



Jordan Football Association

JFA STATUTES

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Definitions

The terms given below denote the following:

JFA:	Jordan Football Association.
FIFA:	Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
Association:	A football Association recognised by and a Member of FIFA.
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, or Club.
Player:	A football player registered with an Association.
Congress:	The supreme body of JFA.
Executive Committee:	The executive body of JFA.
Member:	A legal or natural person that has been admitted into membership of JFA 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).
AFC:	Asian Football Confederation.
The JFA football season:	The period of one year in which all the competitions organized by JFA take place between 1st August and 31 July.
Premier Division Club:	A club which plays in the JFA Premier Division for the current JFA Football Season.
First Division Club:	A club which plays in the JFA first Division for the current JFA Football Season.
Second Division Club:	A club which plays in the JFA Second Division for the current JFA Football Season.
Third Division Club:	A club which plays in the JFA third Division for the current JFA Football Season.
Women football Club:	A club which plays in the JFA Women's Football Competition for the current JFA Football Season.
Recognized Members:	Natural persons who are neutral, honourable personalities with experience in the world of football who had served on the Executive Committee or other committees of JFA and accepted as JFA members by the JFA Congress.
Players Association:	An association formed by and comprises of JFA registered active and retired players, recognized and subordinated to the JFA.
Referees Association:	An association formed by and comprises of JFA registered active and retired referees, recognized and subordinated to the JFA.

Coaches Association: An association formed by and comprises of active and retired coaches, recognized and subordinated to the JFA.

JD: Jordanian Dinar, the lawful currency of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 - Name, headquarters, legal form

1. JFA is a private organisation of an associative nature that enjoys a separate legal personality established in accordance with the Jordanian Sports Federations Regulation and registered in Amman - Jordan. It is formed for an unlimited period.
 2. The headquarters are in Amman, Jordan - Al Hussein Youth City P.O. Box: 962024 Amman 11196.
 3. JFA is a Member of FIFA and of Asian Football Confederation (AFC).
 4. The flag of JFA is The JFA Logo on a white flag.
 5. The emblem of JFA is an eagle carrying a football, surrounded by an adaptation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's official flag.
 6. The logo of JFA is identical with the emblem.
 7. The abbreviation of JFA is Jordan Football Association.
 8. The flag, emblem, logo and abbreviation are legally registered with Intellectual Property Department at the Ministry of Industry and Trade.
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Article 2 - Objectives

The objectives of JFA are:

- a) to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of JFA 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. If required the areas of authority in this regard can be conceded by the Executive Committee.;
- c) to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;

- d) to protect the interests of its Members;
- e) to respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of AFC and JFA 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 JFA;
- 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. JFA 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. JFA 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. JFA shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between Members, Clubs, Officials and Players of JFA.

Article 5 - Players

1. The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of JFA 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 JFA.

Article 6 - Laws of the Game

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

Article 7 - Conduct of bodies and Officials

The bodies and Officials of JFA must observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of AFC and of JFA in their activities.

Article 8 - Official languages

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

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 JFA.
3. Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards JFA or other Members of JFA, but leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to JFA.

Article 10 - Admission

1. The Members of JFA are:
 - a) Premier Division Clubs;
 - b) First Division Clubs;
 - c) Second Division Clubs;
 - d) Third Division Clubs;
 - e) Women football Clubs;
 - f) Players' Association;
 - g) Referees' Association;
 - h) Coaches' Association;
 - i) Recognized Members (maximum of 20) for a maximum term of four (4) years.
2. Any legal or natural person wishing to become a Member of JFA shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of JFA.
3. The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
 - a) a copy of its certificate of registration and a copy of its legally valid statutes and regulations;
 - b) a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of JFA, FIFA and AFC and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs, Officials and Players;
 - c) a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force;

- d) a declaration that it recognises the Arbitration Court of JFA [if applicable] and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes;
- e) a declaration that it is located and registered [if legally required] in the territory of JFA;
- f) a declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of JFA;
- 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 JFA;
- j) a copy of the minutes of its last congress or constitutional meeting;
- k) in the case of natural persons: (a) a certificate showing that the person has not been convicted of a crime or misdemeanour of indecency or public ethics and is exercising his civil rights; (b) holds a bachelors degree (or equivalent); (c) has not been the subject of any disciplinary sports penalty such as suspension or expulsion by any sports entity during the last four years; and (d) any other requirements as set by the Executive Committee.

Article 11 - Request and procedure for application

1. The procedure for admission shall be regulated by special regulations approved by the Executive Committee of JFA.
2. The Executive Committee shall request the Congress either to admit or not to admit an applicant.
3. The new Member shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted. Members or their delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.

Article 12 - Members' rights

1. The Members of JFA have the following rights:
 - a) to take part in the Congress of JFA, 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 JFA to be elected;
 - d) to be informed of the affairs of JFA through the official bodies of JFA;
 - e) to take part in competitions [if applicable] and/or other sports activities organised by JFA;
 - f) to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of JFA.
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 JFA have the following obligations:
 - a) to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC and JFA 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 [if applicable] and other sports activities organised by JFA;
 - d) to pay their membership subscriptions;
 - e) to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB 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, AFC, JFA shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the appropriate Arbitration Tribunal of FIFA, AFC or JFA and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;

- g) to communicate to JFA 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, AFC and JFA.

2. Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided for in these Statutes.

Article 14 - Suspension

1. The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously and/or repeatedly violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
2. A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by a two thirds 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 JFA for one 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 JFA;
 - b) it seriously and/or repeatedly violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, AFC and JFA;
2. The presence of an absolute majority (50% + 1) of 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 threequarter majority of the valid votes cast.

Article 16 - Resignation

1. A Member may resign from JFA with effect from the end of a calendar year. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat no later than 2 months before the end of the calendar year.
2. The resignation shall not relieve the Member from fulfilling its financial obligations towards JFA and the other Members of JFA.

Article 17 - Status of Clubs and other groups of Clubs

1. Clubs, or any other groups of Clubs affiliated to JFA shall be subordinate to and recognised by JFA. 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 JFA.
2. The affiliated Clubs and groups of JFA 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 MEMBER

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 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 JFA shall be either elected or appointed by JFA 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 JFA regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of JFA. Only a Congress that is duly 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 Congress 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 106 (One Hundred and Six) delegates. The number of delegates is allocated as follows:
 - a) for each Premier Division Club one delegate with one vote ;
 - b) for each First Division Club one delegate with one vote;
 - c) for each Second Division Club one delegate with one vote;
 - d) for each Women Football Club one delegate with one vote;
 - e) for the Players Association five delegates with one vote each;
 - f) for the Referees Association three delegates with one vote each;
 - g) for the Coaches Association two delegates with one vote each;
 - h) for Recognized Members one vote each;
 - i) for each Third Division Club one delegate without voting right.
- 2 . Article 21 par. 1 (e) (f) and (g) applies only in the case where the respective Associations are established and recognized by JFA as JFA members in accordance with these Statutes.
3. 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.
4. Each delegate of the same category of Member has an equal number of votes in the Congress. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
5. 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.

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 2 Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
- c) electing the President and the Vice-President and members of the Executive Committee in accordance with Article 32;
- d) appointing the scrutineers;
- e) approving the financial statements;
- f) approving the budget;
- g) approving the Executive Committee's activity report;
- h) appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
- i) fixing the membership subscriptions;
- j) deciding, upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, whether to bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member;
- k) admitting, suspending or expelling a Member;
- l) revoking the mandate of one or a number of members of a body of JFA;
- m) dissolving JFA;
- n) 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 (50% +1) of the Members who are entitled to vote are represented.
2. If a quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place within 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 JFA, the election of the President, the Vice-President and members of the Executive Committee, the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of JFA, the expulsion of a Member of JFA or the dissolution of JFA.

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 or by means of an electronic count or other available means. 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. The President and the Vice President shall be elected independently from the other members of the Executive Committee in a separate ballot in accordance with article 38.
3. For a person to be elected as a member of the Executive Committee, an absolute majority (50%+1) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary in the first ballot. In the second or any other requisite ballot, a simple majority of the votes recorded and valid is sufficient.

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 shall be notified in writing at least 4 weeks in advance.
3. The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 1 week before the date of the Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the Executive Committee's activity report, the financial statements and the auditors' report and any other relevant documents.

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 3 weeks 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 JFA;
 - 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) Executive Committee'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-President and members of the Executive Committee (if applicable);
 - r) any further items proposed by the Members or the Executive Committee of JFA.
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 one-fifth of the Members of JFA make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held within three months 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 14 days 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.

Article 29 - Amendments to the Statutes, [regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the

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 15 other Members.
3. For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, an absolute majority (50% +1) of the Members eligible to vote must be present.
4. A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if three-quarters of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

5. Any proposal to amend the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee.
6. A proposal for an amendment to the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress shall be adopted only if a simple majority of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

Article 30 - Minutest

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 10 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 (eleven) members:
 - 1 President – to be elected by the Congress.
 - 1 Vice President - to be elected by the Congress.
 - 9 (nine) members whereas:
 - 3 members shall be elected by the Premier Division Clubs.
 - 1 member shall be elected by the First Division Clubs.
 - 1 member shall be elected by the Second Division Clubs.
 - 1 female member shall be elected by Women Football Clubs.
 - 3 members representing all other groups (i.e. Players' Association, Coaches' Association and Referees' Associations and Recognized Members) to be elected by the Congress.

2. The President, the Vice-president and the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected in accordance with article 38, article 25 and article 32 par. 1. The candidate for President and Vice President must be proposed by at least two Members of the JFA. Every candidate for Executive Committee member must be proposed by at least two Members belonging to the same group(s) of members which have the right to elect the respective Executive Committee member in accordance with Article 32 par. 1.
3. The mandate of the President, Vice-President and members of the Executive Committee is for four years. They may be re-elected.
4. The members of the Executive Committee shall be no older than 70 (seventy) and no younger than 22 (twenty two). They shall have already been active in football, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence and have residency within the territory of JFA.
5. Candidatures must be sent to the general secretariat of JFA. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of JFA 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 JFA.
7. If a position should become vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill that position until the next Ordinary Congress, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of mandate.

Article 33 - Meetings

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least 6 times a year.
2. The President shall convene the Executive Committee meetings. If two thirds of of the Executive Committee members request a meeting, the President shall convene it within 21 days.
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

7 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least three 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 JFA;
 - 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 JFA;
 - j) shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff;
 - k) shall approve regulations stipulating how JFA 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 JFA provisionally until the next Congress;
- n) may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of JFA or third parties.

Article 35 - Decisions

1. The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless majority (i.e. six) 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 JFA 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 JFA 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 JFA in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
 - c) supervising the work of the general secretariat;
 - d) relations between JFA and its Members, FIFA, 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 absent or unavailable, the Vice-President shall deputise and in case of his absence, the Executive Committee shall decide the member who shall deputise.
7. Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organisation regulations of JFA.

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.
2. The election of the President and Vice-President shall be conducted by ballot independent from the election of the Members of the Executive Committee.
3. The nominated candidates for President and his Vice-President shall run together in one list forming one group to be elected by the Congress in one ballot.
4. For the election of the President and the Vice-President, two-thirds of the votes recorded and valid are necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite ballot, an absolute majority of the votes recorded (50% + 1) is sufficient. If there are more than two groups of candidates (i.e. president and vice-president), the candidate group that obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as from the second ballot until only two candidate groups are left.
5. Only Members of JFA may propose candidates for the office of President and his Vice-President. Members shall notify the general secretariat in writing of the name of candidates for the presidency and vice-presidency of JFA at least 3 weeks before the date of the Congress.
6. The general secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of the proposed candidates at least 1 week before the date of the Congress.
7. If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official function, the Vice-President shall represent him until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new President, if necessary.

Article 39 - Representation and signature

The President represents JFA legally and is entitled to sign for JFA. The Executive Committee will 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 JFA.

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 shall consist of the President of JFA and 5 members chosen from amongst the Executive Committee Members and appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of 2 years.
2. The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.
3. All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
4. If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the Vice-President shall deputise.

E. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 41 - Standing Committees

1. The standing committees of JFA are:
 - a) Finance Committee;
 - b) Internal Audit Committee;
 - e) Referees' Committee;
 - g) Women's Football Committee;
 - j) Sports Medical Committee;
 - k) Players' Status Committee;
 - m) Media and Marketing Committee;

2. The chairmen of the standing committees shall be member of the Executive Committee with the exception of those for the Internal Audit Committee, who may not 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 JFA or the President of JFA. 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 JFA 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 1-3 members.

Article 43 - Internal Audit Committee

The Internal Audit Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the external auditors' report at the request of the Executive Committee. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 1-3 members.

Article 44 - Referees' Committee

The Referees' Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game. It shall appoint the referees for matches in competitions organised by JFA, organise refereeing matters within JFA in collaboration with the administration of JFA and monitor the education and training of referees. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 1-3 members.

Article 45 - 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 1-3 members.

Article 46 - Sports Medical Committee

The Sports Medical Committee shall deal with all medical aspects of football. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 1-3 members.

Article 47 - Players' Status Committee

1. The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer and Transfer of Players and determine the status of Players for various competitions of JFA. The Executive Committee may draw up special regulations governing the Players' Status Committee's powers of jurisdiction. The Players' Status Committee shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 1-3 members.
2. Players' status disputes involving JFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents shall be settled by an Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 48 - Media and Marketing Committee

The Media and Marketing Committee shall deal with the working conditions for the media at JFA events and maintain relations with media organisations. It shall also advise the Executive Committee with regard to drafting and implementing contracts between JFA and its various marketing/television partners and analyse marketing and television strategies that have been decided. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 1-3 members.

Article 49 - 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 50 - General secretariat

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

Article 51 - 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, 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, Emergency Committee and standing and ad-hoc committees;
 - e) managing and keeping the accounts of JFA properly;
 - f) the correspondence of JFA;
 - g) relations with the Members, committees, FIFA and AFC;
 - h) organising the general secretariat;
 - i) the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat;
 - j) proposing managerial staff to the President.
4. The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of JFA.

G. JUDICIAL BODIES

Article 52 - Judicial bodies

1. The judicial bodies of JFA 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 JFA, 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 JFA at the same time.

Article 53 - Disciplinary Committee

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and the number of members deemed necessary. The chairman and the deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications.
2. The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of JFA. 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 JFA.
3. The committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of JFA on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match and players' agents.
4. These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

Article 54 - Appeal Committee

1. The Appeal Committee shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and the number of members deemed necessary. The chairman and deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications.
2. The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of JFA. 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 JFA.
3. The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee that are not declared final.

Article 55 - 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 56 - Arbitration

JFA shall create an Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all internal national disputes between JFA, 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.

Article 57 - Jurisdiction

1. JFA, 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, AFC or JFA.
2. JFA shall have jurisdiction on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to JFA. FIFA shall have jurisdiction on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different Associations and/or Confederations.

Article 58 - 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. JFA 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 59 - Financial period

1. The financial period of JFA shall be one year and shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December.
2. The revenue and expenses of JFA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. JFA'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 accounts of JFA .

Article 60 - Revenue

The revenue of JFA arises specifically from:

- a) Members' annual subscriptions;
- b) receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which JFA is entitled;
- c) fines imposed by the authorised bodies;
- d) other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by JFA.
- e) financial support received from the Jordan Olympic Committee or other entity.

Article 61 - Expenses

JFA 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 JFA.

Article 62 - 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 one year. This mandate may be renewed.

Article 63 - Membership subscriptions

1. Membership subscriptions are due on 1 January of every year. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the Congress at which they are admitted.
2. The Congress shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every 2 years on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Member and amount to no more than JD 500.

Article 64 - Settlement

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

Article 65 - Levies

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

VI. COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article 66 - Competitions

1. JFA organises and coordinates the following official competitions held within its territory:

General League

JFA Cup

JFA Shield

Article 67 - Club licensing

1. JFA shall operate a Club licensing system in accordance with the principles of the Club licensing regulations of AFC and FIFA.
2. The objective of the Club licensing system is to safeguard the credibility and integrity of Club competitions, to improve the level of professionalism of JFA, to promote sport values in accordance with the principles of fair play as well as safe and secure match environments and to promote transparency in the finances, ownership and control of Clubs.
3. The Executive Committee of JFA shall issue Club licensing regulations governing the club licensing system. Inter alia, the Club licensing regulations shall stipulate to which Clubs the system applies. As a minimum, the Club licensing system must be implemented in respect of top-division Clubs which qualify for AFC Club competitions on sporting merit

Article 68 - Rights

1. JFA and its Members are 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 69 - Authorisation

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

Article 70 - International matches and competitions

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

Article 71 - Contacts

JFA 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 72 - Approval

Clubs, or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to JFA cannot belong to another Association or participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorisation of JFA and the other Association and of FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

Article 73 - 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 74 - Dissolution

1. Any decision relating to the dissolution of JFA requires a majority of two-thirds [of all of the Members of JFA, which must be obtained at a Congress specially convened for the purpose.
 2. If JFA is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to Jordan Olympic Committee. It shall hold these assets in trust as “bonus pater familiae” until JFA is re-established. The final Congress may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two-thirds majority.
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Article 75 - Enforcement

These Statutes were adopted at the Congress in Amman on 22nd of November 2009 and will come into force on 22nd of November 2009.

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