Republic of Yemen

Yemen Football Association

STATUTES

OF THE

YEMEN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Definitions

The terms given below denote the following:

YFA: Yemen Football Association

FIFA: Federation Internationale de Football Association.

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

League: an organisation subordinate to an Association.

Governorate association: an organisation subordinate to an Association.

AFC: Asian Football Confederation

Club: Member of the Yemen Football Association

Officials: all board members, committee members, coaches, referees, assistant referees, attendants as well as other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at FIFA , a confederation , association , league or club.

Player: a football player registered with Association

Congress: the supreme body of YFA

Executive Committee: the executive body of YFA.

Member: a legal or natural person that has been admitted into membership of YFA by the Congress.

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

IFAB: the International Football Association Board.

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

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

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

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

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Name, headquarters, legal form

1Yemen Football Association is a private organisation, in compliance with the legislation of Yemen and registered in Sana'a. It is formed for an unlimited period.
2The headquarters are in Sana'a.
3Yemen Football Association is a Member of FIFA and of AFC.
4The flag of Yemen Football Association is red, White and black
5The logo of Yemen Football Association is 'YFA' bordered by the colours of the national
flag.
6The abbreviation of Yemen Football Association is YFA.
7The flag, emblem, logo and abbreviation are legally registered with the relevant national legislation in Yemen.

Article 2 Objectives

The objectives of YFA are:
to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout Yemen in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;
to organise competitions in Association Football in all its forms at national level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various Leagues of which it is composed;
to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;
to protect the interests of its Members;
to respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of AFC and YFA as well as the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members.
to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of Association Football.
to control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of Yemen;; .
h) to manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in
all its forms;

i) to host competitions at international and other levels;

Article 3 Neutrality and non-discrimination

[1]YFA is neutral in matters of politics and religion.
[2]Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or groups of people on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other' reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion

Article 4 Promoting friendly relations

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

Article 5 Players

[1]The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of YFA in accordance with the current FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
[2] Players shall be registered in accordance with the regulations of YFA.

Article 6 Laws of the Game

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

Article 7 Conduct of bodies and Officials

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

Article 8 Official languages

[1]The official language(s) of YFA shall be Arabic and English. Official documents and texts shall be written in these languages. [In the event of any divergence between the.
interpretation of texts in different languages, the text written in Arabic, shall be regarded as authoritative.]

[2]The official language at the Congress shall be Arabic.

II. MEMBERSHIP

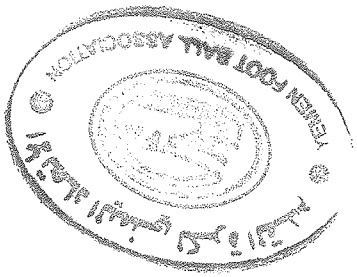
Article 9 Admission, suspension and expulsion

[1]The Congress shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.

[2]Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfils the requirements of YFA.

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

Article 10 Admission



[1]The Members of YFA are:
a) Clubs
b) Governorate associations
c) Referees' groups
d) Coaches' groups

[2]Any legal or natural person wishing to become a Member of YFA shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of YFA.

[3]The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:

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

[4]This article shall not affect the status of existing Members.

Article 11 Request and procedure for application

[1]The procedure for admission shall be regulated by special regulations approved by the Executive Committee of YFA.

[2]The Executive Committee shall request the Congress either to admit or not to'admit an applicant. The applicant may state the reasons for its application to the Congress.

[3]The new Member shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.



Article 12 Members' rights

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

Article 13 Members' obligations

[1]The Members of YFA have the following obligations:
a) to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC and YFA at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
b) to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
c) to take part in competitions and other sports activities organised by YFA;
d) to pay their membership subscriptions;
e) to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a statutory provision; to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, AFC, YFA or the Leagues shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the appropriate Arbitration Tribunal of FIFA, AFC or YFA and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;

f) to communicate to YFA any amendment of its Statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorised signatories, with the right to enter legally binding agreements with third parties;
g) not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognised or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;
h) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
i) to observe the mandatory items specified under article 10 paragraph 3 for the duration of their affiliation;
j) to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated;
k) to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, AFC and YFA.
[2]Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided for in these Statutes.

Article 14 Suspension

[1]The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously and repeatedly violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.

[2]A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by three-quarter majority of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.

[3]A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.

[4]Members which do not participate in the sports activities of YFA for two consecutive years shall be suspended from voting at the Congress and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.

Article 15 Expulsion

[1]The Congress may expel a Member:
a) if it fails to fulfil its financial obligations towards YFA;
b) if it seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA AFC and YFA;

[2]The presence of an absolute majority (50% + 1) of Members entitled to vote at the Congress is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of the valid votes cast.

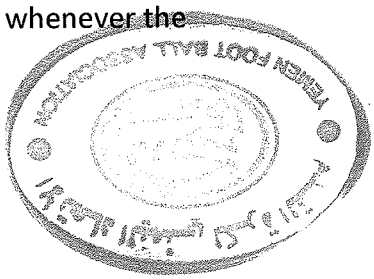
Article 16 Resignation

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

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

[1] Clubs, Governorate associations, Referees' Group and Coaches Group affiliated to YFA shall be subordinate to and recognised by YFA. These Statutes define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these Clubs, Governorate associations and groups. Their statutes and regulations must be approved by the Executive Committee of YFA.
[2]The affiliated Clubs and groups of YFA shall take all decisions on any matters regarding their membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of their corporate structure.

[3]In any case, no natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) shall exercise control over more than one Club or group whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardised.



III. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBER

Article 18 Honorary president and honorary member

[1]The Congress may bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member upon any persons for meritorious service to football.
[2]The Executive Committee shall make these nominations.
[3]The honorary president or honorary member may take part in the Congress. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

IV. ORGANISATION

Article 19 Bodies (of the Association)

[1]The Congress is the supreme and legislative body.

[2]The Executive Committee is the executive body.

[3]Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its duties. Their duties, composition and function are defined in these Statutes and/or special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

[4]The general secretariat is the administrative body.

[5]The judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee.

[6]The bodies of YFA shall be either elected or appointed by YFA itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes.

A. CONGRESS

Article 20 Definition and composition of the Congress

[1] The Congress is the meeting at which all of the Members of YFA regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of YFA. Only a Congress that is regularly convened has the authority to make decisions.

[2]A Congress may be an ordinary or extraordinary Congress.

[3]The President shall conduct the Congress business in compliance with the standing orders of the Congress.

[4] The Congress may appoint observers who take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote.

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

Article 21 delegates and votes

1- The congress is composed of (**80**) delegates .The number of delegates is Allocated as follows:

a) For each First Division Club, one delegate for each . A total of (**14**)delegates
b) For each second Division Club ,one delegate for each. a total of (**20**)Delegates
c) For Third Division Club, one delegate from each governorate .A Total of (**22**) delegates.
d) The president of YFA governorate association .. A total of (**22**) delegates (they have the right to vote but they are not eligible to be candidates for any position in the executive committee)
e) The Referees group (**1**) delegate
f) the Coaches Group (**1**) delegate;

[2]Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that Member. They must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.

[3]Each delegate of the same category of Member has an equal number of votes in the Congress. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.

[4] The Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in the Congress without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates for their association.

Article 22 Areas of authority

The Congress has the following authority:

a) adopting or amending the Statutes, regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress;
b) appointing three Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
c) electing the President and the vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee;
d) appointing the scrutineers;
e) approving the financial statements;
f) approving the budget;
g) approving the President's activity report;
h) appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
i) fixing the membership subscriptions;
j) deciding, upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, whether to bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member;
k) admitting, suspending or expelling a Member;
l) revoking the mandate of one or a number of members of a body of YFA;
m) dissolving YFA;
n) passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes;

Article 23 Quorum of the Congress

[1] Decisions passed by the Congress shall only be valid if the absolute majority (50% +1) of the Members who are entitled to vote are represented.

[2]If a quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place 24 hours after the first, with the same agenda.

[3]A quorum is not required for the second meeting unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of YFA, the election of the President and election of the vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee, the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of YFA, the exclusion of a Member of X or the dissolution of YFA.

Article 24 Decisions of the Congress

[1] Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a simple majority of the Members entitled to vote is sufficient for a vote to be valid. The number of valid votes counted shall decide the absolute majority. Spoiled or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority.

[2] A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favour of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.

Article 25 Elections

[1] Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

[2] For a person to be elected, an absolute majority (50% + 1) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite ballot, a simple majority of the votes recorded is sufficient.

[3]If there are more than two candidates for one available position, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as from the second ballot until only two candidates are left.

Article 26 Ordinary Congress

[1]The Ordinary Congress shall be held every year.

[2]The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least 30 days in advance.

[3]The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 15 days before the date of the Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the President's activity report, the financial statements and the auditors' report and any other relevant documents.

Article 27 Ordinary Congress agenda

[1]The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least 60 days before the date of the Congress.

[2] The Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items:

a) a declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of YFA;
b) approval of the agenda;
c) an address by the President;
d) appointment of Members to check the minutes;
e) appointment of scrutineers;
f) suspension or expulsion of Members (if applicable);
g) approval of the minutes of the preceding Congress;
h) President's activity report (containing the activities since the last Congress);
i) presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and loss statement;
j) approval of the financial statements;
k) approval of the budget;
l) admission for membership (if applicable);
m) votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress (if applicable);
n) discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Executive Committee;
o) appointment of independent auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
p) dismissal of a person or a body (if applicable);
q) election of the President, senior vice-president, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee (if applicable).accordin to these statutes, YFA regulations and FIFA standard electoral code
r) any further items proposed by the Members or the Executive Committee of YFA.

[3] The agenda of an Ordinary Congress may be altered, provided three-quarters of the Members present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.
[4] The Congress shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.

Article 28 Extraordinary Congress

[1]The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time.

[2] The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress if one-fifth of the Members of YFA make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held within one month of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened, the Members who requested it may convene the Congress themselves. As a last resort, the Members may request assistance from FIFA.

[3] The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least 15 days before the date of an Extraordinary Congress.

[4] When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, it must draw up the agenda. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened upon the request of Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members.

[5] *The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress may not be altered.*

Article 29 Amendments to the Statutes, [regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress]

[1] The Congress is responsible for amending the Statutes, the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress.

[2] Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal submitted by a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least ten other Members.

[3] For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, an absolute majority (50% +1) of the Members eligible to vote must be present.

[4] A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if three-quarters of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

[5]Any proposal to amend the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee.

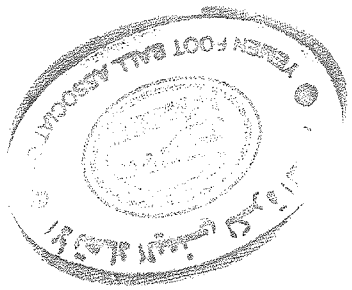
[6] A proposal for an amendment to the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Congress shall be adopted only if a simple majority of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

Article 30 Minutes

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

Article 31 Effective dates of decisions

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect for *the* members 30 days after the close of the Congress unless the congress fixes another date for a decision to take effect.



B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 32 Composition

The Executive Committee consists of 11 members :

a) 1 President.
b) 1 senior vise president
c) 1 vice president
d) 8 members (one of whom shall represent women's football.)

[2]The President, the senior vice-president, the vice-presidents and the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Congress. Every candidate in the election of Executive Committee members must be proposed by at least one Member No more than one representative of the same Member of YFA may serve on the Executive Committee simultaneously.

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

[4] - The members of the Executive committee shall be no older than 70 and no younger than 30. They shall have already been active in the football, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence and have residency within the territory of Yemen.

[5]-Candidatures must be sent to the general secretariat of YFA. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of YFA along with the agenda for the Congress at which the Executive Committee will be elected.

[6]- A member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of YFA.

[7]-If a position should become vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill that position until the next Ordinary Congress, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining
term of mandate.

Article 33 Meetings

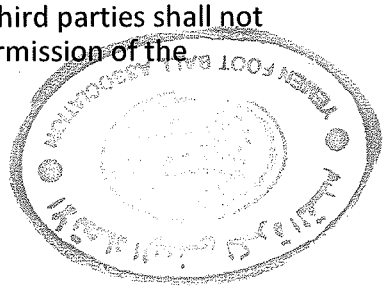
[1] The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

[2] The President shall convene the Executive Committee meetings. If 50% of the Executive Committee members request a meeting, the President shall convene it within
21 days.

[3] The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Executive Committee must submit the points they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the general secretariat at least 14 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least seven days before the meeting.

[4] The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.

[5] The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Executive Committee.



Article 34 Powers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee:

a) shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;

b) shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of YFA;

c) shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the standing committees;

d) shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the judicial bodies;

e) may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time;

f) shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;

g) shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President. The General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all the committees ex officio;

h) shall propose the independent auditors to the Congress;

i) shall decide the place and dates of and the number of teams participating in the competitions of YFA;

j) shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff;

k) shall approve regulations stipulating how YFA shall be organised internally;

l) shall ensure that the Statutes are applied, and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;

m) may dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of YFA provisionally until the next Congress;

n) may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of YFA or third parties.

Article 35 Decisions

' The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless 7 of its members are present.
2 The Executive Committee shall reach decisions by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote. Voting by proxy or letter is not permitted.
3 Any member of the Executive Committee must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interests.
4The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.
5 The decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

Article 36 Dismissal of a person or body



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

C. President

Article 37 President

1The President represents YFA legally. 2He is primarily responsible for:
a) implementing the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee through the general secretariat;
b) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of YFA in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
c) supervising the work of the general secretariat;
d) relations between YFA and its Members, FIFA, AFC, political bodies and other organisations.
[3]Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the Geneal secretary.

[4]The President shall preside over the Congress, the Executive Committee and Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed
chairman.
[5]The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.
[6]If the President is absent or unavailable, the senior vice-president shall deputise.
[7]Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organisation regulations of YFA.

Article 38 Candidates for the office of the President

[1]The President shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years. His mandate shall begin after the end of the Congress which has elected him. A President may be reelected.
[2]For the election of the President, two-thirds of the votes recorded and valid are necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite ballot, an absolute majority of the votes recorded (50% + 1 Member) is sufficient. If there are more than

two candidates, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as from the second ballot until only two candidates are left.
[3]Only Members of YFA may propose candidates for the office of President. Members shall notify the general secretariat in writing of the name of a candidate for the presidency of YFA at least 60 days before the date of the Congress.
[4]The general secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of the proposed candidates at least 30 days before the date of the Congress.
[5]if the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official function, the senior vice-president shall represent him until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new President, if necessary.

Article 39 Representation and signature

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

D. Emergency Committee

Article 40 Emergency Committee

[1]The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee.
The Committee shall consist of the

President of YFA and *5* members chosen from amongst the Association's Members and appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of 4 years. The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.
All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the senior vice-president available shall deputies.

E. Standing Committees

Article 41 Standing Committees

The standing committees of YFA are:

a) Finance Committee;
b) Internal Audit Committee;
c) Organizing Committee for domestic competitions;
d) Technical and Development Committee;
e) Referees' Committee;
f) Legal Committee;
g) Committee for Youth Football;
h) Futsal Committee;

i) Sports Medical Committee;
j) Players' Status Committee;
k) Committee for Ethics and Fair Play;
1) Media Committee;
m) Football Committee;
n) Strategic Studies Committee;
o) Marketing and Television Advisory Board;
p) Women Football Committee;

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

[3]Each chairman shall represent his committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant organisation regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.
[4]Each chairman shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report back to the Executive Committee.
[5] Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

Article 42 Finance Committee

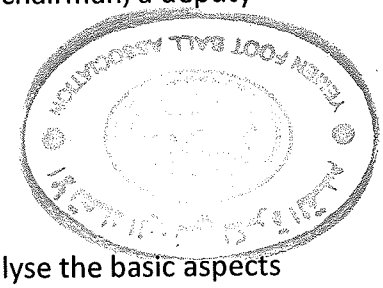
The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advise the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyse the budget of YFA and the financial statements prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and three members.

Article 43 Internal Audit Committee

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

Article 44 Organising Committee for domestic competitions

The Organising Committee for domestic competitions shall organise the competitions of YFA in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations applicable to YFA competitions. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and nine members.



Article 45 Technical and Development Committee

The Technical and Development Committee shall primarily analyse the basic aspects of football training and technical development. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and seven members.

Article 46 Referees' Committee

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

Article 47 Legal Committee

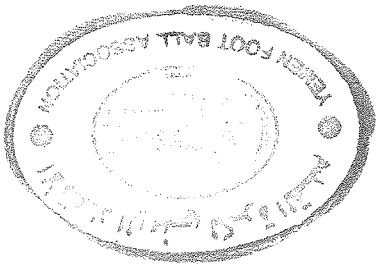
The Legal Committee shall analyse basic legal issues relating to football and the evolution of the Statutes and regulations of YFA and its Members. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and three members.

Article 48 Committee for Youth Football

The Committee for Youth Football shall organise youth football competitions and deal with all matters relating to youth football. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and three members.

Article 49 women committee

The Committee for Youth Football shall organise women football competitions and deal with all matters relating to women football. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and three members.



Article 50 Futsal Committee

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

Article 51 Sports Medical Committee

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

Article 52 Players' Status Committee

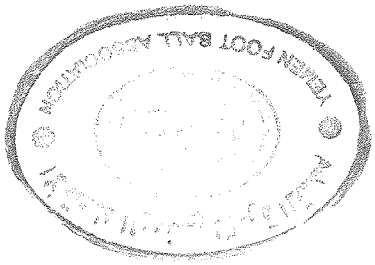
1The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of Players for various competitions of YFA. The Executive Committee may draw up special regulations governing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

Article 53 Committee for Ethics and Fair Play

The Committee for Ethics and Fair Play shall deal with everything relating to ethics in football and the promotion of fair play. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and three members.

Article 54 Media Committee

The Media Committee shall deal with the working conditions for the media at YFA events and maintain relations with media organisations. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and five members.



Article 55 Football Committee

The Football Committee shall deal with general issues in football but primarily with its structure as well as relations between Clubs, Leagues, Members, AFC and FIFA. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and three members.

Article 56 Marketing and Television Advisory Board

The Marketing and Television Advisory Board shall advise the Executive Committee with regard to drafting and implementing contracts between YFA and its marketing/television partners and analyse marketing and television strategies that have been devised. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and three members.

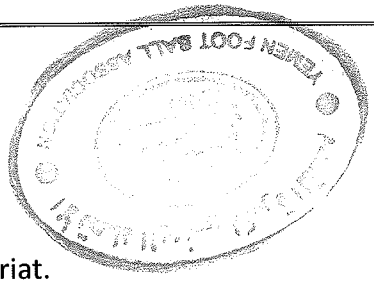
Article 57 Ad-hoc committees

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

F. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 58 General secretariat

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



Article 59 General Secretary

[1]The General Secretary is the chief executive of the general secretariat.
[2]He shall be appointed on the basis of an agreement governed by private law and shall have the necessary professional qualifications.
.[3]He shall be responsible for:
a) implementing decisions passed by the Congress and Executive Committee in compliance with the President's directives;
b) attending the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the standing and ad-hoc committees;
c) organising the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee and other bodies;
d) compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and standing and ad-hoc committees;
e) managing and keeping the accounts of YFA properly;
f) the correspondence of YFA;
g) relations with the Members, committees, FIFA and YFA;
h) organising the general secretariat;
i) the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat;
j) proposing managerial staff to the President;
[4] The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of YFA.

G. Judicial bodies

Article 60 Judicial bodies

[1]The judicial bodies of YFA are:
a) the Disciplinary Committee;

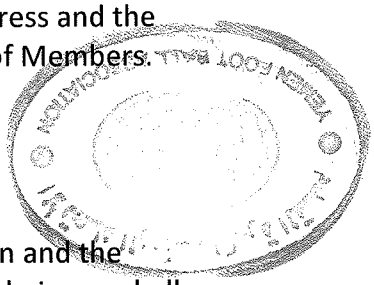
b) the Appeal Committee.

[2]The responsibilities and functions of these bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of YFA, which shall comply with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
[3]The decision-making powers of other committees remain unaffected.
[4] The members of the judicial bodies may not belong to any other body of YFA at the same time.

Article 61 Disciplinary Committee

[1]The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and the number of members deemed necessary. The chairman and the deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications.
[2]The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of YFA. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In

certain cases, the chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of YFA.
[3]The committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of YFA on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match and players' agents.
[4]These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.



Article 62 Appeal Committee

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

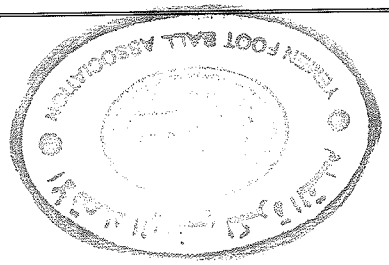
Article 63 Disciplinary measures

The disciplinary measures are primarily:
[1]for natural and legal persons:

a) *a warning;*
b) *a reprimand;*
c) *a fine;*
d) *the return of awards.*

[2]for natural persons:
a) *a caution;*
b) *an expulsion;*
c) *a match suspension;*
d) *a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;*
e) *a ban from entering a stadium;*
f) *a ban on taking part in any football-related activity.*

[3]for legal persons:
a) *a transfer ban;*
b) *playing a match without spectators;*
c) *playing a match on neutral territory;*
d) *a ban on playing in a particular stadium;*
e) *annulment of the result of the match;*
f) *expulsion;*
g) *a forfeit;*
h) deduction of points;
i) relegation to a lower division.



Article 64 Arbitration

YFA shall create an Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all internal national disputes between YFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents that do no fall under the jurisdiction of its judicial bodies. The Executive Committee shall draw up special regulations regarding the composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this Arbitration Tribunal.

Article 65 Jurisdiction

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

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

Article 66 Court of Arbitration for Sport

[1]1n accordance with Articles 59 and 60 of the FIFA Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding FIFA decision shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in lausanne, Switzerland. CAS shall not, however, hear appeals on violations of the Laws of the game,
Suspensions of up to four matches or up to three months, or decisions passed by an independent and duly constituted Arbitration Tribunal of an Association or Confederation.

[2] YFA shall ensure its full compliance and that of its Members, Players, Officials and match layers' agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA body or CAS.

V.FINANCE

Article 67 Financial period

[1]the financial period of YFA shall be one year and shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December.

[2]The revenue and expenses of YFA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. YFA's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.

[3]The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of YFA with its subsidiaries as at 31 December.

Article 68 Revenue

The revenue of YFA arises specifically from:

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

Article 69 Expenses

YFA bears:

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

Article 70 Independent Auditors

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

Article 71 Membership subscriptions

^Membership subscriptions are due on 1 January. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the Congress at which they are admitted.

2The Congress shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every four years on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Member and amount to no more than 20,000 riyals.

Article 72 Settlement

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

Article 73 Levies

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

VI. COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article 74 Competitions

[1]YFA organises and coordinates the following official competitions held within its territory: First, Second and Third Division Leagues, President's Cup, youth and futsal competitions.
[2]The Executive Committee may delegate to YFA's subordinate Leagues the authority to organise competitions. The competitions organised by the Leagues shall not interfere with those competitions organised by YFA. Competitions organised by YFA shall take priority.

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

Article 75 Club licensing

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

Article 76 Rights

[1]VFA and its Members are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any
restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.
[2]The Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilised and draw up special regulations to this end. The Executive Committee shall alone decide whether these rights shall be utilised exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

Article 77 Authorisation

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

VII. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article 78 International matches and competitions

[1]The authority for organising international matches and competitions between Association teams and between Leagues and/or Club teams lies solely with FIFA. No match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of the FIFA

Executive Committee. In addition, permission from the AFC may be required in accordance with the FIFA regulations.

[2]YFA is bound to comply with the International match calendar compiled by FIFA.

Article 79 Contacts

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

Article 80 Approval

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

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

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Dear Sir;

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We refer to your letter Dated 31 March 2010 ..

It`s my pleasure to enclose herewith the ratified English and Arabic version of the YFA statutes – that was approved at the extraordinary congress held on 9 February 2010 - according to the comments mentioned in your letter

Your kind cooperation is highly appreciated

With best regards

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