

STATUTES

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The terms given below denote the following:

NFA: Namibia Football Association, a football association recognised by and a member of FIFA.

CAF: Confederation Africaine de Football.

FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

COSAFA: Council of Southern Africa Football Associations.

Association: Namibia Football Association recognised by and a Member of FIFA.

League: an organisation subordinate to the Association and playing association football with as many clubs as determined by the NFA Executive Committee.

Regional Football Association: a Regional League or District League subordinate to the Association and representing the fourteen political regions as defined under the Namibian Constitution and the Regional Councils Act, 22 of 1992.

NPFL: Namibia Premier Football League

National League: consists of the Namibia Premier Football League and the three streams of the nationwide First Division.

Association model: The Top Tier League shall adopt a Member Association Model and shall not be a separate entity model unless otherwise stated in this Statutes

Member Association Management: Is the Top Tier League who shall be management by the Association.

NPFL representative Chairperson: Representative Chairperson of the Namibia Premier Football League elected from amongst the Chairpersons of the member clubs of the NPFL.

Association football: the game controlled by FIFA and organised by FIFA, the Confederations and/or the Member Association in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

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

Club: Member of a football League (that is itself a Member of NFA).

Officials: all board members, committee members, referee and assistant referee, coach trainer and any other person (except Players) responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters in FIFA, a Confederation, Association, League or Club as well as other persons obliged to comply with the FIFA statutes.

Player: a football player registered with an Association.

Congress: the supreme and legislative body of the NFA.

Executive Committee: the executive body of the NFA.

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

IFAB: the International Football Association Board.

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

Arbitration Tribunal: an independent and duly constituted court of justice acting instead of an Ordinary Court.

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

Rules and Regulations: principles governing association football, leagues and related matters and to ensure their enforcement as issued by the Executive Committee of NFA from time to time.

The NFA Statutes shall be denominated Statutes or Constitution.

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

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Name, headquarters, legal form

1. The Namibia Football Association is a registered sports body of an associative nature in compliance with the laws of the Republic of Namibia. It is formed for an unlimited period.
2. The headquarters are in Windhoek, Football House, Mahatma Ghandi Street with its entrance in Richard Kamuhuka Street, Katutura.
3. The NFA is a Member of COSAFA, CAF and FIFA.
4. The colours of the NFA are: Blue, red, green, yellow and white.
5. The Flag of the NFA is red with black inscriptions.
6. The Emblem of the NFA is a soccer ball engraved in the centre of a shining sun with twelve rays and the words "NFA" and "Namibia Football Association" superimposed at the plane base.
7. The moto of the NFA is "bringing peoples' Game to People".
8. The flag, emblem, logo and abbreviation are legally registered with the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Article 2 Objectives

The objectives of the NFA are:

- a) to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of the Republic of Namibia in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;
- b) to organise competitions in Association Football in all its forms at a national level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various Leagues of which it is composed;
- c) to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;
- d) to protect the interests of its Members;
- e) to respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, of CAF, COSAFA and the NFA as well as the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
- f) to promote integrity, ethics and fair play with a view to preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardise the integrity of matches, competitions, Players, Officials and Members or give rise to abuse of Association Football;
- g) to control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of Namibia;
- h) to control and supervise Association Football at national level and to control and supervise all forms of international football matches played throughout the territory of Namibia, in accordance with the relevant statutes and regulations of FIFA and the Confederation;
- i) to manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;
- j) to host competitions at international and other levels;
- k) to promote friendly relations amongst its Members, their affiliates, officials, players and supporters by promoting the organization of football matches at all levels and by supporting Members and their affiliates in any manner the Association deems appropriate.



Article **3 Neutrality and non-discrimination**

- 1 The NFA is neutral in matters of politics, ethnicity, gender and religion.
- 2 Discrimination of any kind against a member, private person or groups of people on account of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

Article **4 Promoting friendly relations**

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

Article **5 Players**

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

Article **6 Laws of the Game**

1. The NFA and each of its Members play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.
2. The NFA and each of its Members play futsal and beach soccer in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game and the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game. Only



FIFA may lay down and alter the Futsal Laws of the game and the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game.

Article **7 Conduct of bodies and Officials**

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

Article **8 Official language**

The official language of the NFA is English. Official documents and texts shall be written in this language.

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II MEMBERSHIP

Article 9 Admission, suspension and expulsion

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

Article 10 Admission

1. The Members of the NFA are:
 - a) Namibia Premier Football League;
 - b) The three streams of the Nationwide First Division (south, north east and north west)
 - c) The fourteen Regional Football Associations;
 - d) Women's association;
 - e) Referees' association;
 - f) Players' Union;
 - g) Coaches' association.
2. Any legal or natural person wishing to become a Member of the NFA shall apply in writing to the general secretariat of the NFA.
3. The application must be accompanied by the prescribed fee as determined from time to time by the Executive Committee, including the following documents and declarations:
 - a) a copy of its legally valid Constitution and regulations;
 - b) a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA, CAF, COSAFA and the NFA 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 will not take matters of interpretation and application of the FIFA, CAF and NFA Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives to Ordinary Courts, unless the FIFA, the CAF or the NFA regulations provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts;
 - e) a declaration that it recognises the Judicial Bodies of the NFA and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes;
 - f) a declaration that it is located and registered in the territory of Namibia;
 - g) a declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of Namibia;
 - h) a declaration to the effect that the legal composition of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions independently of any external entity;
 - i) a list of Officials, specifying those who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - j) a declaration that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of the NFA;
 - k) a copy of the minutes of its last congress, Annual General Meeting or constitutional meeting.
4. The Executive Committee may grant provisional membership, subject to ratification by the Congress.
5. 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 the NFA.
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.

Article 12 Members' rights

1. The Members of the NFA have the following rights:

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- a) to take part in the Congress of the NFA, 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 elections to all bodies of the NFA;
 - d) to be informed of the affairs of the NFA through its official bodies;
 - e) to take part in competitions, if applicable, and/or other sporting activities organised by the NFA;
 - f) to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of the NFA.
2. The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

Article **13 Members' obligations**

1. The Members of the NFA have the following obligations:
- a) to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF, COSAFA and the NFA at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
 - b) to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies at least every four years;
 - c) to convene its supreme and legislative body at regular intervals, as a general rule once a year but if circumstances so require, at least every two years;
 - d) to take part in competitions, if applicable and other sports activities organised by the NFA;
 - e) to pay their membership subscriptions;
 - f) to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and the Beach Soccer and Futsal Laws of the Game as laid down by FIFA, and to ensure that these are also respected by its members through a statutory provision;
 - g) 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, CAF, COSAFA and the NFA or the League(s) shall only be referred to the appropriate Arbitration Tribunal of NFA or to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, both as specified in the FIFA Statutes and in these Statutes, and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;

- h) to communicate to the NFA any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - i) not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognised or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;
 - j) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
 - k) to observe the mandatory items specified under article 10 paragraph 3 for the duration of their affiliation;
 - l) to administer a register of members which shall regularly be updated and to ensure that its members also administer a register of their members which shall regularly be updated;
 - m) to ratify statutes that are in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes of NFA.
 - n) to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, CAF, COSAFA and the NFA.
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 or a Member of a Member that seriously violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
2. A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by a two-thirds majority of the delegates representing the members present and eligible to vote. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.
3. A suspended Member or a Member of a Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member or a Member of a Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
4. Members that do not participate in the sporting activities of the NFA 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 or a Member of a Member if:
 - a) it fails to fulfil its financial obligations towards the NFA;
 - b) it repeatedly violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of NFA, COSAFA, CAF and FIFA as the case may be;
 - c) it brings a dispute to an Ordinary Court, except in cases where the FIFA, CAF or NFA regulations or binding legal provisions specifically provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts;
 - d) it does anything which seriously brings the game into disrepute or prejudices the contractual obligations of NFA.
2. The presence of a majority (more than 50%) of delegates representing the Members eligible 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 the NFA with effect from the end of a soccer season. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat no later than six months prior to the end of any football season.
2. The resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards the NFA and the other Members of the NFA.

Article **17 Independence of Members and their bodies**

1. Each Member shall manage its affairs independently and with no influence from third parties.
2. The Members' bodies shall be either elected or appointed. The Members' statutes shall provide for a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment.
3. Any Members' bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with the provisions of par. 2, even on an interim basis, shall not be recognised by the Association.
4. Decisions passed by bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with par. 2 shall not be recognised by the Association.



Article **18 Status of Clubs, Leagues, Regional Associations
and other groups of Clubs**

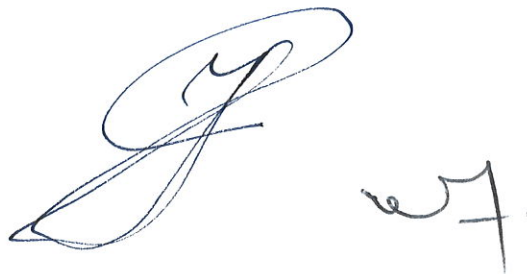
1. Clubs, Leagues, Regional Associations or any other groups of Clubs affiliated to the NFA shall be subordinate to and recognised by the NFA. There shall only be one top-tier national league on the territory of Namibia. These Statutes define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these Clubs and groups. The Executive Committee of the NFA must approve their statutes and regulations. Such approval shall not unreasonably be withheld.
2. The affiliated Clubs and groups of the NFA 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.

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III HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBER

Article 19 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.

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IV ORGANISATION

Article 20 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 may be defined in these Statutes and/or special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee. In the absence of such regulations the like regulations passed by FIFA shall apply mutatis mutandis.
4. The general secretariat is the administrative body.
5. The judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee, the Ethics Committee and the Appeal Committee.
6. The Electoral Committee is the body in charge of organising and supervising the election process.
7. The Club Licensing Body is in charge of the club licensing system within the Association.
8. The bodies of the NFA shall be either elected or appointed by the NFA itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes.

A. CONGRESS

Article 21 Definition and composition of the Congress

1. The Congress is the meeting at which all of the Members of the NFA regularly convene. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of the NFA. Only a Congress that is properly 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.

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Article 22 Delegates and votes

1. The Congress is composed of the following delegates:
 - a. For the Namibia Premier Football League, 4 delegates with four votes
 - b. For the Southern Stream First Division, 2 delegates with two votes
 - c. For the North West Stream First Division, 2 delegates with two votes
 - d. For the North East Stream First Division, 2 delegates with two votes
 - e. For each of the 14 Regional Leagues, 2 delegates with one vote
 - f. For the Referees' Association, 2 delegates with one vote
 - g. For the Women's Association, 2 delegates with one vote
 - h. For the Players' Union, 2 delegates with one vote
 - i. For the Coaches' Association, 2 delegates with one vote
2. Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that Member. The delegation must have a clearly identified Head of Delegation who will also have the power to vote on behalf of the Member. They must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.
3. 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 any of the Members.

Article 23 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 (3) Members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
- c) electing or dismissing the President, the two vice-presidents and the 6 members of the Executive Committee;

- d) approving or dismissing the chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the judicial bodies.
- e) appointing the scrutineers;
- f) approving the financial statements;
- g) approving the budget;
- h) approving the President's activity report;
- i) appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
- j) fixing the membership subscriptions on the recommendation of the Executive Committee;
- k) deciding, upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, whether to bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member;
- l) admitting, suspending or expelling a Member;
- m) revoking the mandate of one or a number of members of a body of the NFA;
- n) dissolving the NFA;
- o) passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes;
- p) approving or dismissing the Electoral Committee members;
- q) approving or dismissing the Audit and Compliance Committee members.

Article 24 Quorum of the Congress

1. Decisions passed by the Congress shall only be valid if a majority (more than 50) of the delegates representing the Members entitled to vote are present.
2. If a quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place within 24 hours, or another period defined by the Executive Committee with the same agenda.
3. A quorum is not required for the second meeting of the Congress unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of the NFA, the election of the President and the election of the vice-president and members of the Executive Committee, the dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of the NFA, the expulsion of a Member of the NFA or the dissolution of the NFA



Article 25 Decisions of the Congress

1. A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favour of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is sufficient for a decision to be valid. Blank ballot papers, invalid votes manipulated in any other way as well as abstentions shall be disregarded when calculating a majority.

Article 26 Elections

1. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot unless the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies. Then the election may be conducted by acclamation.
2. Elections of NFA, of Members of NFA and the members of Members of NFA shall be conducted in accordance with the Electoral Code of NFA.
3. For a person to be elected as President, a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast recorded and valid is necessary in the first ballot. If there are more than two candidates for the office of President and if no candidate reached the majority (more than 50%), whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as from the second ballot until only two candidates are left.
4. For the election of the First Vice-President, the candidate who receives the most votes in respect of the free seat shall be elected.
5. For the election of the Second Vice-President, the candidate who receives the most votes in respect of the free seat shall be elected.
6. For the election of the female member, the candidate who receives the most votes in respect of the free seat shall be elected.
7. For the election of the other 5 members of the Executive Committee, the candidates who receive the most votes in respect of the free seats shall be elected.
8. For a person who is duly nominated to be elected as President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and as a member of the Executive Committee that person must be present in the Elective Congress arranged for the election to which he is so nominated.



9. The chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of all other bodies (e.g. judicial bodies, electoral bodies and Audit and Compliance Committee) of NFA are approved by the Congress.
10. In case of a tied vote, new ballots shall be conducted until the respective candidate or list is elected in accordance with the procedure set forth by the present provision.

Article **27** 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 2 months 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.
4. Objection against non-compliance with the time limits may be expressed in writing to the General Secretariat at least five working days prior to the meeting, failing which it shall be deemed that non-compliance has been condoned.

Article **28** Ordinary Congress agenda

1. The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least 30 days before the date of the Congress.
2. The Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items:
 - a) a declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of the NFA;
 - 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) approving the members of the judicial bodies, the Audit and Compliance Committee and the electoral bodies;
 - r) election of the President, vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee (if applicable);
 - s) any further items proposed by the Members or the Executive Committee of the NFA.
3. The Congress shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.
 4. The agenda of an Ordinary Congress may be altered, provided two-thirds of the delegates present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.

Article 29 Extraordinary Congress

1. The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time.
2. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress if half of the delegates representing the Members of the NFA 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 the Executive Committee fails to convene an Extraordinary Congress within the prescribed period, the delegates representing the Members who requested it may request assistance from FIFA and CAF.
3. The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least 14 days before the date of an Extraordinary Congress.

4. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, it must draw up the agenda. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened upon the request of Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members.
5. The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress may not be altered.

Article 30 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 and, if applicable, the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress.
2. Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal submitted by delegates representing a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least two other delegates representing the Members.
3. For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing 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 delegates representing 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 the delegates representing 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 by a simple majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast.



Article 31 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 32 Effective dates of decisions

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect immediately after the close of the Congress, unless otherwise stipulated in these Statutes or unless the Congress fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 33 Composition

1. The Executive Committee consists of eleven (11) members:
 - a) 1 President
 - b) 1 First Vice-President
 - c) 1 Second Vice-President
 - d) 6 Members (at least one of which shall be a woman)
 - e) 1 Representative Chairperson of the Namibia Premier Football League elected from amongst the chairpersons of the member clubs of the NPFL
 - f) 1 representative chairperson of the of the nationwide first division elected from amongst the chairpersons of the three streams of the nationwide first division
2. The President, the vice-president and the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Congress. Every candidate for the positions of the President, Vice-President and the 7 members must be proposed by at least one delegate representing a Member. The representative Chairperson of the Namibia Premier Football League shall be the elected chairperson amongst the chairpersons of the member clubs of the NPFL. The representative chairperson of the nationwide First Division shall be elected by and amongst the three chairpersons of the three streams of the nationwide first division unless there is a deadlock in which case the Congress will hold elections for the position.
3. The mandate of the President, the first vice-president, the second vice-president and members of the Executive Committee is for four years. Their mandates shall begin

after the end of the Congress which has elected them. They may be re-elected for one consecutive term.

4. All members of the Executive Committee shall be no older than 70 (seventy) years and no younger than 23 (twenty-three) years. The President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President and the 6 members (except the representative chairperson of the Namibia Premier Football League and the representative chairperson of the nationwide first division) shall furthermore have already been active in football for a period of no less than four (4) years (serving as an Executive Committee member of a Member).
5. The members of the Executive Committee must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence incompatible with the position and must have residency within the territory of the NFA.
6. Candidatures must be sent to the general secretariat of the NFA. The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of the NFA along with the agenda for the Congress at which the Executive Committee will be elected.
7. A member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a judicial body of the NFA.
8. If a position or up to 50% of the positions should become vacant (death, resignation or absence from 3 consecutive meetings), the Executive Committee shall fill the position(s) in question until the next Congress, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of mandate. If the vacancy occurs within three months prior to the next Ordinary Congress, the Executive Committee may elect not to fill the vacancy.
9. If more than 50% of the positions of the Executive Committee become vacant, the Secretary General shall convene an Extraordinary Congress within the prescribed period of time.

Article **34** Meetings

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a calendar 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. If the President does not convene the requested meeting within the aforementioned deadline the other members of the Executive Committee shall convene it themselves.
3. The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Executive Committee must submit the points they wish to be included in

the agenda for the meeting to the general secretariat at least 14 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least seven days before the meeting.

4. The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.
5. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have voting rights and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Executive Committee.

Article 35 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 or the regulations made thereunder;
- b) shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of the NFA;
- c) shall appoint the chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the standing committees;
- d) shall propose to the Congress the chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the judicial bodies;
- e) shall propose to the Congress the chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the electoral bodies
- f) shall propose to the Congress the chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee
- g) may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time;
- h) shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
- i) shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary. The General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all the committees ex officio;
- j) shall propose the independent auditors to the Congress;
- k) shall decide the place and dates of and the number of teams participating in the competitions of the NFA;
- l) shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff;
- m) shall approve regulations stipulating how the NFA shall be organised internally;
- n) shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;

- o) may dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of the NFA provisionally until the next Congress;
- p) may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of the NFA or third parties;
- q) may appoint observers who take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote.

Article **36 Decisions**

- 1. The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless more than 50% of its members are present.
- 2. The Executive Committee shall reach decisions by a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- 3. Any member of the Executive Committee must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of a conflict of interests.
- 4. The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 5. The decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

Article **37 Dismissal of a person or body**

- 1. The Congress may dismiss a person or body. The Executive Committee may place the dismissal of a person or body on the agenda for the Congress. The Executive Committee may also dismiss a person or body provisionally. Any Executive Committee member may submit a proposal to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda of the Executive Committee or Congress.
- 2. The motion for dismissal must be justified. It will be sent to the Members of the Executive Committee and/or to the Members of the NFA along with the agenda.
- 3. The person or body in question has the right to defend himself or itself.
- 4. The motion for dismissal shall be decided 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) is relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.

C. PRESIDENT

Article 38 President

1. The President represents the NFA legally.
2. He is primarily responsible for:
 - a) implementing the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee through the general secretariat;
 - b) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of NFA in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
 - c) supervising the work of the general secretariat;
 - d) relations between the NFA and its Members, FIFA, CAF, COSAFA, statutory bodies, political bodies and other organisations.
3. Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.
4. The President shall preside over the Congress, the Executive Committee and Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed chairman.
5. The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.
6. If the President is absent or unavailable, the first vice-president shall deputise. If the first vice-president is also absent or unavailable, the second vice-president shall deputise.
7. The position of President will be considered vacant in case of death, dismissal or if he does not participate in three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee.
8. If the position of the President becomes vacant, the First Vice-President shall deputise until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new President for the remaining term of the mandate.
9. Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the Internal Organisation Regulations of the NFA.



Article 39 Candidates for the office of President

- 1 The President shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years. His mandate shall commence after the end of the Congress, which has elected him. A President may be re-elected for one consecutive term.
- 2 Only Members of the NFA 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 the NFA at least 45 days before the date of the Congress.
- 3 The General Secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of the proposed candidates at least one month before the date of the Congress.
- 4 The General Secretariat shall invite the nominated candidates to attend the congress to which they are so nominated.

Article 40 Representation and signature

The President represents the NFA legally and is entitled to sign for the NFA. The Executive Committee may set up Internal Organisation Regulations regarding the joint signature of officers, in particular, in case of the President's absence and concerning all important business of the NFA.

D. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Article 41 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 the NFA, the First Vice-President and one member chosen from amongst the members of the Executive Committee and appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of four years.
- 2 The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.

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- 3 The Emergency Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless two of its members take part in the debate. The Emergency Committee shall reach decisions by a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote.
- 4 All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
- 5 If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the Vice-president shall deputise.

E. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 42 Standing Committees

- 1 The standing committees of the NFA are:
 - a) Finance Committee;
 - b) Audit and Compliance Committee;
 - c) Organising Committee for NFA competitions;
 - d) Technical and Development Committee;
 - e) Referees' Committee;
 - f) Legal Committee;
 - g) Committee for Women's Football;
 - h) Youth Football Committee;
 - i) Medical Committee;
 - j) Players' Status Committee
- 2 At least the chairperson of the standing committees shall be members of the Executive Committee with the exception of that for the Audit and Compliance Committee' who may not belong to the Executive Committee. The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President of the NFA. The chairperson, deputy chairperson and the members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of four years.
- 3 Each chairperson shall represent his committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant directives drawn up by the Executive Committee.
- 4 Each chairperson 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 terms of reference to the Executive Committee.

Article **43 Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advise the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyse the budget of the NFA and the financial statements prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval. It shall consist of a chairperson, who must have tertiary financial qualification and relevant experience in the finance area, a deputy chairperson and two members.

Article **44 Audit and Compliance Committee**

- 1 The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the financial statements, the consolidated statement and the external auditors' report.
- 2 The Audit & Compliance Committee shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in monitoring the Association's financial and compliance matters and issue and monitor compliance with the relevant regulations of the Association.
- 3 Details on the Audit and Compliance Committee's responsibilities, its internal cooperation and other procedural matters are stipulated in the relevant regulations of the Association.
- 4 The chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be elected for a period of four years and may only be relieved of their duties by the Congress.
- 5 If the chairperson, the deputy chairperson or a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee permanently ceases to perform his official function during his term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Congress.

Article **45 Organising Committee for the NFA competitions**

The Organising Committee for the NFA competitions shall organise the competitions of the NFA in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations applicable to the NFA competitions. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.



Article **46 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 chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.

Article **47 Referees' Committee**

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

Article **48 Legal Committee**

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

Article **49 Committee for Women's Football**


The Committee for Women's Football shall organise women's football competitions and deal with all matters relating to women's football. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and two members.

Article **50 Youth Football Committee**

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

Article **51 Medical Committee**

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

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Article **52 Players' Status Committee**

- 1 The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of Players for various competitions of NFA. 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 chairperson, a deputy chairperson and three members.
- 2 Players' status disputes involving NFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents shall be settled in the last instance by an Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with these Statutes.

Article **53 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 functions are defined in special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee. An ad-hoc committee shall report directly to the Executive Committee.

F. OTHER BODIES

Article **54 Club Licensing Body**

The Club Licensing Body is in charge of the club licensing system within the NFA in accordance with the regulations of CAF.

Article **55 Electoral Committee**

The Electoral Committee is the body in charge of organising and supervising the election process in accordance with the Electoral Code of NFA.

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G. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 56 General Secretariat

The general secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of the NFA under the direction of the General Secretary. The members of the general secretariat are bound by the Internal Organisational Regulations of the NFA and shall fulfil the given tasks in the best manner.

Article 57 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 the NFA properly;
 - f) the correspondence of the NFA;
 - g) relations with the Members, committees, FIFA, CAF and COSAFA;
 - h) organising the general secretariat;
 - i) the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee
 - j) proposing managerial staff to the President;
 - k) co-signing with the President, documents of the NFA.
- 4 The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of the NFA.



H. JUDICIAL BODIES

Article 58 Judicial bodies

- 1 The judicial bodies of the NFA are:
 - a) the Disciplinary Committee;
 - b) the Ethics Committee;
 - c) the Appeal Committee.
- 2 The judicial bodies shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and a specific number of other members.
- 3 The judicial bodies are to be composed in such a way that the members, together have the knowledge, abilities and expertise that are necessary for the due completion of their tasks. The chairperson of the judicial bodies shall have a legal qualification. The term of office shall be four years. The members may be re-elected or relieved of their duties at any time, although they may only be relieved of their duties by the Congress.
- 4 The chairperson, deputy chairperson and other members of the judicial bodies shall be approved by the Congress upon proposal of the Executive Committee and shall not be members of the Executive Committee or of a standing committee.
- 5 If the chairperson, the deputy chairperson or a member of the judicial body permanently ceases to perform his official function during his term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Congress for approval.
- 6 The responsibilities and function of the judicial bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of NFA and the Code of Ethics of NFA.

Article 59 Disciplinary Committee

1. The function of the Disciplinary Committee shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of the NFA and shall generally be responsible for all disciplinary matters that might occur within the NFA. Members and Leagues of the NFA is authorised to have a separate Disciplinary Committee or equivalent body. The Disciplinary Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of the NFA.



2. The committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of the NFA on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match and players' agents.
3. These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.
4. The Executive Committee shall issue the Disciplinary Code of NFA.

Article 60 Ethics Committee

- 1 The function of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the Code of Ethics of NFA. The Ethics Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairperson may rule alone.
- 2 The Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, the Code of Ethics of NFA and the Disciplinary Code of NFA on Officials, Players and match and players' agents.
- 3 The Executive Committee shall issue the Code of Ethics of NFA.

Article 61 Appeal Committee

1. The function of the Appeal Committee shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code and the Ethics Code of the NFA. The Appeal Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone.
2. The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee and the Ethics Committee that are not declared final by the relevant regulations of NFA.
3. Decisions pronounced by the Appeals Committee may be appealed to the Arbitration Tribunal of NFA, in the absence of an arbitration tribunal, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, as specified in these Statutes.

Article 62 Disciplinary measures

The disciplinary measures are primarily:

- 1 for natural and legal persons:

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- 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;
 - g) social work.
- 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 from a competition;
 - g) a forfeit;
 - h) deduction of points;
 - i) relegation to a lower division;
 - j) replaying a match.

Article **63 Arbitration**

- 1 The NFA shall create an independent Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all internal national disputes between NFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents and all the decisions taken on any of the aforementioned issues that are not declared final and binding.
- 2 The Executive Committee shall draw up special regulations regarding the composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this Arbitration Tribunal.
- 3 As long as within the territory of NFA no Arbitration Tribunal has been installed and recognised by the Congress of NFA, any dispute of national dimension may only be referred in the last instance to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.



Article **64 Jurisdiction**

- 1 The NFA, 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 NFA, the Arbitration Tribunal recognised by NFA or the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. Disputes arising from association football conducted under the auspices of FIFA are of a special character: They require speedy resolution and the ordinary courts of law are ill suited for the purpose. It is for that reason that FIFA and the NFA place resolution of such disputes outside the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts of the land. Every member, affiliate, club, official and individual who voluntarily accepts to participate in association football in Namibia under the auspices of FIFA and NFA, does so with the full knowledge, recognition and acceptance of that underlying premise and covenants to be bound by it.
- 2 The NFA shall have jurisdiction on all internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to the NFA. FIFA shall have jurisdiction on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different Associations and/or Confederations.

Article **65 Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**

- 1 In accordance with the relevant provisions 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. NFA shall ensure its full compliance and that of its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA body, by a relevant CAF body, by the Arbitration Tribunal recognised by NFA or by the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.



V FINANCE

Article 66 Financial Period

- 1 The financial period of the NFA shall be one year and shall begin on 01 April and end on 31 March of the following year.
- 2 The revenue and expenses of the NFA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period.
- 3 The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of the NFA with its subsidiaries as at 31 March.

Article 67 Revenue

The revenue of the NFA arises specifically from:

- a) Members' annual subscriptions;
- b) receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which the NFA is entitled;
- c) fines imposed by the authorised bodies;
- d) other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by the NFA;
- e) sponsorships;
- f) any other revenue related to football activities.

Article 68 Expenses

The NFA bears:

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

Article 69 Independent and external auditors

The independent and external auditors appointed by the Congress shall audit the accounts approved by the Finance Committee in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and prepare for presentation by the Executive a report to the Congress. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of one financial year. This mandate may be renewed.



Article **70 Membership subscriptions**

- 1 Membership subscriptions are due on 31 April of every year. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the Congress at which they are admitted.
- 2 The Congress shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every year on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Article **71 Settlement**

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

Article **72 Levies**

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

VI COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article **73 Competitions**

- 1 The NFA organises and coordinates the following official competitions held within its territory:
 - a) NFA Cup
 - b) Youth Cup(s);
 - c) Sponsored cups; and
 - d) Such other competitions as the NFA Executive Committee may decide from time to time.
- 2 The Executive Committee may delegate to the NFA's subordinate Leagues the authority to organise competitions [e.g. by means of a proper and comprehensive agreement for elite football]. The competitions organised by the Leagues shall not interfere with those competitions organised by the NFA. Competitions organised by the NFA shall take priority.
- 3 The Executive Committee may issue special regulations to this end.

Article **74 Club licensing**

1. The Executive Committee of NFA shall set up regulations regarding a club licensing system governing the participation of Clubs in competitions of NFA in compliance with the minimum requirements of the club licensing system as set up by CAF in conformity with the FIFA Club Licensing Regulations.
2. NFA will proceed to the granting of licenses to the clubs according to the club licensing system setting the minimum requirements adopted by CAF for the granting of licenses.
3. The said club licensing system includes in particular:
 - (a) The minimum criteria to be met by clubs in order to be allowed to take part in CAF competitions;
 - (b) The procedure for granting the license to the clubs;
 - (c) The minimal requirements to be applied by the licensor.

Article **75 Rights**

- 1 The NFA 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.

Article **76 Authorisation**

The NFA 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.

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VII INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article 77 International matches and competitions


- 1 The authority for organising international matches and competitions between representative teams and between Leagues, Club teams and/or scratch teams lies solely with FIFA, CAF and/or NFA. No such match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of the FIFA, CAF and/or the NFA concerned in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.
- 2 The NFA is bound to comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

Article 78 Contacts

NFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents 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 79 Approval

- 1 Clubs, Leagues or any other groups of Clubs that are affiliated to the NFA may not join another Association without the authorisation of the NFA, the other Association, CAF and FIFA
- 2 Clubs, Leagues or any other group of clubs that are affiliated to NFA cannot participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorisation of NFA, the other Association(s), FIFA and the respective Confederation(s) according to the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches.

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VIII FINAL PROVISIONS

Article **80 Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure**

The Executive Committee shall have the power to decide on all cases of force majeure and on all matters not provided for in the Statutes, such decisions to be made according to right and justice, taking into account the relevant regulations of FIFA and CAF.

Article **81 Dissolution**

- 1 Any decision relating to the dissolution of the NFA requires a majority of three-fourths of all of the Members of the NFA, which must be obtained at a Congress specially convened for the purpose.
- 2 If the NFA is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to the Namibia Sports Commission. It shall hold these assets in trust as "bonus pater familiae" until the NFA is re-established. The final Congress may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two-thirds majority.

Article **82 Repeal**


These Statutes repeal the NFA Statutes, and NFA Constitution adopted on 05th December 1998, 19th November 2005, 26th September 2014 and 05th December 2020 at Windhoek.

Article **83 Enforcement**

These Statutes were adopted at the 29th Ordinary Congress of the NFA held in Windhoek on the 5th December 2020 and comes into force on 5th December 2020.

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FOR THE NFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Izak Joseph Fredericks
1ST VICE-PRESIDENT



Franco Cosmos
SECRETARY GENERAL

Transitory Provisions

1. These Statutes do not affect the composition of the Executive Committee until the next elective Congress.
2. The Judicial Organs will be endorsed at the [06th December 2014] Congress for a four years term.
3. Following the expulsion of the NPL on 18th July 2020 from the Namibia Football Association Membership, these statutes have been amended to provide for the Namibia Premier Football League