

The Players' Status Committee handles matters related to players' status, compiles the regulations concerning the status and transfer of players, and supervises compliance with these regulations. It ensures compliance with FIFA's definition of player status and interpretation of the regulations. It offers advice to the Executive Committee on the regulations concerning the status and transfer of players. Unless overruled by the Executive Committee, any decisions made by the Players' Status Committee are considered valid. The Committee is composed of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and ... committee members.

Article **52** **Ad-hoc committees**

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

F. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article **53** **General Secretariat**

The general secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of the Chinese Taipei Football Association under the direction of the General Secretary. The members of the general secretariat are bound by the internal organisational regulations of the Chinese Taipei Football Association and shall fulfil the given tasks in the best manner.

Article **54** **General Secretary**

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

- i) the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat (subject to prior approval by the President);

⁴ The General Secretary cannot be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

G. JUDICIAL BODIES

Article 55 Judicial bodies

- ¹ The judicial bodies of the Chinese Taipei Football Association are:
 - a) the Disciplinary Committee;
 - b) the Appeal Committee.
 - ² The responsibilities and functions of these bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of the Chinese Taipei Football Association, which shall comply with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
 - ³ The decision-making powers of other committees remain unaffected.
 - ⁴ The members of the judicial bodies may not belong to any other body of the Chinese Taipei Football Association at the same time.
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Article 56 Disciplinary Committee

- ¹ The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and the number five members. The chairman and the deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications.
 - ² The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of the Chinese Taipei Football Association. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
 - ³ The committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of the Chinese Taipei Football Association on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match and players' agents.
 - ⁴ These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.
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Article 57 Appeal Committee

- ¹ The Appeal Committee shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and three members. The chairman and deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications.
- ² The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of the Chinese Taipei Football Association. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.
- ³ The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee that are not declared final.

Article **58** **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.
- 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 particular stadium;
 - e) annulment of the result of the match;
 - f) expulsion;
 - g) a forfeit;
 - h) deduction of points;
 - i) relegation to a lower division.

Article **59** **Arbitration**

- ¹ The Chinese Taipei Football Association shall create an Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all internal national disputes between the Chinese Taipei Football Association, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents that do not fall under the jurisdiction of its judicial bodies. The Executive Committee shall draw up special regulations regarding the composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this Arbitration Tribunal.
- ² As long as within the Chinese Taipei Football Association no national Sports Arbitration Tribunal has been installed and recognised by the Congress of the Chinese Taipei Football Association, any dispute of national dimension may only be referred in the last instance to the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Article **60** **Jurisdiction**

- ¹ The Chinese Taipei Football Association, its Members, Players, Officials and match and player's agents will not take any dispute to Ordinary Courts unless specifically provided for in these Statutes and FIFA regulations. Any disagreement shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of FIFA, the AFC or the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

² The Chinese Taipei Football Association shall have jurisdiction on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to the Chinese Taipei Football Association. FIFA shall have jurisdiction on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different Associations and/or Confederations.

Article **61** **Court of Arbitration for Sport**

¹ In accordance with the relevant Articles of the FIFA Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding FIFA decision shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. CAS shall not, however, hear appeals on violations of the Laws of the Game, suspensions of up to four matches or up to three months, or decisions passed by an independent and duly constituted Arbitration Tribunal of an Association or Confederation.

² The Chinese Taipei Football Association shall ensure its full compliance and that of its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA body or CAS.

V. Finance

Article **62** **Financial Period**

¹ The financial period of the Chinese Taipei Football Association shall be one year and shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December.

² The revenue and expenses of the Chinese Taipei Football Association shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. The Chinese Taipei Football Association'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 the Chinese Taipei Football Association with its subsidiaries as at 31 December.

Article **63** **Revenue**

The revenue of the Chinese Taipei Football Association arises specifically from:

- a) Members' annual subscriptions;
- b) receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which the Chinese Taipei Football Association is entitled;
- c) fines imposed by the authorised bodies;
- d) other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

Article **64** **Expenses**

the Chinese Taipei Football Association bears:

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

Article **65** **Independent auditors**

The independent auditors appointed by the Congress shall audit the accounts approved by the Finance Committee in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the Congress. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of 4 years. This mandate may be renewed.

Article **66** **Membership subscriptions**

¹ Membership subscriptions are due on 31st August. 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 year on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. It shall not be over NT\$1000 for each member.

Article **67** **Settlement**

The Chinese Taipei Football Association may debit any Member's assets to settle claims.

Article **68** **Levies**

The Chinese Taipei Football Association may demand that a levy be paid by its Members for matches.

VI. Competitions and rights in competitions and events

Article **69** **Competitions**

¹ The Chinese Taipei Football Association organises and coordinates the following official competitions held within its territory:

Taiwan City League
Taiwan Ladies' League
Taiwan Futsal League
Taiwan Youth League (TYL)
CTFA Cup

² The Executive Committee may delegate to the Chinese Taipei Football Association's subordinate Leagues the authority to organise competitions. The competitions organised by the Leagues shall not interfere with those competitions organised by the Chinese Taipei Football Association. Competitions organised by the Chinese Taipei Football Association shall take priority.

³ The Executive Committee may issue special regulations to this end.

Article **70** **Club licensing**

The Executive Committee of the Chinese Taipei Football Association will set up regulations regarding a club licensing system governing the participation of Clubs in competitions of the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

Article **71** Rights

¹ The Chinese Taipei Football Association is the original owners of all of 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 Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilised and draw up special regulations to this end. The Executive Committee shall alone decide whether these rights shall be utilised exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

Article **72** Authorisation

The Executive Committee of the Chinese Taipei Football Association is 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.

VII. International matches and competitions

Article **73** International matches and competitions

¹ The authority for organising international matches and competitions between Association teams lies solely with FIFA and the Confederation(s). Matches and competitions shall take place in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches. In addition, permission from the relevant Confederation(s) may be required in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

² The Chinese Taipei Football Association is bound to comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

Article **74** Contacts

The Chinese Taipei Football Association 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 **75** Approval

¹ Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to the Chinese Taipei Football Association cannot belong to another Association without authorisation of the Chinese Taipei Football Association and the other Association and of FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

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

VIII. Final provisions

Article 76 Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure

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

Article 77 Dissolution

¹ Any decision relating to the dissolution of the Chinese Taipei Football Association requires a majority of three-quarters of all of the delegates of the Chinese Taipei Football Association, which must be obtained at a Congress specially convened for the purpose.

² If the Chinese Taipei Football Association is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to the Ministry of the Interior. It shall hold these assets in trust as “bonus pater familiae” until the Chinese Taipei Football Association is re-established. The final Congress may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a three-quarter majority.

Article 78 Enforcement

These Statutes were revised at the Congress in Taipei on ...and will come into force on

Taipei, ...

For the CTFA Executive Committee

President
LIN Cheng-Yi

General Secretary
CHIU Yi-Wen

Article 79 Transitory Clauses

¹ Members have to provide the Chinese Taipei Football Association with the mandatory items listed in art. 10 par. 3 of these statutes within 2 months.

² The provisions relating to the Executive Committee only come into force after the new Executive Committee members have been elected.

³ The Taiwan City League shall represent the national league in the congress as long as the national league has not been properly established. As soon as it the national league is created and its delegates for the Congress of the Chinese Taipei Football Association have been designated, the Taiwan City League automatically ceases to be a member of the Chinese Taipei Football Association. The national league shall have the same rights and obligations and the same number of delegates as the Taiwan city League.