

**LEBANESE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**ASSOCIATION'S STATUTES**

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# **Lebanese Football Association**

## **Statutes**

### **1- Definitions**

- **Association:** Lebanese Football Association ( LFA)
- **Executive Committee:** the executive body of the Association
- **General Assembly:** the supreme body of the Association
- **Club:** club affiliated to the Association
- **Statutes:** Statutes of the Association
- **Player:** each player affiliated to a club member and registered at the Association
- **FIFA:** Fédération Internationale De Football Association
- **Professional League:** an organization subordinate to the Association
- **Regional Association:** an organization subordinate to the Association
- **Confederation:** a group of Associations recognized by FIFA and belong to the same continent (or similar geographic area)
- **AFC:** Asian Football Confederation
- **Officials:** all board members, committees members, coaches, referee candidates for election, other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at an Association, League or Club
- **Member:** a legal or natural person that has been admitted into membership of Association by the General Assembly
- **Association Football:** the game controlled by FIFA and organized 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))
- **WADA:** World Anti-Doping Agency
- **Simple Majority:** More than 50% of recorded and valid votes.

**NB. : Each term or description implying to males applies to both males and females.**

## **2- General Provisions**

### **Article 2-1: Name, headquarters, legal form**

- 1- Name: Lebanese Football Association
- 2- Founded in 1933, acquired authentication of foundation (passé Verbal) No. (2795) on 12.12.1934.
- 3- A public benefit establishment according to the official declaration No. 2896 dated 18.09.1946.
- 4- The Association is a private organization of an associative nature in compliance with the legislation of Lebanon.
- 5- A member in the Fédération Internationale De Football Association (FIFA) since 1935.
- 6- A member of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) since 1964.
- 7- Association's headquarter is in Beirut.
- 8- It is formed for an unlimited period.
- 9- Its official language is Arabic.
- 10- The flag of the Association is coloured with white and includes the logo of the association in its center.
- 11- The logo of the Association is two concentric circles, one bigger than the other, centred by a green cedar tree which holds a football. The area between the two circles is coloured with red and includes the name of the association in Arabic and English
- 12- The abbreviation of the Association is LFA.
- 13- The flag, logo and abbreviation should be legally registered at ministry of Economy in Lebanon.

### **Article 2-2 Association's Objectives:**

- 1- The proliferation and development of football in all Lebanese Regions in harmonization with the transcriptions and regulations adopted locally and internationally, in accordance with the jurisdiction vested to the Association through its Statutes and the FIFA statutes in accordance to the unified cultural,

conventional, and humanitarian values of the game, especially through development and youth programs.

- 2- Fortifying of the sportive relations based on patriotic foundations among all clubs, committees and bodies involved in football, and enriching the spirit of cooperation and harmony between the association and all various clubs and bodies, which together form the family of the association.
- 3-Prohibiting any kind of discrimination against a country, a private person, or group of people on account of their ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other reason. Such acts are subject to punishment either by suspension or by expulsion.
- 4- Prohibiting any kind of political intervention and the intrusion of the Official Authority in the Association's affairs and in Football, whether through decisions of the Official Authority, or through members or persons including the Executive Committee members of the Association.
- 5- Fighting the usage of doping and all materials that are restricted by the WADA and FIFA, and adopting the International Charter for fighting doping and implementing its rules.
- 6- Organizing its own competitions in Association Football in all its forms at a national level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority.
- 7- Drawing up regulations, transcripts and provisions, ensuring their enforcement, and taking the necessary steps to prevent their infringements.
- 8- Preventing any kind of practice which may jeopardize the integrity of matches or competitions or may give rise to an abuse to the game and its laws.
- 9- The establishment of cooperative relations with other Lebanese Associations of sports, which are members of International Federations, and also with the specialized Lebanese authorities.
- 10- The preservation of its existence, as the only legitimate and legal authority of the game in Lebanon, and the prevention of transforming its officials and legal jurisdiction to any other party.
- 11- Bringing up the Lebanese youth on sportive basis, in a way that will reflect positively through the behavior of individuals and society, and the nourishment of the spirit of love and cooperation created by the good practice of football.
- 12- Protecting the interests of its members.

- 13- Respecting and preventing any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC and the Association as well as the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members.
- 14- Controlling and supervising all football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of the Association.
- 15- Managing international sporting relations connected with association football in all its forms.

#### **Article 2-3 Neutrality and non-discrimination**

- 1- The 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 punished by suspension or expulsion.

#### **Article 2-4 Promoting friendly relations**

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

#### **Article 2-5 Players**

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

## **Article 2-6 Conduct of bodies and officials**

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

## **Article 2-7 Association's activities**

The activities of the Association include the following:

- 1- The management, organization and supervision of the game's affairs, thus making the necessary legal decisions on all incidents emanating from the practice of football on all various levels, administratively, technically, financially, arbitrary .... etc.
- 2- The formation, dissolution and accepting resignation of the various committees.
- 3- Supervising and monitoring all member clubs, and insuring the correct implementation of all official rules and regulations and the Association's Regulations and resolving disputes between clubs, players and officials.
- 4- Preparing drafts for newly established or amended rules and regulations, for the purpose of developing the methodology of the Association in leading the game administratively, technically and financially.
- 5- Regulating the Status of Players and their transfer in special regulations.
- 6- Participating and organizing conventions inside and outside Lebanon.
- 7- Assigning the coaching bodies for all national teams.
- 8- Issuing necessary educational and media releases, translating the international regulations of the game (issued by the IFAB) and licensing the printed versions of these translations to be distributed to all member clubs.
- 9- Bestowing titles and awards to the parties which deserve them, and honoring the winners of local championships in accordance with their officially adopted results at the end of the Competition or the Sporting Season.
- 10- Abiding completely by the minutes of the General Assembly and executing its decisions and its recommendations.
- 11- Abiding by the Laws of the Game in playing Football. The IFAB has the sole right to amend the Laws of the Game.

Also, abiding by the FUTSAL and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game issued by FIFA.

## **3- Membership**

### **Article 3-1 Admission, suspension and expulsion**

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

### **Article 3-2 Admission**

- 1- The Members of the Association are:
  - a) Clubs (Standing members);

This includes all clubs licensed by official Lebanese competent authorities to practice football, having statutes implemented by a responsible administrative committee satisfying all legal conditions and procedures related to its formation, settling its complete subscriptions, classified among one of the four divisions.
  - b) Regional Associations
  - c) Futsal Group
  - d) Women's Football Group
  - e) Beach Soccer Group.
- 2- Any legal or natural person wishing to become a Member of the Association shall apply in writing to the General secretariat of the 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 Association, FIFA and AFC and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Officials and Players;
  - c. A declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force;



- d. A declaration that it recognizes the mechanism of Arbitration Court of the Association [as soon as it has been established] and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes;
  - e. A declaration that it is registered in the Lebanon;
  - f. A declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of the Association (Lebanon);
  - 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 authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
  - i. a declaration that it undertakes to organize or participate in matches only with the prior consent of the Association;
  - j. a copy of the minutes of its last General Assembly or constitutional meeting;
- 4- For Clubs the following additional provisions will apply:
- a. A copy of the Club's official declaration of establishment (passé Verbal) issued by the relevant authority.
  - b. A lease of ownership, a lease of rent, or a permission of use, to an official football stadium.
  - c. A lease of ownership or a lease of rental to the club's headquarters.
  - d. A copy of the club's statutes and By-Laws authenticated by the relevant authorities.

### **Article 3-3 Request and procedure for application**

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

### **Article 3-4 Members' Rights**

- 1- Members have the following rights:
  - a- Take part in the General Assembly and to know its agenda in advance, to be invited to the General Assembly within the prescribed time and to exercise their voting rights
  - b- Draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly.
  - c- Participate in competitions organized by the Association.
  - d- Take part in the Association's assistance and development programs
  - e- Exercise all other rights granted to them within these Statutes and within other decisions.
  - f- to be informed of the affairs of the Association through the official bodies of the Association;
- 2- The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable Regulations.

### **Article 3-5 Members' Obligations**

- 1- Members' have the following obligations:
  - a- Comply fully with all Statutes, regulations, directives and decision of FIFA, AFC and the Association at any time, and with decisions of the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS).
  - b- Participate in competitions organized by the Association.
  - c- Pay their membership subscriptions.
  - d- Ensure their own members comply with the Statutes, Regulations, directives and decisions of the Association.
  - e- Comply fully with all other duties arising from these Statutes and Regulations.
  - f- 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.
  - g- Ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
  - h- Adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration whether involving the Association itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC, the Association or the League(s) shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Tribunal of the Association (upon establishment) and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;

- i- Communicate to the Association any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
  - j- Not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognized or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;
  - k- Observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
  - l- Observe the mandatory items specified under article 3-2 paragraph 3 and 4 for the duration of their affiliation;
  - m- Administer a registry of their members which shall regularly be updated;
- 2- Any violation of the above mentioned obligations by any member may lead to applying the sanctions provided for in these Statutes.

#### **Article 3-6 Suspension**

- 1- The General Assembly is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next General Assembly, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
- 2- An ongoing suspension shall be confirmed at the next General Assembly by three-quarter 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 maintain sporting relations with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
- 4- Members that do not participate in the sports activities of the Association for 2 consecutive years shall be suspended from voting at the General Assembly and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.

### **Article 3-7 Expulsion**

- 1- The General Assembly may expel a Member if:
  - a. it fails to fulfil its financial obligations towards the Association;
  - b. it seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, AFC and the Association;
- 2- The presence of a simple majority of Members entitled to vote at the General Assembly is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of the valid votes cast by the present Members.
- 3- Any club, which membership is expelled from the records of the association, cannot request to be re-affiliated unless a period of (2) two years has elapsed as of the date of membership cancellation.

### **Article 3-8 Resignation**

- 1- A Member may resign from the Association with effect from the end of the sporting season. Notice of resignation must reach the General secretariat not less than six months before the end of the sporting season.
- 2- The resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards the Association and the other Members of the Association.

### **Article 3-9 Status of Clubs, Leagues, Regional Association and other groups**

- 1- Clubs, Leagues, Regional **Association** or any other groups affiliated to the Association shall be subordinate to and recognized by the 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 Association.
- 2- The affiliated Clubs and groups of the 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 jeopardized.

#### **4- Honorary president and honorary member**

##### **Article 4-1**

- 1- The General Assembly 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 General Assembly. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

#### **5- Bodies of the Association**

##### **Article 5-1 Bodies**

The bodies of the association are:

- 1- The General Assembly 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 in 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 Appeals Committee.
- 6- The bodies of the Association shall be either elected or appointed by the Association itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes.

#### **6- The General Assembly**

##### **Article 6-1 Definition and composition of the General Assembly**

- 1- The General Assembly is the meeting at which the Members of the Association regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of the Association. Only a General Assembly that is duly convened has the authority to make decisions.
- 2- A General Assembly may be the Ordinary or Extraordinary General Assembly.

- 3- The President shall conduct the General Assembly business in compliance with the standing orders of the General Assembly.
- 4- The General Assembly may appoint observers who take part in the General Assembly without the right to debate or to vote.
- 5- The honorary presidents or honorary members may take part in the General Assembly. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

## **Article 6-2 Delegates and votes**

- 1- The General Assembly is composed of 54 members.

The number of votes is allocated as follows:

- a. the first division clubs (12 clubs): each delegate has one (1) vote  
(Total votes 12)
- b. the 2nd division clubs ( 14 clubs): each delegate has one (1) vote  
(Total votes 12), according to a mechanism determined by the Executive Committee
- c. for the Clubs of the 3rd division clubs (24 clubs) twelve delegates, each delegate has one (1) vote (Total votes 12), according to a mechanism determined by the Executive Committee
- d. The 4<sup>th</sup> division clubs (Total of 96 clubs).
  - Beirut Region ( 2 delegates)(one vote for each delegate).
  - Mount Lebanon Region ( 3 delegates)(one vote for each delegate).
  - North Region (3 delegates) (one vote for each delegate).
  - Bekaa Region (3 delegates) (one vote for each delegate).
  - South Region (3 delegates) (one vote for each delegate).

(Total 14 votes )  
According to mechanism determined by the Executive Committee.
- e. Futsal Group: two (2) delegates , each delegate has one (1) vote (Total votes 2)
- f. Women's Football Group: one (1) delegate, (Total 1 vote)
- g. Beach Soccer : 1 delegate. (Total 1 vote)

- 2- Each Member is represented by one delegate. Delegates must belong to the Members that they represent and be appointed or elected by according to the

relevant statutes of the members. The delegate of the Member to the General Assembly should be Lebanese, at least 18 years old, a full and active member in the administrative committee of the club, holding an official endorsement letter signed by both the president and the General Secretary of the club, and stamped by its official seal. They must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.

- 3- Each delegate has one vote in the General Assembly. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- 4- The Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in the General Assembly without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates for their clubs, groups and regional associations.

#### **Article 6-3 Area of authority**

The General Assembly has the following authority:

- a. adopting or amending the Statutes, regulations governing the application of the Statutes, the electoral code and the standing orders of the General Assembly;
- b. appointing three Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
- c. electing the President and members of the Executive Committee;
- d. electing the Electoral Committee and the Election Appeal Committee;
- e. appointing the scrutineers;
- f. approving the financial statements;
- g. approving the budget;
- h. approving the 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 Association;
- n. dissolving the Association;
- o. passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes;

#### **Article 6-4 Ordinary General Assembly**

- 1. The Ordinary General Assembly shall be held once every year.
- 2. The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date, and the members shall be notified in writing at least 45 days in advance to the meeting's date.
- 3- The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 15 days before the date of the General Assembly. This convocation shall enclose the agenda, the activity report, the financial statements and the auditors' report and any other relevant documents.

#### **Article 6-5 Ordinary General Assembly 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 General Assembly shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least 21 days before the date of the General Assembly.
- 2- The General Assembly agenda shall include the following mandatory items:
  - a. a declaration that the General Assembly has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of the Association;
  - b. approval of the agenda;
  - c. an address by the President;
  - d. appointment of Members to check the minutes;
  - e. appointment of scrutinizers;
  - f. suspension or expulsion of Members (if applicable);
  - g. approval to the minutes of the preceding General Assembly;
  - h. Activity report (containing the activities since the last General Assembly);
  - 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 (if applicable);
- n. Adopt and vote on proposals to amend the Electoral Code (if applicable);
- o. discussion and decision of proposals submitted by the Members and the Executive Committee (if applicable);
- p. appointment of independent auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
- q. dismissal a person or body (if applicable);
- r. election of the President and members of the Executive Committee (if applicable);
- s. Election of the Electoral Committee and the Election Appeal Committee (if applicable);
- t. any further items proposed by the Executive Committee of the Association.

3- The General Assembly shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.

#### **Article 6-5-1**

The agenda may be altered before its approval according to article 6-5 par. 2 (b) by adding new items provided that they are approved by 3/4 of the members present at the General Assembly, and who are entitled to vote.

#### **Article 6-5-2**

The Executive Committee accepts any written proposal signed by minimum (10) ten Members submitted at least 21 days and this proposal is definitely included in the agenda of the meeting of the next ordinary meeting of the General Assembly.

#### **Article 6-6 Effective dates of decisions**

The decisions taken by the General Assembly at its both Ordinary and Extra Ordinary Meetings have immediate effect, unless the General Assembly fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

#### **Article 6-7 Extraordinary General Assembly**

- 1- The General Assembly convenes in an extra ordinary meeting upon a decision by the Executive Committee, or upon a written request signed by at least one third of the Members / delegates. The request shall specify the items for the agenda.
- 2- An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be held within two month of receipt of the request. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. If the Executive Committee does not call for the Extra Ordinary General Assembly upon the request of the Members, the Members who requested it may convene the General Assembly 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 15 days before the date of an Extraordinary General Assembly
- 4- When an Extraordinary General Assembly is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, the latter must draw up the agenda. When an Extraordinary General Assembly is convened upon the request of Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members
- 5- The agenda of an Extraordinary General Assembly may not be altered

#### **Article 6-7-1**

The Executive Committee shall prepare an agenda for the extraordinary meeting, attached with all necessary documentations, and shall send it to all members according to the details in article 7-6.

#### **Article 6-8 Force Majeure**

If the General Assembly did not convene on the assigned date due to force majeure circumstances, it then convenes definitely a second time on the same day and hour of the following week, in the same chosen venue. In this case the agenda of the meeting is not subject to any change.

**Article 6-8-1:**

If the General Assembly does in fact convene, and force majeure circumstances prevented the completion of the agenda, the meeting is considered still in session, provided that it will be completed in a second session on the same day and hour of the following week, in the same chosen venue.

**Article 6-9 Quorum of the General Assembly**

- 1- Decisions passed by the General Assembly shall only be valid if a simple majority of the Members who are entitled to vote are present.
- 2- If a quorum is not achieved, a second General Assembly shall take place 7 days after the first, with the same agenda at the same place.
- 3- A quorum is not required for the second meeting unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of the Association, the election of the President and election of members of the Executive Committee, the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of the Association, the expulsion of a Member of the Association or the dissolution of the Association.

**Article 6-10 Decisions of the General Assembly**

- 1- Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a simple majority is sufficient for a decision 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. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll.

**Article 6-11: Elections**

- 1- Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- 2- For a person to be elected, a simple majority is necessary in the first ballot.

- 3- If there are more than two candidates for one available position, and none of them obtained the simple majority the candidate that obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated and a second ballot takes place and so on until only two candidates are left.
- 4- If there are more than three candidates for the available position and in the event none of the candidates obtained the simple majority of the votes after the first ballot, the three (3) candidates obtaining the most number of votes will remain for the second ballot. In case of tied vote, new ballots shall be conducted until a candidate obtains the simple majority of the votes.

#### **Article 6-12: Chair**

The General Assembly is presided by the President or by the Senior Vice President in case of his absence. In case the President and the Senior Vice President were absent, the meeting shall be presided by the Second Vice President. In case of his absence, the eldest of the present members of the Executive Committee shall preside.

The General Secretary of the Association shall undertake all the office work for the meeting, and shall sign the "Minutes of the Meeting" with the President.

#### **Article 6-13 Amendments to the Statutes**

- 1- The General Assembly is responsible for amending the Statutes.
- 2- Any proposal for an amendment to the statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretary by a Member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal by a member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least 9 (nine) other Members.
- 3- For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, a simple majority of the Members eligible to vote must be present.
- 4- A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if two third of the votes of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

## **Article 6-14 Minutes**

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

## **7- The Executive Committee**

### **Article 7-1 Composition**

- 1- The Executive Committee consists of 11 members:
  - i. President
  - ii. Senior Vice President
  - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
  - iv. (8) Eight members.
- 2- The President and the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected individually by the General Assembly. Every candidate in the election of Executive Committee members must be proposed by at least one Member
- 3- The mandate of the President and members of the Executive Committee is for four years. They may be re-elected.
- 4- Candidatures must be sent to the General Secretariat of the Association. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of the Association along with the agenda for the General Assembly at which the Executive Committee will be elected.
- 5- A member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of the Association.

### **Article 7-2 Requirements for candidates**

The candidate for the Executive Committee membership should be:

- 1- Lebanese for more than (10) ten years.
- 2- Shall be older than (18) eighteen years.
- 3- Must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence .
- 4- Not a member of the administrative body of any other Sports Associations.

- 5- To apply by means of a written request at least 15 days before the elections, attached to it shall be a copy of his civil registration, a copy of judicial record, proving that the candidate acquires all his civil rights and is not convicted by any offence or felony, and financial fees determined by the organisation regulation.
- ~~6— In case of an independent candidate, who is not affiliated to one of the Members, his application should be seconded by (4) four Members.~~
- ~~7— A member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of the LFA.~~

#### **Article 7-2-1**

~~A candidate is considered independent or neutral if he is not affiliated to the Executive Committee of any Member or has resigned from the Executive Committee of a Member, provided the resignation date precedes that of the nomination date.~~

#### **Article 7-3 Election of the Senior Vice President and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

- 1- The position of the Senior Vice President and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President are distributed among all elected members, by means of a secret ballot among them, in the first meeting they hold as an Executive Committee within (7) seven days at the latest as of the date of the elections.
- 2- In the event none of the candidates obtained the simple majority of the votes after the first ballot, the three (3) candidates obtaining the most number of votes will remain for the second ballot. In case of tied vote, new ballots shall be conducted until a candidate obtains the simple majority of the votes.

#### **Article 7-4**

- 1- If a position should become vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill that position until the next Ordinary General Assembly, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of mandate.
- 2- If more than 50% of the positions of the Executive Committee become vacant, the Electoral Committee shall convoke an Extraordinary General Assembly within 60 days in order to elect the replacements for the remaining term of mandate. If an Electoral Committee does not exist, the Emergency Committee shall convene the Extraordinary General Assembly. In case the Emergency Committee lacks the

required quorum, the General Secretary shall convene the Extraordinary General Assembly within the prescribed period of time.

**Article 7-5:**

The Executive Committee members are responsible for carrying out the various duties of the Association by solidarity and collaboration, and the President shall represent the Association before judicial and official governmental bodies.

**Article 7-6 Powers of the Executive Committee**

The powers of the Executive Committee include:

- 1- 1- Appointing the General Secretary on the proposal of the President who shall have the right to attend the Executive Committee meetings and to take part in the deliberations, But is not entitled to vote.
- 2- Regarding the applications for affiliation submitted by clubs, organisations or groups, and raises it's suggestions regarding accepting them or not, justifiably, to the General Assembly who shall take the final decision in this respect.
- 3- Recommending to the General Assembly dismissing, suspending or expelling a Person or Member which committed a violation in accordance with the present statutes. The General assembly shall take the final decision.
- 4- Appointing or dismissing the General Secretary. The General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all the committees ex officio.
- 5- Supervising the implementation of the Association's Regulations and those of the IFAB, FIFA and AFC.
- 6- Issuing the organising regulations and the Disciplinary Code;
- 7- Issuing all details and complementary regulations to this statutes.
- 8- Issuing the resolutions in the matters not mentioned or not governed by the terms of this statutes.
- 9- shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the General Assembly or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;
- 10- shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly of the Association;
- 11- shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the standing committees;

- 12- shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the judicial bodies;
- 13- may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time;
- 14- shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
- 15- shall propose the independent auditors to the General Assembly;
- 16- shall decide the place and dates of and the number of teams participating in the competitions of the Association;
- 17- shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff;
- 18- shall approve regulations stipulating how the Association shall be organised internally;
- 19- shall ensure that the Statutes are applied, and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;
- 20- may dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of the Association provisionally until the next General Assembly;
- 21- may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of the Association or third parties

#### **Article 7-7 Meetings**

- 1- The Executive Committee convenes at least once a month by an invitation of the President via the General Secretary. Exceptional meetings can also be called upon by the President or (6) six of the committee members.
- 2- The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committees 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 Secretary at least 5 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least 2 days before the meeting.
- 3- The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.

#### **Article 7-7-1**

Executive Committee meetings are presided by the president, in case of his absence, the senior vice president shall preside, and in case both of them are absent, the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice



president shall preside. If the three were absent (president and two vice presidents) the meeting shall be presided by the eldest member.

#### **Article 7-7-2**

The President shall direct the deliberations, put forward the propositions and decides the termination of discussions and voting. The president also reserves the right to suspend the meeting for a period of fifteen (15) minutes as a maximum.

#### **Article 7-8 Decisions**

- 1- The meetings are legal if attended by at least (6) six members. And the decisions are taken by simple majority and namely voting, and in case of a tie in votes, that of the president shall be the casting vote.
- 2- If the quorum was lost due to the withdrawal of certain members from the meeting for certain reasons, the Executive Committee continues addressing the issue at hand only and shall take the necessary decision, provided that it is not put into action unless authenticated by the Executive Committee in the following meeting.
- 3- The deliberations of the Executive Committee remain confidential; no member reserves the right to disclose any of the deliberations no matter what.

#### **Article 7-8-1**

- 1- 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.
- 2- The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 3- The decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

#### **Article 7-9 Dismissal of a person or body**

- 1- The General Assembly shall dismiss a person or body. The Executive Committee may place the dismissal of a person or body on the agenda for the General Assembly. 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 General Assembly.

- 2- The motion for dismissal must be justified. The justification will be sent to the Members 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 General Assembly or Executive Committee shall reach a decision by means of secret ballot. For the motion to be passed, a simple majority is required.
- 5- The person or body dismissed (provisionally) must be relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.

### **Article 7-9-1**

The Executive Committee may propose to the General Assembly the dismissal of any member who misses attending the meetings of the Executive Committee for three (3) consecutive times without an acceptable excuse for the Executive Committee

## **8-President, Senior Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

### **Article 8-1 President**

1. The President represents the Association. He is primarily responsible for:
  - a. the relations between the Association and its Members, FIFA, AFC political bodies and other organisations;
  - b. Implementing the decisions passed by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee through the General Secretary;
  - c. Ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of LFA in order that the achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
  - d. Supervising the work of the General Secretary.
- 2- The President shall preside over the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed chairman.
- 3- The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.
- 4- Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the [internal](#) organisation regulations of LFA.

### **Article 8-2 Candidates for the office of the President**

- 1- The President shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years. His mandate shall begin after the end of the General Assembly which has elected him. A President may be re-elected.
- 2- For the election of the President, the winner should obtain the a simple majority . If there are more than two candidates and no one obtain the simple majority , the candidate that obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated and further ballots should take place and so on until only two candidates are left.
- 3- . The candidate should submit his candidacy documents seconded by 4 members (clubs) 15 days before the General Assembly.
- 4- The general secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of the proposed candidates at least 10 days before the date of the General Assembly.
- 5- If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official function, the Senior Vice President shall represent him until the next General Assembly. This General Assembly shall elect a new President, if necessary.

#### **Article 8- 3 Signature**

- 1- The President or the Vice President, and the General Secretary or the Deputy General Secretary jointly sign the minutes of the General Assembly meetings, the Executive Committee meetings and the Emergency Committee meetings.
- 2- The President Or the general Secretary with the president's directives signs correspondences addressed to the Members, the National Associations, FIFA and AFC.
- 3- The President and the General Secretary jointly sign all correspondences addressed to the various departments of the Lebanese Government.
- 4- The President and General Secretary jointly sign all bank orders and cheques.
- 5- The President represents LFA legally and is entitled to sign contracts for LFA. The Executive Committee may set up ~~internal~~ organisation regulations regarding the joint signature of officers, in particular, in case of the President's absence.

#### **Article 8-4 Senior Vice President:**

The senior vice president shall undertake the duties of the president in case of absence of the latter.

**Article 8-5 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president shall undertake the duties of the president in case of absence of the president and senior vice president.

**Article 8-6 General Secretary**

- 1- The General Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the basis of an agreement governed by private law and shall have the necessary professional qualifications.
- 2- He shall be responsible for:
  - a. Implementing the decisions of the Executive Committee and those of the General Assembly with the President's directives.
  - b. Attending the General Assembly meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the various committees as well as the ad-hoc committees.
  - c. Sending invitations to the General Assembly meetings and the Executive Committee meetings, recording the minutes and signing them in association with the President.
  - d. Signing correspondences, with the President's directives.
  - e. Relations with the Members, committees FIFA and AFC.
  - f. Preparing the annual administrative report.
  - g. Preparing the agendas of the Executive Committee meetings and the General Assembly meetings.
  - h. Inviting the Regional Association to elect their members.
  - i. Managing and keeping the accounts of LFA properly.
  - j. To appoint and dismiss the Treasurer, as well as the other staff working for the General Secretary.
  - k. Proposing managerial staff to the President.
- 3- The General Secretary may not be a General Assembly delegate, a member of the Executive Committee or a member of any body of LFA.

**Article 8-7 Treasurer:**

The General Secretary appoints a Treasurer on basis of an agreement governed by private law. He shall be subordinate to the General Secretary and manage the financial tasks. The Treasurer shall have the following duties delegated by the General Secretary:

- 1- Collecting incoming funds by means of receipts.
- 2- Organizing expenses by means of expenditure receipts.
- 3- Depositing the Association's funds in the bank designated by the Executive Committee.

## **9 - Emergency Committee**

### **Article 9-1**

- 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 the Association, and 5 members chosen from amongst the Executive Members and appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of 4 years.
- 2- The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.
- 3- 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 senior vice-president available shall deputise.

## **10- Standing Committees**

### **Article 10-1**

- 1- The Executive Committee of the association forms committees and bodies, of which are the following, to name a few:
  - a. Financial Committee.
  - b. Internal Audit Committee
  - c. Competitions Committee.
  - d. National Teams Committee
  - e. Referees' Committee.
  - f. Stadiums' Committee.
  - g. Futsal Committee.
  - h. Players' Status Committee
  - i. Women's Football Committee.
  - j. Beach Soccer Committee.
  - k. Technical and Development Committee
  - l. Ad hoc committee
- 2- The chairmen of the standing committees shall be members 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 President and the Exco.. 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 10-2 Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advise the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyze the budget of the 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 5 members.

**Article 10-3 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 3 members

**Article 10-4 Competitions Committee**

The Competitions Committee shall organize all Football Championships and supervise all its matches. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 5 members.

**Article 10-5 National Teams Committee**

The National Teams Committee shall manage and organize all issues related to the various National Teams, and set the technical development plan and strategy for these Teams. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

**Article 10-6 Referees Committee**

The Referees Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game. It shall appoint the referees for matches in competitions organized by the Association, organize refereeing matters within the Association in collaboration with the administration of the Association and monitor the education and training of referees. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 5 members.

**Article 10-7 Stadiums Committee**

The Stadiums Committee shall ensure that the conditions of the stadiums and the related facilities are always at their best, and shall arrange and supervise the entry of the attendees through football matches. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

**Article 10-8 Futsal Committee**

The Futsal Committee shall organize futsal competitions and deal with all matters relating to futsal. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 5 members.

**Article 10-9 Players' Status Committee**

The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of players (amateurs / professionals ...etc) for various competitions of the Association. The Players' Status Committee shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 5 members.

**Article 10-10 Women's Football Committee**

The Women Football Committee shall direct the affairs of Women Football in Lebanon and organize women's football competitions. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 5 members.

**Article 10-11 Beach Soccer Committee**

The Beach Soccer Committee shall organize Beach Soccer competitions. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 3 members.

**Article 10-12 Technical and Development Committee**

The Technical and Development Committee shall set the development plans and programs for the game of football, in addition to the development programs for coaches in all categories. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 5 members.

**Article 10-13 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 and the members. The duties and functions are defined in special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee. An ad-hoc committee shall report directly to the Executive Committee.



## **11- Judicial bodies**

### **Article 11-1 Judicial bodies**

- 1- The judicial bodies of the Association are:
  - a. the Disciplinary Committee
  - b. the Appeals Committee
- 2- The responsibilities and functions of these bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of the 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 should not belong to any other body of the Association at the same time.

### **Article 11-2 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 the Association. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of the Association.
- 3- The committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of the Association on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match and players' agents.
- 4- These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

### **Article 11-3 Appeals Committee**

- 1- The Appeals 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 the Association. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of the Association.
- 3- The Appeals Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee that are not declared final.

### **Article 11-4 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 the stadium;
  - f. a ban on taking part in any football-related activity.
- 3- for legal persons:
  - a. a transfer ban;
  - b. playing match without spectators;
  - c. playing a match on neutral territory;
  - d. a ban on playing in a particular stadium;
  - e. annulment of the result of the match;
  - f. expulsion;
  - g. a forfeit;
  - h. deduction of points;
  - i. relegation to a lower division.

#### **Article 11-5 Arbitration**

- 1- The Association shall set up an Arbitration Tribunal, which deals with all internal disputes between the Association, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents that do not fall under the jurisdiction of its judicial bodies.
- 2- The Executive Committee shall draw up special regulations regarding the composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this Arbitration Tribunal.
- 3- As long as no arbitration tribunal has been installed, any dispute of national dimension may only be referred in the last instance to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland). The CAS will settle the dispute to the exclusion of any Ordinary Court unless expressly prohibited by the legislation in force in the Republic of Lebanon.

#### **Article 11-6 Jurisdiction**

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

#### **Article 11-7 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 Association shall ensure its full compliance and of its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA body or CAS.

## **12- Competitions**

### **Article 12-1 Competitions**

1- The Association organises and coordinates the following official competitions held within its territory:

- a. First division league
- b. Second division league
- c. Third division league
- d. Fourth division league
- e. Lebanon Cup
- f. Elite Cup
- g. Federation Cup
- h. Aspires (U-21) league
- i. Youth (U-19) league
- j. Juniors (U-17) league
- k. Juniors (U-16) league
- l. Kids (U-15) league
- m. Grassroots (U-13) league
- n. Districts league
- o. Futsal first division league
- p. Futsal second division league
  
- q. Futsal Cup
- r. Women football league
- s. Women football cup
- t. Beach Soccer league
- u. Any other league which the Executive Committee decides to launch.

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

### **Article 12-2**

1- The Executive Committee of the association prepares the administrative, technical and organizational rules and regulations for all competitions and championships, which are then announced and declared to all member clubs annually, along with amendments if any.

- 2- The Executive Committee shall announce and declare these rules and regulations within a sufficient time frame as of the launch of each competition, no less than (15) fifteen days before the launching date.

### **Article 12-3 Club licensing**

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

### **Article 12-4 Rights**

- 1- The Association and its members are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, 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 12-5 Authorisation**

The Association 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 its respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects

### **Article 12-6**

In the case that any club wishes to organize a friendly national tournament with the participation of more than two clubs, the organizing club must request the approval of the Executive Committee by means of a written letter within a sufficient time as of the kick-off of the tournament. The request should be attached with a copy of the technical

regulations of the tournament and the list of the participating clubs, provided that they do not exceed (8) eight clubs.

#### **Article 12-7**

The sporting season begins at the launch of any of the official championships or competitions annually organised by the association.

It ends by the conclusion date of all official championships or competitions.

### **13- International matches and competitions**

#### **Article 13- 1 International matches and competitions**

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

#### **Article 13- 2 Contacts**

The Association shall not play matches or make sporting contacts with the Association that are not members of FIFA or with provisional members of a Confederation without the approval of FIFA.

#### **Article 13- 3 Approval**

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

## **14- Finance**

### **Article 14- 1 Financial period**

- 1- The financial period of the Association shall be one year and shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December.
- 2- The revenue and expenses of the Association shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. the 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 Association with its subsidiaries as at 31 December.

### **Article 14-2 Revenue**

The revenue of the Association arises specifically from:

- a. member's annual subscription;
- b. receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which LFA is entitled;
- c. fines imposed by authorised bodies;
- d. other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by LFA.

### **Article 14-3 Expenses**

The Association bears:

- a. the expenses stipulated in the budget;
- b. other expenses approved by the General Assembly 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 Association.

### **Article 14-4 Independent Auditors**

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

#### **Article 14-5 Membership subscriptions**

- 1- Membership subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the General Assembly at which they are admitted.
- 2- The General Assembly shall fix the amount of annual subscription every year on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Member and amount to no more than 500,000 LL. (Five Hundred Thousand Lebanese Pounds).

#### **Article 14-6 Settlement**

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

#### **Article 14-7 Levies**

The Executive Committee receives (10%) ten percent of the total income of friendly matches played by more than two local clubs, and (5%) five percent of the total income of matches played against foreign club teams, with a minimum fee set by the Executive Committee consecutively, and designated at no less than (1) one unit.

### **15- Final provision**

#### **Article 15-1 Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure**

The Executive Committee shall have the right to take a final decision regarding any matter or situation not described in these Statutes and Regulations, and in cases of force majeure.



### **Article 15-2 Dissolution**

- 1- The dissolution of the association can only be decided by means of an extraordinary meeting of the general assembly convening for this purpose, and by the attendance of (3) three quarters of the members at least.
- 2- The dissolution is decided by the three-quarters majority of votes. If quorum is not achieved in the first meeting, the general assembly shall convene within (3) three months as of the date of the first meeting and on the same conditions.
- 3- In case of dissolution of the association, the General Assembly appoints one or two delegates to settle the accounts, and deposit the assets of the Association at the Lebanese Olympic Committee, until such time as a new association is formed.
- 4- If such measurements are not taken, the official bodies issue a declaration to appoint an agent to handle the assets of the association. Consequently, any individual having the funds, bonds, books and documents of the Association must submit them to the appointed agent.

### **Article 15-3 Enforcement**

These statutes will become in force after the first elections done by the Lebanese Football Association.

Provided that the elections will take place in accordance with these statutes, and that the Association will take, prior to the elections, all the measures to be in compliance with the terms of these statutes.

**Transitory Clause**

The regional Associations and the Futsal, Women, and Beach Soccer groups must comply with requirements of article 3-2 before the next elections of the Executive Committee.

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