

Saudi Arabian Football Federation

**The Statutes of the Saudi Arabian Football
Federation**

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Part One: Definitions

Article (1): Definitions:

The following terms and expressions, wherever mentioned in these statutes, shall have the meanings assigned to them hereby; the reference to the singular shall include the reference to the plural and vice versa, unless otherwise required by the context:

The Kingdom:	The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
The Authority:	General Sport Authority.
The Committee:	Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee.
The Federation:	Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF).
The International Federation:	Fédération Internationale de Football Association (International Federation of Association Football) (FIFA).
Asian Confederation:	Asian Football Confederation (AFC).
The Statutes:	The Statutes of the Saudi Arabian Football Federation.
The League:	An organization with a legal personality that is administratively, financially and organizationally recognized by the Federation.
Saudi Professional Leagues:	Representing the Saudi Professional League and the Prince Mohammad bin Salman League specialized in the organization and management of the professional league.
The Saudi Professional League:	A legal entity that is administratively, financially and

	organizationally independent and operate under the umbrella of the Federation specialized in the organization and management of Professional League Teams.
Saudi First Division League:	A legal entity that is administratively, financially and organizationally independent and operate under the umbrella of the Federation specialized in the organization and management of Professional League for the Saudi First Division Teams.
Professional League:	Football League of the Professional League and First Division teams.
Participation License:	A license issued by professional league clubs for the club to authorize it to participate in the professional league.
Federation Competitions:	Football competitions and tournaments organized and supervised by the Federation, including futsal, except the Professional League Competition, which is organized by Professional League Associations.
Asian Confederation Competitions:	Continental football competitions organized by the Asian Football Confederation.
The Club:	A sports institution with a legal entity or a company officially licensed by the Authority to practice a sports game or more and a member of the Confederation.
Officials / Administrators	All members of the board of directors, committees,

referees and assistants, trainers and assistants, officials of technical, medical and administrative affairs in the Federation and the League of professional clubs, non professional clubs and others.

Footballer: Football player officially registered in the Federation.

General Assembly: The legislative body and the supreme authority in the Federation.

Board of Directors: The executive body of the Federation.

The Electoral List: A list consists of eleven (11) candidates for the Board of Directors, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the members, who are elected together.

Ordinary Majority: Those who approve at more than half of the total number of members present and entitled to vote.

Absolute Majority: Those who approve at more than half of the total number of members who are entitled to vote.

General Secretariat: The administrative body of the Federation.

Standing Committees: A supporting body of the Board of Directors in the performance of its duties, shall be formed and determining its terms of reference under special regulations in accordance with the statutes of the Federation.

Judicial Committees:	The judiciary in the Federation, specialized in disciplinary and ethics issues.
The Member:	Any natural or legal person to be accepted by the General Assembly.
Election Committees:	A committee composed of the Electoral Committee and the Electoral Appeals Committee.
Regular Football Sport:	The game that is managed and supervised by the International Federation, in accordance with the rules of the game issued by the Board of the International Federation.
The Board of the International Federation:	International Football Association Board (IFAB).
Ordinary Courts:	State courts that consider and adjudicate public and private disputes.
Saudi Sports Arbitration Center:	The competent authority to consider and adjudicate all sports disputes at the local level.
Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS):	International Court of Arbitration for Sports disputes (CAS), based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Part Two: General Provisions

Article (2): Name, headquarters and legal status:

1. The Federation: A special sports body with an independent legal entity, established in accordance with the Kingdom's laws in 01 / 11 / 1375 AH, corresponding to 06 / 09 / 1956 AD, for an indefinite period, and exercising its functions and powers vested in it by virtue of the Law and the related regulations in the Kingdom. The Federation is entitled to establish a company or companies belonging to it in accordance with the laws in force in the Kingdom in order to enhance its commercial and investment activities.
2. The headquarters of the Federation is in the city of Riyadh, and may not be transferred to another city except under a resolution by the General Assembly.
3. The Federation is a member of the Union of Arab Football Associations (UFA), Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and Fédération Internationale de Football Association (International Federation of Association Football) (FIFA).
4. The Federation Flag is the Flag of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
5. The Federation Logo is a falcon head, a football and a palm in a ball-shaped frame. The abbreviation of the Federation's name in English is (SAFF).
6. The abbreviation of the Federation's name in Arabic is (ساف), and in English is (SAFF).
7. The logo and the abbreviation are registered trademarks with the official authorities in the Kingdom.

Article (3) Objectives of the Federation:

The Federation works to achieve the following objectives:

- 1) To deepen national belonging and to consolidate the national identity among the citizens of the Kingdom through the football sport.

- 2) Continuous improvement and promotion of the football game and the development of its components in light of its unified human, cultural and educational values.
- 3) Spreading the practice of football in the light of human, cultural and educational values.
- 4) Developing the game of football and its complementary elements continuously within the Kingdom, ensuring respect for the laws of the game and to prevent their violations.
- 5) Organizing football competitions at the local level, in accordance with the principles of transparent competition, fair play, sportsmanship and human values.
- 6) Preparing the regulations for the practice of football activity and ensure its implementation.
- 7) Protecting its interests and the interests of its members.
- 8) To comply with the regulations, laws, instructions and resolutions issued by the International Federation (FIFA) and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), and preventing their violations, as well as the rules of the football game issued by the International Federation (FIFA), and ensuring the commitment of its members and officials of the above.
- 9) Limit all means and practices that may threaten the integrity of matches or contests, or lead to abuse of the game.
- 10) Strengthening relations with local, regional, continental and international institutions and bodies to achieve the honorable representation of the Kingdom in football.
- 11) Management of local and international sports relations related to football in all its forms.
- 12) Hosting competitions at the regional, continental and international levels, related to football.

- 13) Imposing strict measures and awareness-raising measures needed to combat bribery, corruption, steroids, banned substances and drugs.
- 14) Respecting the laws and regulations in force in the Kingdom.
- 15) Organizing studies, researches, conferences and workshops on football and its various related affairs.

Article (4): Neutrality, Non-Discrimination and Anti-Racism:

- 1) The Federation is neutral in all political and religious matters.
- 2) All forms of discrimination must be completely avoided, whether against a State, a particular person or a group of persons, on an ethnic, sexual, linguistic, religious, political or other grounds, and shall be subject to punishment by suspension or exclusion.

Article (4): Development and Strengthening of Friendly Relations:

The Federation works to develop and promote friendly relations as follows:

- 1) To establish, develop and promote friendly relations between the Federation and its members, clubs, officials, players and within the community, for humanitarian purposes.
- 2) Every person or organization involved in football must adhere to these statutes, regulations, principles of fair play, values of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
- 3) The Federation shall establish the institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise among its members, clubs, officials, administrators and players.

Article (6): Players

- 1) The board of directors shall regulate the conditions and transfers of the players participating in the competitions of the Federation and the professional league in accordance with the regulations and laws of the Federation, and the regulations of the International Federation.

- 2) Players are registered by the Federation in accordance with the governing regulations, with a commitment not to conflict with these statutes and the binding regulations of the International Federation.

Article (7): Rules of the Game

The Federation and all its members shall exercise football in accordance with the rules of play of the International Federation Association Board (IFAB), which is the sole authority to enact and amend the rules of the game, as well as the Rules for the Futsal and Beach Competitions, issued by the Executive Committee of the International Federation.

Article (8): Behavior of Bodies and Officials

All bodies, members, players, officials and committees of the Federation shall abide by the law, regulations, decisions and ethical charters issued by the Federation, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation.

Article (8): Official Languages:

Arabic is the official language of the General Assembly and the Federation. Documents, minutes of meetings, correspondence and official statements shall be executed in Arabic, and may be translated into English when needed. In the case of a difference in the interpretation of texts, the text written in Arabic shall be the prevailing one.

Part Three: Membership Provisions

Article (10): Acceptance, Suspension and Cancellation of Membership:

- 1) It is the General Assembly that decides Acceptance, Suspension or Cancellation of Membership, in accordance with the provisions of these statutes.
- 2) Membership shall be granted to the applicant if the requirements stipulated in these statutes are met.

- 3) Membership ends either by withdrawal or cancellation by the Federation. The termination of membership shall not relieve the member from his financial obligations to the Federation or other members of the Federation, but would lead to the forfeiture of all his rights with the Federation.

Article (11): The Membership

1 – Members of the Federation are:

- a) Clubs (Premier, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Division Clubs).
- b) Associations of Professional League clubs.

2 - Any legal person wishing to be a member of the Federation shall submit a written application to the General Secretariat.

3 - The following mandatory documents shall be attached with the application:

- a) A copy of the statutes and regulations in force for the applicant.
- b) Acknowledgment of compliance with these laws, rules, regulations, instructions and resolutions issued by the Federation, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation, with the need to be respected and adhered to by its officials, administrators and players, which are stipulated for by its statutes.
- c) Acknowledgment of compliance with the rules of play approved by the International Federation Association Board (IFAB), as well as the Rules for the Futsal and Beach Competitions, issued by the Executive Committee of the International Federation.
- d) Acknowledgment of the recognition of the Judicial Committees of the Federation, the Chamber of Dispute Resolution recognized by the Federation, Saudi Sports Arbitration Center and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
- e) Acknowledgment that its headquarter is in the Kingdom and registered in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

- f) Acknowledgment of commitment to participate in all official games and competitions organized by the Federation in accordance with these statutes.
- g) Acknowledgment that the legal form of the applicant guarantees the independence of its decisions, without any intervention of any third party.
- h) A list of the names of the officials, specifying those authorized to sign binding agreements with any other party.
- i) Acknowledgment of non-organization or participation in any official or friendly matches, without obtaining the approval of the Federation.
- j) Acknowledgment of adherence to all regulations issued by the Federation.
- k) Certified true copy of the license issued by the competent local authority in accordance with the laws of the Kingdom.
- l) A copy of the last minutes of the General Assembly Meeting of the Applicant.

Article (12): Application and Procedure of Membership

- 1) Membership request procedures are regulated and accepted under a special regulation prepared by the Board of Directors.
- 2) The Board of Directors recommends to the General Assembly the acceptance or rejection of membership request, and the applicant shall be allowed to inform the General Assembly of the reasons for applying for membership.
- 3) The new member shall enjoy all rights and duties upon accepting his membership, and his representatives shall be entitled to participate in the voting, election and to run for election immediately, in accordance with these statutes.

Article (13): Rights of Members

- 1 - Members of the Federation shall exercise the following rights:

- a) Participation in the General Assembly, knowing the agenda in advance, being invited to participate in the General Assembly on the specified date and exercising their voting rights.
- b) Submission of proposals for the inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly.
- c) Nomination of candidates for the membership of the entities and committees of the Federation.
- d) Election of the members of the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedures set out in these Statutes.
- e) Ratification of the appointment of members of the Election Commission.
- f) Participation in competitions and other sports activities organized by the Federation.
- g) Exercising all the rights guaranteed by these statutes and all its regulations.
- h) They shall be notified of their own matters relating to the Federation.

2 - The exercise of these rights by members of the Federation shall be subject to the provisions of these statutes and the regulations which are valid for its application.

Article (14): Duties of Members

1 - Members of the Federation shall abide by the following rules:

- a) Complete compliance at all times with these statutes, regulations, instructions, and decisions issued by the Federation, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation, with the need for being respected and adhered to by its officials and administrators and players.
- b) Ensure the formation of their bodies involved in taking decisions by election.
- c) Participation in competitions for those concerned, and other sports activities organized by the Federation.

- d) Payment of membership fees.
- e) Respecting the rules of the game issued by the Council of the International Federation, and ensuring compliance with them through foreseeing them in the statutes and its bylaws.
- f) Inclusion of an article in its statutes which reads as follows:
In the event of any dispute between a Member or an Affiliate with other parties, in relation to the Statutes, Regulations, Instructions and Decisions issued by the Federation, the associations, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation, it shall be referred to the Judicial Committees of the Federation and the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center. It is prohibited to start any legal proceedings before ordinary courts.
- g) Notify the Federation of any amendment to its statutes and regulations and the list of officials and persons authorized to sign binding agreements with any other party.
- h) Refrain from establishing any relations of a sporting nature with any non-recognized parties, or with any member of the Federation whose membership has been suspended or cancelled.
- i) Respecting and observing the principles of belonging, integrity and fair sports behavior, as an expression of the spirit of fair play, and stipulating such matter in the statutes and regulations.
- j) To comply with the mandatory provisions set out in paragraph (3) of Article (11) during the validity period of the membership.
- k) Maintaining a record of members to be updated periodically and regularly.
- l) Full compliance with all duties arising from the application of the Statutes and other regulations issued by the Federation, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation.
- m) Violation of any of the above duties shall cause the violating member to be subject to the penalties provided for in these Statutes and regulations.

Article (15): Suspension of Membership

- 1) The General Assembly is the body responsible for suspending the member's membership. However, the Board of Directors may suspend the membership of any Member with immediate effect if such Member has breached its duties in a flagrant manner. This suspension shall continue until the next General Assembly, unless the Board of Directors raises the suspension prior to the date of the General Assembly if the reasons for suspension cease to exist.
- 2) The suspension of membership shall be approved at the next General Assembly by a two-thirds majority of the members present and have the right of voting. The suspension shall be automatically cancelled if it is not approved.
- 3) A member whose membership is suspended loses his membership rights, and other members shall not establish any sporting relations with such member. The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further penalties on that member.
- 4) Members who do not participate in the activities of the Federation for one year shall be deprived from voting at the General Assembly, and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed, unless they fulfill their obligations in this regard.
- 5) Suspension of membership shall be cancelled by a decision of the General Assembly upon a request by the member whose membership was suspended at the meeting following the submission of the application in case that the reasons for suspension of membership have been ceased.

Article (16): Cancellation of Membership

- 1 - The General Assembly is entitled to cancel the membership in the following cases:
 - a) If the member fails to fulfill the duties stipulated in Article (14) of these statutes or his financial obligations towards the Federation.

- b) Serious breach of the statutes, regulations, instructions or decisions issued by the Federation, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) or the International Federation.
- c) If he has lost his eligibility, or has been liquidated, bankrupt or dissolved.

2 - The absolute majority shall be attended to cancel the membership, provided that the decision of cancellation shall be adopted by the majority of three-quarters of the valid votes from the total number of members of the General Assembly.

3 - A member whose membership has been canceled shall not be eligible for membership of the Federation again until after one year from the date of the termination of his membership.

4 - A member whose membership has been canceled shall not be eligible for claiming the ownership of any part of the Federation property, and shall return to the Federation, in a proper and intact manner, any documents, records or attachments.

Article (17): Withdrawal

- 1) A member may withdraw from the membership of the Federation, as of the end of the financial calendar year in which he requested to withdraw, provided that the notice of withdrawal shall be received by the General Secretariat by a registered letter six months prior to the end of the financial calendar year.
- 2) The withdrawal shall not be accepted until the Member willing to withdraw has not fulfilled all its financial obligations to the Federation and the other members of the Federation.
- 3) A member who withdraws shall not be eligible for claiming the ownership of any part of the Federation property, and shall return to the Federation, in a proper and intact manner, any documents, records or attachments.

Article (18): Conditions of Clubs, Associations and Other Clubs:

- 1) Clubs and associations shall be affiliated with and recognized by the Federation. These statutes shall determine the extent of the powers granted to any of these clubs and associations, as well as their rights and duties. Their statutes and regulations shall be approved and certified by the Federation's Board of Directors, taking into account the Kingdom's national regulations regarding licensing them.
- 2) All clubs and associations shall take their decisions regarding their membership in complete independence, without any interference of any third parties. This obligation applies to all, regardless of its organizational structure.
- 3) In any case, no natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) shall be allowed to exercise control or authority over more than one club and group, as it may disrupt the integrity of any match or competition.

Article (19): Honorary President and Honorary Membership

- 1) The General Assembly may grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member to any persons for their venerable services to football.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall nominate these positions.
- 3) The Honorary President or Honorary Member shall be entitled to attend the General Assembly meetings and participate in its deliberations, without having the right to vote.

Part Four: Organizational Structure

Article (20): The Federation's Bodies

- 1) The General Assembly, which is the legislative body and supreme authority of the Federation.
- 2) The Board of Directors, which is the executive body of the Federation.
- 3) Permanent or temporary committees which provide advice and assistance to the Board of Directors in the performance of its functions. These statutes

sets out the duties, formation and working methods of these committees, and the Board of Directors may develop their own regulations.

- 4) The Electoral Commission, which is responsible for organizing and supervising the electoral process.
- 5) The Club Licensing Committee is responsible for the licensing regulations for clubs within the Federation.
- 6) The General Secretariat, which is the administrative body of the Federation.
- 7) The Judicial Committees of the Federation, which are the judicial authority of the Federation, consisting of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and the Appeals Committee.
- 8) Dispute Resolution Chamber.
- 9) The Federation shall elect or appoint members of its bodies under the procedures set forth in these statutes, without any interference from any third party.

Section One: The General Assembly

Article (21): Definition and Formation of the General Assembly

- 1) A General Assembly is a meeting which includes all members of the Federation, and is held ordinarily or extraordinarily, it represents the legislature and the supreme authority of the Federation and has the power to make decisions, which shall be effective and binding, and are formed in accordance with the provisions contained in these statutes.
- 2) The meetings of the General Assembly may be ordinary or extraordinary.
- 3) The Chairman of the Board shall manage the works of the General Assembly and, in his absence, shall be replaced by the Vice President, and in his absence, the senior member of the Board of Directors shall presides the meeting, but in an equal situation, the eldest member shall presides the meeting. If all of those persons are not present, the members of the Board

of Directors shall choose one of them to act as the President of the General Assembly.

- 4) The General Assembly may appoint observers, without having the right to debate or vote.
- 5) The Honorary President or Honorary Member may attend the General Assembly meetings and participate in its deliberations, without having the right to vote.

Article (22): Representatives and Votes

1 - The General Assembly consists of (49) members, as follows:

Representatives representing the members of the Federation:

- a) Sixteen (16) members, representing Premier League clubs, one representative per club.
- b) Nine (9) members representing Prince Mohammad bin Salman League clubs with the first nine places in the sports season before the General Assembly meeting.
- c) Nine (9) members representing Saudi Second Division clubs with the first nine places in the sports season before the General Assembly meeting.
- d) Eight (8) members representing Saudi Third Division clubs qualified for the qualifying round in the sports season before the General Assembly meeting.
- e) Two (2) members representing the Professional League Associations (the Executive Director of each Association).

Other Representatives:

- f) Five (5) members representing the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, to be nominated by the President of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, taking into account the provisions of Article (75 / 1) provided for in these statutes.

2 - Representatives shall be affiliated with the member they represent and are appointed or elected by a member of the Assembly. They must have the ability to demonstrate this upon request.

3 - The representatives of the General Assembly representing their clubs shall be members of the boards of directors of these clubs.

4 - The Civil Status Record of the representative of the member shall be free from any moral violation of honor, honesty and integrity, and shall not be subject to the penalty of dismissal, the cancellation of the membership or dismissal from any of the clubs, federations or sporting bodies, or other bodies.

5 - Each member of the General Assembly shall have only one vote and shall not vote for other than those present, and voting shall not be permitted by proxy or correspondence.

6 - Members of the Board of Directors and the General Secretary of the Federation shall attend the meetings of the General Assembly and shall not be entitled to vote. The members of the Board of Directors of the Federation may not be elected or nominated as representatives of a Member of the General Assembly during their term of office in the Board of Directors of the Federation.

Article (23): Powers of the General Assembly

The General Assembly shall have the following powers:

- 1) The adoption or amendment of these statutes and the standing orders of the General Assembly.
- 2) Appointment of (3) members to review the minutes of the General Assembly meeting.
- 3) Approving the minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting.
- 4) Election of the Board of Directors, in accordance with the procedures set forth in these statutes.
- 5) Approving the appointment of members of the Election Committee and the Electoral Appeals Committee on the proposal of the Board of Directors.

- 6) Appointment of independent observers.
- 7) Discussion and approving the budget.
- 8) Discussion and approving the activity report submitted by the Chairman of the Federation's Board of Directors on the activity of the Board of Directors, the Standing Committees and the General Secretariat, and the strategic plan and its implementation.
- 9) To discuss the performance of the Federation's Board of Directors based on the strategic plan.
- 10) Appointment of an external legal accountant based on a proposal of the Board of Directors.
- 11) Approving the reformation of the Judicial Committees and the Chamber of Dispute Resolution of the Federation including: Chairmen, representatives and members, based on a proposal of the Board of Directors.
- 12) Determine the value of membership subscriptions.
- 13) Granting the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member, upon nomination by the Board of Directors.
- 14) Accepting a member, suspending or cancelling his membership.
- 15) To hold no confidence in the Board of Directors of the Federation, subject to the provisions of Article (74) of these statutes.
- 16) Delegate some and / or all powers granted to the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Board of Directors or to the Board of Directors.
- 17) Dismissal of a person or a body.
- 18) Adoption of the election list.

Article (24): Quorum for General Assembly Meetings

- 1) The Ordinary General Meeting or the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be valid if attended by the absolute majority of its members.
- 2) If a quorum is not met, another General Assembly shall be convened within (24) hours on the same agenda.

- 3) The quorum for the Second General Assembly meeting is not required, unless the agenda contains any proposals for amending these Statutes of the Federation, conducting an election, dismissal of a person, cancellation of a membership or withdrawal of confidence from the Board of Directors.

Article (25): Resolutions of the General Assembly

- 1) The ordinary majority of the members present shall be deemed to be sufficient to hold a valid vote on the resolutions of the General Assembly, unless the system otherwise provides, and the required majority shall be determined by the number of valid votes.
- 2) Voting is done by raising hands or by any other means. If counting the votes is not clear, votes shall be taken by calling the names of those present in an alphabetical order.

Article (26): Elections

- 1) The elections of the Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with the "Elections Regulations of the Saudi Football Federation" issued by the Board of Directors and approved by the General Assembly. The Elections Commission shall organize and supervise the elections.
- 2) The elections of the Board of Directors shall be conducted by way of Electoral Roster in accordance with Article (33) of these statutes.
- 3) Elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the electoral roster has not a rival, it shall be elected by recommendation. Voting may not be done by delegation or letters.
- 4) In the event of the election of any electoral list, a two-thirds majority of the valid votes shall be obtained from the total number of members of the General Assembly in the first round of balloting, but in the second round, or any other round, the normal majority shall be considered sufficient.
- 5) In the case of more than two electoral lists, the electoral list with the lowest number of votes shall be excluded from the beginning of the second round of balloting, this shall continue until only two lists remain.
- 6) If the two lists remain neutral after a maximum of three rounds, there shall be drawing to determine the elected list.
- 7) The Elections Committee is the body responsible for organizing, supervising and approving the elections at the level of the Federation, in accordance

with the Elections Regulations. This Committee shall be formed and approved by the General Assembly at least fifteen days prior to the date of the Election General Assembly.

- 8) The Election Committee consists of the following committees: the Electoral Committee and the Electoral Appeals Committee.
- 9) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the head of the electoral commission or the electoral appeals committee or the person authorized by him shall handle its internal and external communications according to its competence.
- 10) The resolutions of the Electoral Committee shall be appealed before the Electoral Appeals Committee. Its decisions shall be final, binding and not subject to appeal before the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center or any other entity.

Article (27): Ordinary General Meeting

- 1) The Ordinary General Assembly shall be held once in each sport season.
- 2) The Board of Directors of the Federation shall determine the venue and date of the meeting. Members shall be notified in writing at least twenty (20) days prior to such date.
- 3) The official invitation must be sent in writing at least ten (10) days before the date of the general meeting, provided that it shall be accompanied by the agenda, the Chairman's report, the financial reports, the accountant's report and any other documents.

Article (28): Agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly

1 - The General Secretary shall prepare the agenda on the basis of proposals submitted by the Board of Directors and members. Anyone who wishes to submit any proposal to the general meeting shall send it to the General Secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, before (15) fifteen days at least from the date of the general meeting.

2 - The agenda of the general meeting shall include the following mandatory items:

- a) A declaration that the general meeting has been convened and formed, in accordance with the statutes of the Federation.
- b) Adoption of the agenda.
- c) The speech of the President.
- d) Appointment of members to review the minutes.
- e) Appointment of independent observers.
- f) Suspension or termination of membership (if any).
- g) Approving the minutes of the previous meeting of the general meeting.
- h) Report of the President; (Includes activities established since the previous meeting).
- i) Presentation of the budget statement after review and audit, and showing the profit and loss.
- j) Ratification of the financial report.
- k) Adoption of the budget.
- l) Acceptance of membership (if any).
- m) Vote on proposals for amending these statutes and the Standing Orders of the general meeting (If any).
- n) Discussion of proposals submitted by members and the Board of Directors.
- o) Appointment of independent accountant on the proposal of the Board of Directors (If any).
- p) Election of the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedures stipulated in these statutes (If any).
- q) The general meeting shall not be allowed to take any decision on any matter not included in the agenda, unless three-quarters of the members present and have the rights of voting have agreed to include the matter.

Article (29): Extraordinary General Meeting

- 1) The Board of Directors may call for an Extraordinary General Assembly at any time.

- 2) The Board of Directors shall convene an extraordinary general meeting if so requested in writing by the absolute majority of the members of the General Assembly, provided that the agenda items shall be indicated in the request. The meeting shall be held within (15) days from the date of receipt of the request. In the event that it is not possible to be convened, the members who requested it may hold an extraordinary general assembly meeting by themselves.
- 3) Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly before (7) days from the date of the Extraordinary General Meeting, taking into account the exception contained in article 74 of these Statutes.
- 4) When convening an extraordinary general assembly at the initiative of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall prepare the agenda. When calling to convene it at the request of members of the General Assembly, the agenda shall contain the subjects raised by such members.
- 5) It is not permitted to amend the agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

Article (30): Amendment of the Statutes and Standing Orders of the General Assembly

- 1) The General Assembly is responsible for the amendment of these Statutes and the Standing Orders of the General Assembly.
- 2) Any proposals for the amendment of these statutes shall be submitted in writing, with a brief explanation, to the General Secretariat by the member or the Board of Directors. The proposals submitted by the member shall be valid, provided that they are supported and approved in writing by an absolute majority of the members of the General Assembly.
- 3) The meeting of the General Assembly for the amendment of these statutes shall be valid if attended by an absolute majority of the members of the General Assembly.

- 4) The validity of the General Assembly's decision to amend these statutes requires the approval of an absolute majority of the members of the General Assembly.
- 5) The validity of the General Assembly's decision to amend the standing orders of the general meeting requires the presence of the absolute majority of the members of the General Assembly, and the approval of the ordinary majority of the members of the General Assembly on the amendment decision.

Article (31): Minutes of the Meeting

- 1) The Secretary of the General Assembly shall be responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting and shall be audited by the designated members and shall be adopted at the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- 2) Members of the General Assembly shall receive a copy of the minutes of the meeting within sixty (60) days from the date of the end of the meeting.

Article (32): The Validity of the Resolutions of the General Assembly

Resolutions issued by the General Assembly shall take effect immediately upon their issuance, unless the Assembly sets another date for the enforcement of the resolution.

Section Two: Board of Directors

Article (33): Formation of Board of Directors

1 - The Board of Directors consists of (11) members to assume the following positions:

- a) The Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- b) Vice Chairman.
- c) Nine (9) members.

2 - Taking into account the prohibitions contained in the list of the elections of the Saudi Football Federation, the member of the board of directors shall be at least

(30) years old and not more than (65) years old, and shall have a university qualification and an experience in the field of football. The Civil Status Record of the member of the Board of Directors shall be free from any moral violation of honor, honesty and integrity, and shall not be subject to the penalty of dismissal, the cancellation of the membership or dismissal from any of the clubs, federations or sporting bodies, or other bodies. The Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be at least (30) years old and not more than (65) years old, and shall have a university qualification and an experience in the field of football. He shall be a Saudi Arabian national and reside in Saudi Arabia and his Civil Status Record shall be from any moral violation of honor, honesty and integrity, and shall not be subject to the penalty of dismissal, the cancellation of the membership or dismissal from any of the clubs, federations or sporting bodies, or other bodies. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be a Saudi Arabian national and reside in Saudi Arabia, and shall have a university qualification and an experience in the field of football, locally or internationally, not less than two (2) years in the last five (5) years, during which he carried out tasks and works or assumed leadership positions locally or internationally, and shall also be proficient in English.

3 - Elections shall be held by way of Election Roster in two cases:

- a) After the expiration of the term of office of the Board of Directors which is specified as four (4) years.
- b) In the event that the Chairman of the Board of Directors is unable to perform his functions temporarily or permanently (in accordance with paragraph 12 of this article).
- c) In case the Chairman of the Board of Directors resigns before the expiration of the term of office of the Board of Directors which is specified as four (4) years.

4 - Election by the "Election Roster" means election of a Board of Directors consisting of (11) eleven candidates, namely, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and nine (9) members.

5 - If the Electoral Committee or the Electoral Appeals Committee decides to exclude a candidate from the electoral list for any reason, he shall be replaced by another candidate from outside the electoral list within (2) days from the date of being notified of the exclusion.

6 - Each electoral roster running for the elections of the Board of Directors shall be nominated by at least one member.

7 - A member may nominate only one electoral list, and if the member nominates more than one list, all nominations issued by him shall be void.

8 - Applications for candidature shall be sent to the General Secretariat of the Federation, which in turn sends the final electoral lists to the members of the General Assembly accompanied by the agenda of the General Assembly in which the elections of the Board of Directors will be held.

9 - No member of the Board of Directors shall be a member of any judicial committee of the Federation at the same time, nor shall any member of the Board of Directors be a General Secretary or a member of any General Assembly or Board of Directors of any other club or Federation, or as their representatives in the General Assembly of the Federation.

10 - The term of office of the elected Board of Directors shall be four (4) years and may be re-elected.

11 - If one or more positions are vacant on the Board of Directors for any reason, the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall appoint a person or persons to fill the position or positions until the next General Assembly, through which his / their stay for the remainder of the term of the Board of Directors shall be approved.

12 - In the event of the resignation of the Chairman of the Board of Directors or inability to perform his duties temporarily or permanently for whatever reason, he shall be replaced by the Vice Chairman, but if the Vice Chairman is unable to do so for any reason, he will be replaced by the senior member of the Board of Directors. In the condition of parity, the meeting shall be managed by the oldest member, and

the one who replaces the Chairman shall exercise all the powers granted to the Chairman up to the date of the next General Assembly where a new list shall be elected.

Article (34): Meetings of the Board of Directors

- 1) The Board of Directors shall hold at least six meetings per year.
- 2) The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall convene meetings of the Board of Directors. If half of the members request a meeting, the Chairman may call for holding the meeting within seven (7) days.
- 3) The General Secretary shall prepare the agenda and each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to submit items for including them as items on the agenda. These issues may be submitted to the Secretariat at least four (4) days prior to the meeting. The agenda may also be sent to all members of the Board of Directors at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.
- 4) The Board of Directors of the Federation may take its decisions by passing them.
- 5) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall not be held in public. The Board may invite whoever it wishes to attend the meeting, but he is not entitled to vote, he is only allowed to express his views with the permission of the Board of Directors.

Article (35): Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Federation has the following powers:

- 1) Issuing decisions in all cases that do not fall within the powers of the General Assembly, or those that are not vested in any other body or committee under these statutes.
- 2) Preparation and convening of the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting.

- 3) Appointment and / or dismissal of the Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Members of the Standing Committees for a period of four (4) years and reforming them, in accordance with the requirements of the interest, and periodically evaluate their business.
- 4) Appointment of Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Members of Judicial Committees of the Federation and Chamber of Dispute Resolution, for a period of four (4) years and reforming them, in accordance with the requirements of the interest.
- 5) Prepare the regulations for the structure of permanent and temporary committees.
- 6) Nomination of independent accountants to the General Assembly for approval.
- 7) Selection of its candidates for membership of the gulf regulatory committees and Regional, Continental and International Federations, taking into consideration the competence, experience and professional ability, and the availability of the requirements and conditions of nomination prepared by these committees and federations.
- 8) Defining the places and dates of the Federation's competitions and the number of teams participating in them.
- 9) Adoption of the regulations of the Federation.
- 10) Ensure the implementation of these statutes, and take the necessary executive means to implement it.
- 11) Suspension of membership until the next meeting of the General Assembly.
- 12) Delegate other entities or bodies of the Federation or any third party with tasks falling within the scope of its powers.
- 13) Development of the strategic plan of the Federation, regular monitoring of performance and issuing the necessary reports thereon to the General Assembly.

- 14) Setting the values and criteria of the Federation, taking into account the competence of the other bodies of the Federation.
- 15) Develop a strategic plan based on achieving the main strategic objectives for the success of national teams and development of participation.
- 16) Working to increase the revenues of the Federation, for example, but not limited to, entering into sponsorship and / or transportations and / or production and / or licensing agreements using the brand and the trade name of the Federation.
- 17) Protecting the interests of the Federation, for example, but not limited to, termination of sponsorship and / or transportations and / or production and / or licensing agreements using the brand and the trade name of the Federation.
- 18) The Board of Directors may issue a decision to exempt and / or mitigate and / or suspend the penalty and / or sports amnesty for the natural and / or legal person who was sentenced based on a recommendation accompanied by its justifications by the committee that issued the penalty in the Saudi Football Federation.

Article (36): Decisions of the Board of Directors

- 1) The Board of Directors may not discuss any subject except in the presence of an absolute majority of its members.
- 2) The decisions of the Board of Directors shall not be valid and enforceable except with the approval of the ordinary majority of the members of the Board of Directors. In the case of equal votes, the Chairman's vote shall be deemed to be the casting vote, and no vote shall be made by proxy or correspondence.
- 3) Any board member must withdraw from the discussion and from the decision-making process; if there is a potential for conflict of interest.
- 4) The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

- 5) Decisions taken by the Board of Directors shall be effective and come into force immediately unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.
- 6) Decisions taken by the Board of Directors, which require the approval of the General Assembly, shall be effective as soon as they are issued until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Article (37): Relief of a Person or Entity

- 1) The General Assembly shall have the right to dismiss any person or entity from the Federation, which falls within the competence of the General Assembly.
- 2) The Board of Directors may dismiss a person or entity from entities fall within its jurisdiction, (For example, the General Secretariat or the Standing Committees), but it may not dismiss any of the Chairmen and / or Vice Chairmen and / or members of the Judicial Committees, as the General Assembly is the only entitled entity to do so.
- 3) The proposal to dismiss a person or an entity should be included in the agenda of the next General Assembly for taking the decision by the secret ballot.
- 4) The justification for the decision to dismiss the person or entity must be stated and attached to the proposal, and sending them together to the members of the General Assembly within the agenda of the General Assembly.
- 5) The person or the body concerned may appeal and defend himself before the General Assembly.
- 6) Approving the decision to dismiss a person or body requires the presence of the absolute majority, and a secret ballot is required, and shall be approved by two-thirds of the valid votes of members who have the right to vote. Any defective or blank forms, or any other form of abstention from voting, shall be excluded when the majority is counted.

- 7) The person or entity to be dismissed shall be immediately relieved of his functions and responsibilities.
- 8) The concerned person or entity that has been removed shall not be eligible for claiming the ownership of any part of the Federation property, and shall return to the Federation, in a proper and intact manner, any documents, records or attachments.

Section Three: Chairman of Board of Directors

Article (38): The Chairman

- 1 - The Chairman represents the Federation legally.
- 2 - In the first place, he is responsible for the following:
 - a) Implementation of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors with the assistance of the General Secretary and the General Secretariat.
 - b) Ensure that the Federation's members work effectively to achieve the objectives set out in these statutes.
 - c) Supervising the work of the General Secretariat.
 - d) Appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.
 - e) Formation of temporary committees when necessary and at any time.
 - f) Appointing trainers of national teams and their technical, administrative and medical bodies.
 - g) Relations between the Federation and its members, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), the International Federation, the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, government agencies and other organizations.
 - h) Supervising the agenda prepared by the General Secretary for meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
 - i) Delegate third parties and grant an agency to sign memoranda of understanding and / or contracts and / or agreements after their approval by the Board of Directors.

- j) Liaising with banks and financing entities to obtain credit facilities and request funding for the Federation.
- k) He is entitled to delegate third parties and grant a general and comprehensive legal agency to all powers before the competent judicial authorities in the Kingdom in matters of pleading and other matters and before any bodies inside and outside the Kingdom.
- l) Signing and / or authorizing bank disbursement orders.
- m) He has the right to grant financial rewards to the members of the Board of Directors and / or employees of the Federation.
- n) The subordination of the legal and financial departments shall be directly to the Chairman, and in this regard, he may appoint and / or dismiss their chairmen and / or their employees and / or supervise their works.
- o) The Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, and such committees, in which he is appointed as a President.
- p) The Chairman shall have a normal vote at the meeting of the Board of Directors, but if the vote is equal, he shall have the casting vote.
- q) Any additional powers of the Chairman shall be determined by the Board of Directors in the internal regulations of the Federation.
- r) In the absence or non-presence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall act on his behalf, and in this case, he shall have the right to exercise all powers granted to the Chairman throughout period of absence or non-presence of the Chairman.

Article (39): Representation and Signature

The Chairman shall represent the Federation legally and shall be entitled to sign on its behalf. The Board of Directors may prepare internal regulations regarding the joint signature of officials, especially when the Chairman is absent, and all matters of interest to the Federation.

Section Four: Standing Committees and Other Bodies

Article (40): Standing committees

1 – The Standing committees of the Federation are:

- a) The Commercial Committee.
- b) Competition Committee.
- c) Players' Status Committee.
- d) Committee of Social Responsibility and Public Participation.
- e) Referees Committee.

2 - The chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall be specialists in the fields relevant to the subject and functions of the Committees.

3 - Each Chairman of the Committee shall represent and manage its business in accordance with the relevant regulations issued by the Board of Directors.

4 - The Chairman of each Committee shall determine the dates of meetings, in coordination with the General Secretary, and ensure that all tasks are completed and reported to the Board of Directors.

5 - Any regulatory policies issued by Standing Committees shall be under the authorization of the Board of Directors or approved by the Board of Directors to be effective.

6 - A member of the Standing Committee shall not be entitled to participate in the deliberations of any matter when there is a conflict of interests.

7 - The quorum for meetings of the Standing Committees shall not be less than half of the members forming the Committee, provided that the Chairman of the Committee, or his representative, shall be present, taking into account the paragraph (6).

8 - The Regulatory and Interpretative Regulations of the standing committees shall include all the functions and functions related to their work and activity. Each Committee shall be allowed to make proposals for amendments to its Regulation.

Article (41): The Commercial Committee

- 1) The Commercial Committee shall provide assistance, advice and consultation on related commercial matters, such as the increase of the Federation's incomes and so on.
- 2) The Committee shall consist of the Chairman and his Vice-Chairman and three (3) members, provided that the members shall have a practically business-related record.
- 3) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the Chairman of the Committee or his authorized representative shall address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference.

Article (42): Competition Committee

- 1) The Competitions Committee shall organize all competitions of the Federation, prepare schedules, places and dates of competitions, and determine the value of tournament prizes.
- 2) The Committee shall consist of the Chairman and his Vice-Chairman and three (3) members, provided that the members shall experience in the field of football and in fields related to competitions and their organization.
- 3) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of professional league associations, the Competitions Committee shall coordinate with Professional League clubs when preparing tournament and contests schedules.
- 4) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the Chairman of the Committee or his authorized representative shall address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference.

Article (43): Players' Status Committee

- 1) The Players' Status Committee shall undertake organizing and supervising the transfer procedures of players according to the rules related to the

Players' Status, as well as Regulations of the International Federation on the conditions and transfer of players.

- 2) The Players' Status Committee shall undertake spreading the culture of professionalism and its requirements among clubs, players and intermediaries.
- 3) The Players' Status Committee shall consist of the Chairman and his Vice-Chairman and three (3) members, provided that the members shall experience in the field of football and in fields related to professionalism. The Chairman of the Committee shall have a bachelor's degree in law or equivalent as a minimum.
- 4) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the Chairman of the Committee or his authorized representative shall address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference.

Article (44): Committee of Social Responsibility and Public Participation

1 - It provides assistance, advice and consultation in developing ideas to increase football participation in the Kingdom. The Committee shall consist of a Chairman and four members, as follows:

The First Member: A representative of the Federation, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and act as the Chairman.

The Second Member: A representative from the Ministry of Education, who shall be required to have interests in sports activity and development in the Ministry.

The Third Member: Representative of one of the big companies in the Kingdom.

The Fourth Member: A representative of one of the scholars or preachers.

The Fifth Member: A member nominated by the Board of Directors.

2 - Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the Chairman of the Committee or his authorized representative shall address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference.

Article (45): Main Referees Committee

- 1) It provides assistance, advice and consultation on matters relating to the laws of the game, assignment of referees to the matches, the standards of practice, the management of the Referee Body, and the recommendation of the referees who require further training or qualification and the development of referees for good participation and representation.
- 2) The Main Referees Committee shall consist of the Chairman, his deputy and (3) members, provided that there is the necessary knowledge, ability and expertise in the field of football and in areas related to arbitration.
- 3) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the Chairman of the Committee or his authorized representative shall address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference.

Article (46): Management of Futsal and Beach Soccer

- 1) The Management of Futsal and Beach Soccer shall undertake organizing all competitions related to Futsal and Beach Soccer, preparation of schedules, places and dates of competitions, and determine the value of tournament prizes, and supervise and work on the National Team and the National Team under twenty (20) years.
- 2) The Management of Futsal and Beach Soccer shall consist of General Supervisor of the Management and a Director, in addition to the appropriate staff appointed by the General Secretary, provided that there is the necessary knowledge, ability and expertise in the field of Futsal and Beach Soccer.
- 3) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the General Supervisor of the Management or his authorized representative shall

address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference.

Article (47): Temporary Committees

- 1) The Chairman of the Board shall have the right to form temporary committees for special tasks and for a limited period.
- 2) The Chairman of the Board shall appoint the Chairman and members of such committees.
- 3) The functions and tasks of these committees shall be determined in temporary special regulations.
- 4) The Temporary Committee shall report to the Chairman of the Board.

Article (48): Leagues

The board of directors is entitled to establish independent leagues, which shall be an organization with a legal entity and administratively, financially and organizationally independent, and recognized by the Federation.

Section Five: Professional Clubs Leagues

Article (49): Professional Clubs Leagues

- 1) The Professional Leagues are a legal entity and administratively, financially and organizationally independent, and work under the umbrella of the Federation.
- 2) These Associations are represented in Saudi Professional League for Premier League Clubs, Saudi First Division League for the First Division Clubs.
- 3) The president of the Professional Clubs Leagues shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of the statutes of each league.
- 4) Each member club of the Federation and classified within the Premier League clubs, shall have the right to be a member of the Saudi Professional League Association, in accordance with the mandatory standards set forth in

its Statutes and the requirements of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation.

- 5) Each member club of the Federation and classified within the Prince Mohammad bin Salman League shall have the right to be a member of the Saudi First Division League, in accordance with the mandatory standards set forth in its Statutes and the requirements of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation.
- 6) The Federation shall have a representative in the Board of Directors of professional league clubs to be nominated by a decision issued by the Board of Directors of the Federation. His vote shall be the casting vote in the event that the votes are equal regarding any decision presented to the Board of Directors of the Professional League Clubs.
- 7) The Professional League Clubs shall prepare their own statutes and executive regulations, in accordance with the regulations of the Federation, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation.
- 8) Members and officials of professional league clubs shall abide by their statutes, regulations, decisions and the agreements to which professional league clubs are a party, to achieve the best standards and requirements for administrative, regulatory and marketing standards.
- 9) The Professional League Clubs shall abide by organizing, managing and marketing the Professional League, and shall have, for that purpose, the powers and competences specified in its statutes and regulations, provided that such competences shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a) Organizing and managing professional league matches.
 - b) Preparation of the professional league schedule.
 - c) Develop and apply rules on participation licenses.
 - d) Organizing the governance of the clubs that are members in professional league clubs and their financial affairs.

- e) Conclude and negotiate on all contracts related to trade and financial rights for the professional league, including contracts related to broadcasting and sponsorship rights.
 - f) Determine and impose penalties imposed on the club in case of breach of any of the obligations imposed on it under the statutes and regulations of professional league clubs.
- 10 - The statutes of the Professional League Clubs shall define commercial, financial and other rights that they have.
- 11 - Professional League Clubs shall provide a semi-annual report on their financial, administrative and marketing performance to the Board of Directors of the Federation.

Section Six: The General Secretariat

Article (50): The General Secretariat

The General Secretariat shall carry out all administrative work of the Federation under the General Secretary. The staff of the General Secretariat shall abide by the internal regulations of the Federation, perform their duties in the best manner and be subject to the Saudi Labor Law.

Article (51): The General Secretary

- 1 - The General Secretary is the Executive Director of the General Secretariat.
- 2 - The General Secretary shall be appointed under a contract of employment governed by the Saudi Labor Law and shall have the required professional qualifications.
- 3 - The responsibilities of the General Secretary are summarized in the following:
- a) Implement the decisions issued by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors in accordance with the directives of the Chairman.
 - b) Develop the Federation commercially, and seek to increase revenues, in order to provide the necessary resources to achieve the strategic plan.

- c) Develop an administrative team capable of operating the Federation effectively and efficiently in order to put the Strategic Plan into practice.
- d) Attend the meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Standing and Temporary Committees, without having the right to vote.
- e) Organization of meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and other bodies.
- f) Prepare minutes of meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Standing and Temporary Committees.
- g) Addressing the Federation correspondences.
- h) Establish relations with members, committees, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation.
- i) Leading and organizing the required change process at the Federation level.
- j) Encourage the creation of a collective working environment at the Federation level.
- k) Development of the administrative structure of the General Secretariat in line with the interest of the Federation.
- l) Leading the administrative team, setting goals and priorities for the staff and conduct the annual staff assessment of his subordinate management managers.
- m) Has the right to grant financial rewards to the staff of the Federation.
- n) Submit an annual budget prepared by members of the administrative team and the board of directors.
- o) Organization of the General Secretariat.
- p) The formation of committees that contribute to the organization of the works of the Federation.

4 - Signing memorandums of understanding and / or contracts and / or agreements and / or endorsements in which the Chairman authorizes him to sign them.

5 - Signing and / or authorizing bank disbursement orders.

6 - The General Secretary shall not be a member of the General Assembly or a member of the Federation, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) or the International Federation, except for acts and committees in which he represents the Federation as a General Secretary.

Section Seven: Judicial Committees, Dispute Resolution Chamber, and Disciplinary Procedures

Article (52): The Judicial Committees

1 – The Judicial Committees of the Federation are:

- a) Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- b) Appeals Committee.

2 - The responsibilities and competences of the Judicial Committees shall be determined in accordance with the Regulations of Disciplinary and Ethics.

3 - The powers of the Judicial Committees shall not affect the powers of the other committees of the Federation in making its decisions.

4 - Members of the Judicial Committees are not entitled to be members of the Board of Directors, Standing Committees, Temporary Committees, or any of the Federation bodies or Clubs.

5 - Provisions relating to the suspension, expulsion or dismissal of members shall be subject to the disciplinary powers of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.

Article (53): Disciplinary and Ethics Committee

- 1) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee consists of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and three (3) members. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall have at least a bachelor's degree in law or equivalent, with the necessary knowledge, ability and expertise in the field of football.
- 2) The performance of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee is subject to the Regulations of Disciplinary and Ethics issued from the Federation. The

Committee shall not issue any resolution except at the presence of at least three members. In special cases, the Chairman may make a decision, at his sole discretion, in accordance with the Regulations of Disciplinary and Ethics.

- 3) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the Chairman of the committee or the person authorized by him shall handle its internal and external communications according to its competence.
- 4) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may apply the penalties provided for in these statutes and the Regulations of Disciplinary and Ethics issued from the Federation, on the members (Clubs and Leagues), officials, administrators, players, clubs, game agents, intermediaries and others.
- 5) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may apply the penalties provided for in the Statutes of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the International Federation, on the members (Clubs and Leagues), officials, administrators, players, clubs, game agents, intermediaries and others.
- 6) The decisions of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may be challenged before the Appeals Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations of Disciplinary and Ethics.

Article (54): The Appeals Committee

- 1) The Appeals Committee consists of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and three (3) members. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall have at least a bachelor's degree in law or equivalent, with the necessary knowledge, ability and expertise in the field of football.
- 2) The performance of the Appeals Committee is subject to the Regulations of Disciplinary and Ethics issued from the Federation. The Committee shall not issue any resolution except at the presence of at least three members. In special cases, the Chairman may make a decision, at his sole discretion, in accordance with the Regulations of Disciplinary and Ethics.

- 3) The Appeals Committee shall be responsible for considering and adjudicating the appeal against Disciplinary Committee decisions.

Article (55): Dispute Resolution Chamber

- 1) The Dispute Resolution Chamber shall be formed in accordance with the provisions of the Dispute Resolution Chamber issued by the Federation, and the Standard Regulations for the Dispute Resolution Chamber issued from the International Federation.
- 2) The Dispute Resolution Chamber is competent to hear and adjudicate disputes among clubs and / or players and / or mediators and / or trainers, or compensation for training, solidarity contribution, or any other competences listed in the Regulations of the Dispute Resolution Chamber.
- 3) Decisions of the Chamber of Dispute Resolution may be appealed before the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center.
- 4) Without prejudice to the terms of reference of the General Secretary, the Chairman of the Committee or his authorized representative shall address its internal and external communications in accordance with its terms of reference.

Article (56): Disciplinary and Sanctions Procedures:

Disciplinary and Sanctions Procedures are as the following:

- 1) As for the natural persons:
 - a- Bringing the attention.
 - b- Caution.
 - c- Financial fine.
 - d- Withdrawing the prizes.
 - e- Warning.

- f- Exclusion and dismissal.
- g- Suspending from playing one match or more.
- h- Banning from entering the dressing rooms and/ or sitting on the substitutes benches.
- i- Banning from entering the field of play.
- j- Banning from participating in any activity related to the football.
- k- Any other penalties provided for in the regulations of the Federation, the organizing authority or the association.

2) As for the legal person:

- a- Bringing the attention.
- b- Caution.
- c- Financial fine.
- d- Withdrawing the prizes.
- e- Banning from registering the footballers.
- f- Playing a match without spectators or closing the field of play in full or in part.
- g- Playing a match outside of the club ground or on a neutral ground.
- h- Banning from playing on a specific field of play.
- i- Cancelling the result of the match.
- j- Excluding from a specific competition or championship.
- k- Losing the result of the match.
- l- Deducting the points.
- m- Relegation to a lower division.
- n- Replay of the match.

- o- Withdrawing the license of participation in the championships or the competitions organized by the Federation or the organizing authority.
- p- Any other penalties provided for in the regulations of the Federation, the organizing authority or the Leagues Association.

Article (57): Judiciary

- 1) Members of the Federation, the Officials, the Administrators, the Footballers, the agents of the matches and the Saudi Professional Teams Associations shall undertake to peruse and comply with these statutes and the regulations, provisions and the resolutions issued by the Federation, the Standing Committees, the Judicial Committees of the Federation, the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center, the International Judicial Committees and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
- 2) The Judicial Committees in the Federation and the Dispute Resolution Chamber shall have the competence to hear the local disputes that take place among the parties belonging to the Federation. The Asian Confederation and the International Confederation shall have the judicial jurisdiction to hear the international disputes resulting among the parties belonging to different federations or continental federations according to these statutes, the Asian Confederation and the International Federation.
- 3) Taking into consideration the jurisdictions of the Saudi Professional Teams Associations provided for in their Articles of Association, the Judicial Committees of the Federation shall have the jurisdiction to hear all the sanctions and disciplinary matters related to the Professional League.

Article (58): Saudi Sports Arbitration Center

- 1) By virtue of these statutes; the Saudi Professional Teams Associations, the member clubs, the **Officials**, the **Footballers**, the mediators, the matches agents and any other sports entities under the Federation's control and other entities shall confess and comply with:

- a- That the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center shall be the supreme exclusive judicial authority that has the jurisdiction over hearing and/ or adjudicating and/ or mediating in all sports disputes and/ or disputes related to sports after making every effort to use all methods of internal appealing in the Federation according to these statutes and its Regulations.
 - b- That the resolutions issued by the arbitration committees under the jurisdiction of the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center are final, binding and not appealable before any local or international authority.
- 2) The judicial jurisdiction of the Saudi Sports Arbitration Center shall not include the resolutions which the Federation, any committee in the Federation and the judicial committees in the Federation issue concerning the following:
- a- Disputes related to applying the game rules.
 - b- Imposing a penalty on a Club and imposing on the club to play a match, organize an event without spectators in full or in part or to organize an event or to play a match on neutral ground.
 - c- Imposing a penalty on a natural person by suspending him from playing for a period not more than (6) months or less than (10) matches.
 - d- Imposing a penalty on a club or a natural person by caution, warning or financial fine at an amount of (600000) six hundred thousand Riyals or less.
 - e- The resolutions issued by the Electoral Appeals Committee.
 - f- The matters stipulated by that Statutes or regulations of the Federation as they are final and binding.
 - g- The resolutions issued by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for disrespecting the enforcement of the resolutions according to the regulation of the committee.
 - h- The resolutions issued by the appeals committee concerning the legal incapacity.

- 3) The Saudi Arabian Anti-Doping Committee shall be specialized in hearing the issues of dopes by virtue of the dopes regulations in force and according to the law of the World Anti-Doping Agency and the Statutes of the International Federation.
- 4) The Federation, members of the Federation, the Footballers, the Officials, the Administrators, the agents of the matches, the mediators and the other parties shall undertake not to litigate in the matters related to practicing the football activity before the Ordinary Courts except if there is a provision stipulating that in these statutes and in the regulations of the International Federation.

Article (59): Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS):

- 1) By virtue of the provisions related to the Statutes of the International Federation, any binding and final resolution issued by the International Federation may be appealed before the **Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS)** in Lausanne, Switzerland. The court of Arbitration for Sports shall not have competence over hearing any appeal against breaches of the rules of the game or suspending from playing up to a period of four matches or three months or the resolutions issued by the **Saudi Sports Arbitration Center** or any authority or committee declared by the federation on the national level.
- 2) The **Federation** shall undertake to comply in full with, and ensure that its members; Footballers, Officials and Administrators; the matches agents and the mediators comply with, the final resolutions issued by the authorities of the **International Federation** or the **Court of Arbitration for Sports**.

Part Five: Financial Issues

Article (60): Financial Period

- 1) The financial year of the **Federation** shall start as of 1 July and ends on 30 June, and the financial report of the Federation shall include this period.

- 2) The financial budget for the revenues and expenditures of the Federation shall be prepared for covering the financial period. It is a must that the federation shall ensure that it performs its main obligations in the future by providing an enough reserve for fulfilling these obligations.
- 3) The chief financial officer and/ or the manager of the department of finance together with the General Secretary of the Federation shall be responsible for preparing the financial budget of the Federation and its appendices till 30 June of each year. The financial budget shall be identical with the income and the expenditures.
- 4) The chief financial officer and/ or the manager of the department of finance shall keep the accounting records correctly under supervision of the general secretary.
- 5) A bank account shall be opened in a bank of the **Kingdom** in the name of the **Federation**. All money of the Federation shall be deposited in that account. Money shall be spent from that account according to the financial regulation of the Federation.
- 6) At the end of the financial year, the chief financial officer and/ or the manager of the department of finance shall prepare the final accounts of the ended year. The external finance auditor shall submit these accounts to the **Board of Directors** to approve them. The finance auditor shall also prepare a report for submitting it to the **General Assembly** for approving it.
- 7) The **Board of Directors** of the **Federation** shall prepare the financial regulation of the Federation, and this regulation shall specify the method of collecting the revenues, items of encashment and the officials authorized to sign the orders of encashment and checks and the allowed limits of encashment and controls of transfers among the items of the budget.

- 8) The **Federation** shall have an internal comptroller appointed by the Board of Directors of the Federation and powers of that comptroller shall be specified in the financial regulation of the Federation.

Article (61): Revenues:

Funds and revenues of the Federation shall be provided through the following:

- a- The money approved by the country for supporting the Federation.
- b- Subscriptions paid annually by the members.
- c- All amounts resulting from marketing the rights of the Federation, including the rights deriving from T.V. Broadcasting.
- d- The amounts of money distributed to the federation by Saudi Professional Teams Associations (if any) according to their Statutes.
- e- Money earned by the Federation through practicing its activities and revenues of its properties and income of its investments.
- f- Fines imposed by the competent authorities in the Federation.
- g- The subscriptions and the other amounts received in agreement with the aims of the Federation.
- h- Fees for registering the contracts of Saudi Footballers and non-Saudi Footballers.
- i- Fees for registering the contracts of Saudi trainers and non-Saudi trainers.
- j- Donations and grants taken to realize the aims of the Federation by virtue of an approval given by the **Board of Directors**.
- k- The revenues resulting from any investments approved by the **Board of Directors** in the money of the **Federation**.

Article (62): Expenditures

The Federation shall pay the following expenditures

- 1) The expenditures included in the budget of the Federation.
- 2) The other expenditures approved by the General Assembly and such expenditures allowed to the Board of Directors in scope of its powers.
- 3) All other expenditures in agreement with the aims of the Federation and which the Federation seeks to achieve.

Article (63): Independent auditors (external auditor):

- 1) The Board of Directors shall nominate the independent auditors (as external auditor) for one renewable year at maximum three years to be approved by the **General Assembly**.

The Board of Directors may submit a recommendation to the **General Assembly** to ask it to change the independent auditors.

- 2) The independent chartered accountants shall audit the accounts prepared by the chief financial officer and/ or the manager of the department of finance in cooperation with the General Secretary according to the accounting standards and principles applied in the Kingdom before submitting them to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.
- 3) The chartered accountants shall be appointed for one renewable year by virtue of a resolution issued by the General Assembly, and the Board of Directors may submit a recommendation to the General Assembly to ask it for changing the financial auditor for the benefit of the public interest.
- 4) The financial auditor shall audit the accounts prepared by the chief financial officer and/ or the manager of the department of finance in cooperation with the General Secretary according to the accounting standards and principles applied in the Kingdom. A report about that shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.
- 5) The chief financial officer and/ or the manager of the department of finance together with the General Secretary shall give the financial auditor the power

to review all details, information, documents and instruments needed by the financial auditor to perform the tasks authorized to him.

Article (64): Membership Subscriptions:

- 1) The membership subscriptions shall be payable on the 1st of July every year. As for the annual subscriptions of the first year for the new members, these subscriptions shall be paid within 30 days after the end of the **General Assembly** Meeting in which those members are accepted.
- 2) The **General Assembly** shall determine the value of the annual subscriptions every four years based upon a recommendation issued by the **Board of Directors**. The value of the subscription shall be unified as for all members and shall not be more than ten thousand Riyals (10000 Riyals).

Article (65): Financial Settlement:

The Federation may deduct any financial amounts payable by the members from their accounts with the Federation for settling any amounts required to be paid by virtue of final judicial judgments and/ or mutual consent agreement concluded between and by the member and the other party provided that the Federation shall approve. The Federation shall put down the subject of settling the accounts in the financial regulation of the Federation.

Article (66): Fees:

The Federation shall have the right to collect some fees from its members against holding the matches.

Part Six: Competitions and Rights in Competitions

Article (67): Competitions

- 1) The Federation shall organize and coordinate the following official competitions that take place in the Kingdom:

- a- Custodian of the two Holy Mosques Cup Competition.
 - b- Saudi Super Cup final on the General Sports Authority Cup.
 - c- the Saudi Professional League
 - d- The Prince Mohammad bin Salman League for the First Division Professional Teams.
 - e- The Second Division League Championship.
 - f- The Kingdom Championship for the Third Division League Clubs.
 - g- Youth League Championship (Premier division) under 19 years.
 - h- Youth League Championship (first division) under 19 years.
 - i- The Kingdom Clubs Championship for the Youth Division under 19 years.
 - j- Beginners League Championship (Premier division) under 17 years.
 - k- Beginners League Championship (first division) under 17 years.
 - l- The Kingdom Clubs Championship for the Beginners Division under 19 years.
 - m- Al- Baraem League championship (Premier division) under 15 years.
 - n- Kingdom clubs championship for Al- Baraem division under 15 years.
 - o- Al- Baraem League championship (Premier division) under 13 years.
 - p- Kingdom clubs championship for Al- Baraem division under 13 years.
 - q- Futsal Premier League.
 - r- Kingdom championship for the first division for Futsal.
 - s- Any championships or competitions introduced by the Federation according to provisions of that Statutes.
- 2) Taking into consideration the powers of the Federation related to the Professional League provided for in that Statutes, the Saudi Professional

Teams Associations shall organize and manage the Professional League Championship and the clubs in which they participate and shall issue the regulations and the rules necessary for that.

- 3) The Board of Directors of the Federation shall have the right to give the associations or the regional committees under the control of the Federation or under its umbrella the power to arrange competitions, provided that these competitions shall not contradict with the competitions organized by the Federation, as these competitions shall have the priority in organizing.
- 4) The Board of Directors may issue the regulations of these competitions referred to in the clause no (1) of this article.

Article (68): Issuing licenses for the football activity:

- 1) The Board of Directors shall issue the license of practicing the football sport according to the rules and requirements mentioned in the regulations of licensing the clubs issued by the Asian Confederation and Fédération Internationale de Football Association (International Federation of Football Association) (FIFA). The "Licensing Clubs Committee" shall have the competence to release licenses to the clubs inside the federation.
- 2) The aim of the law of licensing the clubs is validating the noble competition among the clubs, improving the level of the professional work in the Federation and enhancing the sports and humanitarian values according to the rules of fair play. The aims also include safety and security of the environment of the matches and enhancing the transparency in all matters related to financing, owning and managing the clubs.
- 3) Saudi Professional Teams Associations shall be authorized to issue and apply the regulations of licensing the Saudi clubs. The regulation shall specify, among other items, the clubs upon which the Statutes is applied. This regulation shall be applied, as minimum, to the clubs of the Professional League which are qualified to the championships of the Asian Confederation. The Saudi

Professional Teams Associations shall seek to improve the professional environment of the clubs of the first division and upgrade the organizational standards.

Article (69): Rights:

- 1) The Federation and the clubs are the original owners of the rights deriving from the competitions and the other events being under its powers without any restrictions as for the content, time, place and the statutes. These rights shall include for example, but not limited to, all kinds of financial rights, audio and visual recordings, rights of reproduction and broadcasting, rights of multimedia and marketing, rights of promotion and rights of sponsorship such as: slogans, name and rights resulting by virtue of the Law of Printed Materials and the author rights except the competitions and the events in which The Saudi Professional Teams Associations own these rights exclusively according to that statutes.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall determine the extent and the method of exercising the rights empowered to it according to the paragraph (1) of this article and shall lay down the special regulations that organize that. The Board of Directors shall also approve amendment to "the balance of distributing the commercial rights" concerned with determining allotments of these revenues distributed to the clubs participating in these shares and whether these rights are used exclusively or in participation with other parties or whether all these revenues are distributed through a third party according to that Statutes.

Article (70): Licensing:

The Federation and the members of the Federation shall be responsible exclusively for licensing distribution of the image, the sound and the other tools which transfer details of the football matches, the competitions and the events included in their jurisdiction without any limitations as for the content, the time, the place and the technical and legal aspects.

Part Seven: Competitions and International Matches

Article (71): Competitions and International Matches:

- 1) The International Federation, the continental federations and the national federations which are members of the International Federation are the only authorities entitled to organize the matches and the international competitions that take place between the National teams and the clubs and between the League associations teams and the other teams. No match or competition shall be held without obtaining a previous permission from the International Federation, the competent continental federation and the competent national federation according to the regulations applied by the International Federation concerning the international matches.
- 2) The Federation shall comply with the timetables of the international matches issued by the International Federation.
- 3) The Federation shall be responsible for the Saudi Arabia national football team for all age categories and shall be responsible for managing and organizing all affairs of the team.

Article (72): Communication

The Federation shall not play matches or hold sports contacts with federations that are not member of the International Federation or with any Standing Members in the Continental Federation without obtaining permission from the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (International Federation of Association Football) (FIFA).

Article (73): Approval:

The Clubs, the Associations and all other groups of clubs affiliated to the federation shall not have the right to join any other federation or participate in the competitions in the geographic scope of another federation without obtaining

approval from the Federation, the other Federation and the International Federation except for exceptional circumstances.

Part Eight: Final Provisions

Article (74): *Force majeure*

- 1) The **Board of Directors** shall have the right to issue resolutions as for the unexpected incidental matters and the force majeure cases for which a provision is not provided for in that Statutes (or any other regulations of the Federation regulations). If any of these matters takes place automatically by virtue of the powers of the General Assembly, a report about the occurred event shall be submitted to the following General Assembly meeting for approval. For consenting to the resolutions, the two thirds of the members of the General Assembly who attend and have the right to vote shall vote the resolutions.
- 2) Except the cases mentioned in the paragraph no (1), the Board of Directors may submit the non-incidental cases concerning the matters not mentioned in these statutes to the following General Assembly Meeting or to the extraordinary General Assembly meeting held for submitting the subject and its proposal. Taking the resolution require voting by two thirds of the attendant members.

Article (75): Distrust the Board of Directors and dissolving the Federation:

- 1) The General Assembly shall have the right to issue a resolution of distrusting the Board of Directors in the following cases:
 - a- If it is proven that the Board of Directors committed an act of corruption and financial breaches.
 - b- If it becomes difficult to complete the quorum of the meetings of the Board of Directors for four consecutive sessions or eight separated sessions in a year.

- c- If the General Assembly doesn't call for convening an ordinary meeting for two consecutive or separated times without legal reason.
 - d- If more than half of the directors of the board resigns or is dismissed.
 - e- If the International Federation or the Continental Federation doesn't recognize the Federation or ban it or dismiss it.
- 2) Any resolution concerned with distrust the Board of Directors shall require approval given by three quarters of the full members of the General Assembly, and this approval shall be obtained in any extraordinary General Assembly convened especially for this purpose.
 - 3) If the federation is dissolved, funds, assets and properties of the federation shall be transferred to the General Sports Authority to keep these funds, assets and properties as trusts and shall be given back to the Federation after being reinstituted.
 - 4) New elections for the Board of Directors shall take place according to the Article (33) of these statutes if one or more than one case of the cases provided for in the paragraph (1.a - b - c and d) of this article take place.

Article (76): Transitional Provisions:

- 1) Number of the members of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee was increased to (5) members in order for the Olympic Committee to undertake and comply with supporting the Federation with its best experts, abilities and cares without causing damage to the aforementioned. The Olympic Committee and the Federation agreed that the increase provided as mentioned previously will continue for the period occurring between the ordinary General Assemblies for the two years 2015 and 2018, provided that number of the members of the Saudi Arabian Olympic committee shall decrease automatically to (3) members after that.

- 2) Taking into consideration the two articles (42 and 66 of these statutes), the competitions committee shall continue organizing and managing the Professional League Championship and the clubs participating in it till the Saudi Professional Teams Associations complete to draft the regulations and the rules necessary for arranging the Professional League Championship.

Article (77): Enforceability:

- 1) Amendments to these statutes were approved and declared in the General Assembly Meeting convened in Riyadh City on 22/12/1439 AH corresponding to 02/09/2018 and these amendments shall be enforceable according to the two articles (30 - 32) of these statutes.
- 2) These statutes shall cancel all laws, regulations, circulars or resolutions that contradict with it; and any provision contradicting with it shall not be applied.