

STATUTES OF THE PORTUGUESE FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Designations and Definitions

The terms given below denote the following:

Sports Agent: A member of a corporate body, of the standing or ad-hoc committees and the ordinary member of the Portuguese Football Federation, official, delegate, referee observer, referee, player, coach, match agent, player agent, fitness coach, technical secretary, doctor, masseur, technical assistant, security coordinator, stewards pursuant to law, worker, advisor, employee and other person in charge of technical, medical and administrative issues at the Fédération Internationale de Football Association, a Confederation, National Association, District or Regional Association, League, Club or Sporting Entity.

Match Agent: Natural person holder of a licence from the Fédération Internationale de Football Association or the Union des Associations Européennes de Football to organise friendly matches and tournaments.

District or Regional Association: Club association situated and organised in a certain geographical area that supervises the promotion and practice of football as part of its competitions, recognised by the Portuguese Football Federation.

ANDIF: National Association of Football Officials.

ANEDAF: National Association of Sports Physiotherapists and Football Medical Staff.

AMEF: National Association of Football Doctors.

ANTF: National Association of Football Coaches.

APAF: Portuguese Association of Football Referees.

Competition of a professional nature: Competition recognised by the member of the Government responsible for the area of sport.

Competition of a non-professional nature: Competition recognised by the FPF that is not covered by the definition of competition of a professional nature.

Confederation: A group of Associations recognised by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association and belonging to the same continent or similar geographical area.

Fair play: means acting in accordance with ethical principles that promote integrity and equal opportunities and respect for the personality and worth of all participants in a sporting event, as opposed to obtaining sporting results at any price.

Association: Football Association Member of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association and the Union des Associations Européennes de Football.

FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

FPF: Portuguese Football Federation.

IFAB: Body with power to lay down and amend the Laws of the Game.

Amateur player: Practitioner of football who exercises the sports activity by entering into a sports commitment without remuneration or without directly or indirectly obtaining any other material or financial profit, except for the amount received for the reimbursement of expenses.

Professional player: Practitioner of football who, upon concluding a sports contract, exercises the sports activity as an exclusive or main profession, obtaining remuneration therefor.

LPFP: Portuguese League of Professional Football.

Registered or affiliated member: Natural or legal person that has been admitted into membership of FPF by virtue of their registration or affiliation with the FPF, the LPFP or the relevant District or Regional Association.

Ordinary Member: Legal person governed by private law operating on a non-profit-making basis and admitted as such into the FPF, who meets the conditions set out in these Statutes.

SJFP: Professional Football Players' National Union.

Sporting Entity: Entity formed in accordance with the legal regime of sporting entities.

Court of Arbitration of the FPF: Court composed of arbitrators, which is formed in accordance with the statutes to settle disputes that are beyond the competence of the remaining jurisdictional bodies, or that are accessible by virtue of the law, and which shall hear disputes that are submitted to it.

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

UEFA: Union des Associations Européennes de Football.

Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice versa. The term spouse applies to the legally equivalent situations.

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Designation, legal status and headquarters

1. The FPF, founded on 31st March 1914 by the Football Associations of Lisbon, Portalegre and Porto, for an indefinite period, under the designation of União Portuguesa de Futebol (Portuguese Football Union), is a non-profit-making legal person, governed by private law, with the status of public utility, which comprises twenty-two district or regional associations, a club professional league, associations of sports agents, sports clubs or sporting entities, players, coaches and referees registered or affiliated with it in accordance with the statutes, and other sports agents comprised therein.
2. The territorial structure of the FPF is of a national nature and its headquarters are situated at Cidade do Futebol, Avenida das Seleções, in Cruz Quebrada, parish in the Joint Parishes of Algés, Linda-a-Velha and Cruz Quebrada Dafundo, municipality of Oeiras.
3. The Portuguese Football Federation is Member of FIFA and UEFA.
4. The Portuguese Football Federation may be identified by the initials FPF.
5. The flag and insignia of the FPF figure in the annex to these Statutes.
6. The insignia, brand and other distinctive signs of the FPF are registered at the National Institute of Industrial Property and the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market.
7. The FPF holds the status of public utility in the area of sport, in accordance with the law.
8. The FPF is an ordinary member of the Portuguese Olympic Committee.

Article 2 Purpose

1. The main purpose of the Portuguese Football Federation shall be to promote, regulate and manage, at the national level, the teaching and practice of football, in every branch of the game, such as futsal, beach soccer, walking football and e-sports football, in the competitive and recreational and leisure segments, subject to the competences of the district and regional associations and the LPFP in this area.
2. In order to accomplish its purpose, it shall particularly fall to the FPF to:
 - a) represent Portuguese football both at national and international level;
 - b) recognise, organise and ensure the participation of the National Teams in competitions;
 - c) represent and protect the interests of its Members;
 - d) draw up and approve rules and regulations, ensuring their enforcement;

- e) respect the Statutes, Laws of the Game, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, UEFA and the FPF, and prevent any violation thereof, endeavouring all efforts in order for them to be accomplished by its Members;
- f) organise, at national, district and regional level, football competitions in every branch and category, and to award the titles of national, district or regional champion as part of the relevant championships, competitions and events, without prejudice to the competences recognised by the District or Regional Associations and the LPFP;
- g) develop football on Portuguese soil in accordance with the sports spirit, educational, material, cultural and humanitarian values, through programmes of training and development of the different sports agents, in particular players, coaches, referees and officials;
- h) prevent practices that could jeopardise the integrity of matches and/or competitions or, in any way, harm football;
- i) supervise friendly matches of all categories and branches played on Portuguese soil;
- j) host international competitions;
- k) issue opinions and approve regulations of competitions and sports events aiming at ensuring respect for the rules concerning the practitioners' health and safety, as well as compliance with the sport's technical rules;
- l) promote the investigation and development of scientific research in areas of health and performance in football, in particular by means of the design and implementation of scientific research projects, dissemination of scientific knowledge by issuing publications with the results of the investigation, organisation of events, conferences and seminars, establishment of partnerships and cooperation with national and international institutions and internal and external training for the sports agents on matters, in particular, related to prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and recovery in football, training, identification and development of talents, promotion of health in the community and social responsibility, through the creation of a Research & Development Unit (R&D Unit);
- m) promote closer ties between sport in schools and federated football;
- n) promote the training of sports agents through its own means;
- o) implement a system for certifying training bodies and a system for licensing clubs to take part in the competitions they organise;
- p) promote social responsibility actions, boosting football as a means of achieving equality and social inclusion;

- q) support football played by people with disabilities;
- r) promote and protect the ethical principles of sport and good governance in national football;
- s) ensure that the values of sport take precedence over commercial interests.

3. In accordance with its membership with FIFA and UEFA, the FPF also undertakes to:

- a) respect and ensure the respect of the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with Fair Play rules;
- b) apply and ensure the compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by the IFAB, the Laws of the Game of Football, Seven-a-Side Football, Futsal and Beach Soccer issued by FIFA's Executive Committee;
- c) respect the Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions and Circulars of FIFA and UEFA, including FIFA's Code of Ethics;
- d) recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, with headquarters in Lausanne, in all disputes which have a cross-border nature, in accordance with the provisions of the FIFA and UEFA Statutes;
- e) submit to the Court of Arbitration of the FPF, whose decisions are not subject to appeal, all the national disputes arising from or related to the enforcement of the FPF Statutes or Regulations, except for those which fall within the jurisdiction of other bodies or those which cannot be judged by virtue of the legislation;
- f) ensure that its Members, through their Statutes, licence or any other written document, recognise and accept all the obligations established in the FPF Statutes and Regulations;
- g) regulate strictly sporting issues and adopt rules for the defence of ethics and appropriate measures to protect the integrity of competitions;
- h) avoid conflicts of interest in decision-making processes.

Article 3 Human Rights

The FPF respects and promotes the protection of human rights.

Article 4 Principle of Sporting Merit

1. A club's right to take part in any competition organised under the auspices of the FPF depends on sporting merit.
2. A club qualifies for a competition if it remains in a particular division or is promoted or relegated to another at the end of a season.

3. In addition to qualification on sporting merit, a club's participation in the competitions referred to in paragraph 1 may be subject to other criteria, namely of a sporting, infrastructural, administrative, legal and financial nature.

Article 5 Neutrality and non-discrimination

1. The FPF prohibits and penalises any kind of discrimination on account of ancestry, gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, language, territory of origin, religion, political or ideological convictions, education, economic situation, social status or sexual orientation.
2. The FPF shall preserve the values of ethics, loyalty, sports truth and Fair Play.
3. The violation of the principles set out in the previous paragraphs by an Ordinary Member shall constitute a ground for suspension or expulsion.

Article 6 Mediation

The FPF shall promote mediation among its Members and shall instigate the legal actions necessary to settle any internal disputes that may arise among them.

Article 7 Players

1. The status of players and the provisions related to their transfer shall be determined by the Board of Directors in accordance with FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
2. Players shall be registered in accordance with the FPF regulations or regulations recognised by it.

Article 8 Laws of the Game

The FPF and its Members must observe the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB, as well as recognise this body as the only one with competence and legitimacy to lay down and amend them.

Article 9 Conduct of bodies and agents

The bodies and Members of the FPF, as well as other sports agents, shall be bound to observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and Code of Ethics of FIFA, UEFA and the FPF and the guiding principles of these organisations in their activities.

Article 10 Manner of Binding

Subject to what is established by the Board of Directors, the FPF shall be bound by the signature of its President or his alternate in accordance with the Statutes, together with another member of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER II

MEMBERSHIP

Article 11 Admission, Suspension and Expulsion

1. The General Meeting of the FPF shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel any Ordinary Member.
2. The acquisition and maintenance of the quality of Ordinary Membership shall require the fulfilment of the conditions of membership and the acceptance of the duties arising from that quality.
3. The organisation of official competitions recognised by the FPF shall be a particular condition for the membership of club associations participating in national non-professional, district or regional competitions defined according to a specific geographic area.
4. The suspension or expulsion of a member, decided by the General Meeting, shall not affect the application of disciplinary sanctions by the judicial bodies of the FPF.
5. The loss member status shall not release the member from its financial obligations towards the FPF or towards any of its Members, but shall lead to the extinction of all its rights.

Article 12 Admission

1. The FPF shall comprise the following Member categories:
 - a) Ordinary Members;
 - b) Registered or affiliated members.
2. The Ordinary Members shall be:
 - a) The following district or regional associations:
 - i. Football Association of Algarve;
 - ii. Football Association of Angra do Heroísmo;
 - iii. Football Association of Aveiro;

- iv. Football Association of Braga;
- v. Football Association of Bragança;
- vi. Football Association of Beja;
- vii. Football Association of Castelo Branco;
- viii. Football Association of Coimbra;
- ix. Football Association of Évora;
- x. Football Association of Guarda;
- xi. Football Association of Horta;
- xii. Football Association of Leiria;
- xiii. Football Association of Lisbon;
- xiv. Football Association of Madeira;
- xv. Football Association of Ponta Delgada;
- xvi. Football Association of Portalegre;
- xvii. Football Association of Porto;
- xviii. Football Association of Santarém;
- xix. Football Association of Setúbal;
- xx. Football Association of Viana do Castelo;
- xxi. Football Association of Vila Real;
- xxii. Football Association of Viseu.

b) The Portuguese League of Professional Football;

c) The following organisations representative of sports agents:

- i. National Association of Football Coaches (ANTF);
- ii. Portuguese Association of Football Referees (APAF);
- iii. Professional Football Players' National Union (SJPF).

d) The following associations recognised by the FPF as entities that contribute to the development of football:

- i. National Association of Football Team Officials (ANDIF);
- ii. National Association of Sports Physiotherapists and Football Medical Staff (ANEDAF);

iii. National Association of Football Doctors (AMEF).

3. The registered or affiliated Members shall be:

- a) clubs or sporting entities affiliated in the district or regional Associations;
- b) players registered at the FPF, the LPFP or the relevant district or regional Associations;
- c) coaches registered at the FPF, the LPFP or the relevant district or regional Associations;
- d) the referees who are integrated into the referees' lists of the FPF and the relevant district or regional Associations;

4. At the moment of registration or affiliation, the members referred to in the preceding paragraphs shall sign a declaration recognising the Court of Arbitration of the FPF and the Court of Arbitration for Sport as the competent courts to settle domestic and international disputes pursuant to these Statutes.

5. The applications to Ordinary Member must be submitted, in writing, to the Board of Directors, which issues an opinion, with the following documents:

- a) Copy of the Statutes and regulations, in compliance with the FPF Statutes and regulations;
- b) Declaration stating that the applicant knows and respects the Statutes, regulations and decisions of the FPF, FIFA and UEFA and the Laws of the Game in force, and ensures that they are respected by its members, clubs, players and other sports agents;
- c) Statement stating that the applicant recognises the Court of Arbitration of the FPF and the Court of Arbitration for Sport as the competent courts to settle domestic and international disputes under these Statutes;
- d) Document testifying domicile and registration on Portuguese soil;
- e) Declaration guaranteeing that the applicant is a person with the capability to act autonomously and to make decisions on his own, without any external interference;
- f) List of its legal representatives;
- g) Declaration stating that the applicant undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of the FPF;
- h) Notarially attested act recording the formation;
- i) Copy of the minutes of the last General Meeting.

6. The application shall be accepted if the applicant, adding the above-mentioned documents, proves it complies with all the following requirements:

- a) If it is a club association:

- i. Membership of all clubs or sporting entities, comprised in a certain competition or competition system of any branch of football;
 - ii. Capability and legitimacy to organise, by delegation of the FPF, a certain competition or competition system;
 - iii. To effectively carry out the corresponding purpose during a period of five years immediately prior to the application for admission.
 - b) If it is an organisation representing sports agents:
 - i. To represent, at national level, at least 50% of the active players, coaches and referees;
 - ii. To effectively carry out the corresponding purpose during a period of five years immediately prior to the application for admission.
 - c) If it is any other entity which promotes, practises or contributes to the development of football:
 - i. To represent, at national level, at least 50% of the agents;
 - ii. To effectively carry out the corresponding purpose of promoting, practising or contributing to the development of football during the five years immediately prior to the application for admission.
7. An applicant that complies with all the application requirements shall be admitted as Ordinary Member after approval by a three-quarters majority of the delegates of the General Meeting.
8. The ordinary members with that status on the date of the approval of these Statutes are released from the admission process.

Article 13 Application submission and procedure

1. After receipt of the application, the General Secretary shall check the compliance of the requirements referred to in the previous article, within thirty days, refusing it immediately when they are not complied with.
2. Once the procedure is duly initiated, the General Secretary shall immediately send the application to the Chairman of the General Meeting, who shall present it to the General Meeting for deliberation.
3. The applicant shall acquire the rights and duties of Member as from the first working day immediately following the General Meeting in which their admission is approved.

Article 14 Rights of the Members

The rights of the Members shall be to:

- a) propose, in writing, to the General Meeting or the Board, the actions deemed useful for the development and prestige of football, including amendments to the Statutes and Electoral Regulations, the awarding of medals and commendations and the grant of the category of Honorary President, Honorary Member and Merit Member, in accordance with the specific competences of each of these bodies, through its delegates;
- b) propose applicants to the bodies elected pursuant to these statutes and the Electoral Regulations, through its delegates;
- c) request the examination of the regulations approved by the FPF Board of Directors to the General Meeting for the end of its term or approval of amendments, provided that the request is signed by twenty percent of the ordinary members and presented within thirty days as from the publication of the approval of the regulations in question and that the mentioned amendments are aimed at having effect as from the beginning of the following football season;
- d) propose issues to be included in the Extraordinary General Meeting's agenda, through its delegates;
- e) have a diploma of membership;
- f) address to the competent authorities, through the FPF and as part of its object, claims and petitions concerning acts or facts prejudicial to their rights or interests;
- g) consult the activity reports, budgets, accounts, balance sheets and relevant documents of account rendering at the FPF headquarters, as well as the notice of meetings, minutes and presence lists of the General Meeting sessions;
- h) receive, free of charge, the annual reports and other publications of the FPF;
- i) be informed of the FPF matters through its official means of communication;
- j) any other rights assigned to them by the Statutes and Regulations, or by decision of the General Meeting.

Article 15 Duties of the Members

1. The duties of the Members shall be to:

- a) fully comply with the Statutes, regulations, decisions, directives and deliberations of FIFA, UEFA and the FPF and ensure that they are respected by their members;

- b) participate in competitions and other sports activities organised by the FPF and addressed to them;
- c) not to jeopardise the prestige of the FPF, respect the good relationship and the sports and financial ethics in the promotion of the practice of football;
- d) paying, within the regulatory deadlines, the amounts due to the FPF;
- e) respect and guarantee the respect of the Laws of the Game defined by the IFAB and the FIFA Executive Committee;
- f) Recognising the Court of Arbitration of the FPF and the Court of Arbitration for Sport as the competent courts to settle domestic and international disputes pursuant to these Statutes and the law;
- g) not to keep any relationships of a sports nature with entities not recognised by the FPF or with Ordinary Members which are suspended or have been expelled by the FPF;
- h) not to be affiliated with another Football Association and not to participate in competitions in the territory of another Association without the authorisation of the FPF, FIFA or UEFA;
- i) respect the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship as an expression of Fair Play;
- j) respect, during the entire membership period, their admission conditions;
- k) send all the documents requested by the FPF.

2. The FPF Members must also:

- a) ensure the free election of the members of their own bodies;
- b) adopt a statutory clause that specifies that any dispute involving the Member itself and any of its members, and is related to the Statutes, regulation, directives and decisions of FIFA, UEFA, the FPF or the LPFP, can only be submitted in the final instance to the Court of Arbitration for Sport if the dispute has a cross-border nature, in accordance with FIFA and UEFA Statutes, or to the Court of Arbitration of the FPF, if the dispute has a national dimension, in case it is not subject to the jurisdiction of another body or it has no access to it by virtue of the law;
- c) align its Statutes and Regulations with the Statutes and Regulations of the FPF, subject to the specificities of each one and the cases where the regulatory autonomy arises from the law;
- d) keep its headquarters and registration on Portuguese soil.

3. The Ordinary Members shall also have the specific duty to:

- a) communicate to the FPF any amendment to their statutes and regulations as well as the updated list of their affiliated, members, associated and legal representatives;
 - b) send, every year, to the FPF the management annual financial statements;
 - c) submit to the ratification of the Board of Directors the calendars of the official competitions organised by them;
 - d) submit to the Board of Directors their statutory rules in order for its compliance with the FPF, UEFA and FIFA statutes to be checked.
4. The organisers of competitions also have specific duties as Ordinary Members, including the following:
- a) ensuring that no natural or legal person exercises control or influence over more than one club whenever the integrity of a match or competition organised or recognised by the FPF could be jeopardised, by incorporating the appropriate provisions into its statutes and regulations;
 - b) adopting an effective policy aimed at eradicating racism and any other forms of discrimination in football and adopting the appropriate rules for the effective prevention and repression of this phenomenon.
5. The violation of any of these duties may imply in the application of suspension, in accordance with the following article.

Article 16 Suspension

1. It shall fall to the General Meeting to suspend the FPF Ordinary Members.
2. The proposal for the suspension of the Ordinary Member must be presented by the General Secretary, by other Ordinary Member or by the Board of Directors.
3. The General Secretary shall notify the Ordinary Member in question, which shall have a deadline of fifteen days to submit written defence.
4. The defence submitted by the Ordinary Member in question or the indication that it did not present it, although it was notified for that purpose, shall be necessarily attached to the summons to the General Meeting.
5. The deliberation of the General Meeting must specify the period of suspension and the condition it is subject to.

6. If it is a District or Regional Association, the suspension cannot affect the regular functioning of the competitions and activities promoted or organised by it.
7. The suspension of an Ordinary Member cannot exceed six months.
8. The Board of Directors may provisionally suspend an Ordinary Member that has seriously and repeatedly violated its duties and continues in that situation after having been advised by the FPF, and that non-fulfilment may determine its suspension.
9. The provisional suspension cannot exceed, in any case, a period of thirteen days, during which a General Meeting which may withdraw the suspension or determines its duration shall be scheduled; the procedure provided in paras. 3 and 4 shall be followed.
10. The provisional suspension of an Ordinary Member shall not release it from fulfilling all its financial obligations towards the FPF and/or any of its Members, but shall lead to the suspension of all its rights.

Article 17 Expulsion

1. It falls to the General Meeting to expel an Ordinary Member of the FPF that:
 - a) has not fulfilled its financial obligations towards the FPF;
 - b) changes or violates the conditions established for their admission;
 - c) violates the provision of article 97 of these Statutes;
 - d) repeatedly and very seriously violates FIFA, UEFA or the FPF statutes, directives or decisions.
2. The proposal for the expulsion of the Ordinary Member must be presented to the General Secretary by the Board of Directors or by another Ordinary Member, and paragraphs 3 and 4 of the previous article shall apply.
3. The expulsion of an Ordinary Member shall depend on the approval of two thirds of the votes of the Delegates present in the General Meeting.

Article 18 Resignation

1. An Ordinary Member may resign from the FPF, and the resignation shall take effect as from the end of that football season, provided that the financial obligations towards the FPF and its Members have been fulfilled.
2. Notification of resignation must be received by the General Secretary of the FPF at least six months before the end of the current football season.

Article 19 Status of the Members

1. As 1. The District and Regional Associations, the LPFP, the organisations representing sports agents and the entities recognised by the FPF General Meeting, the Clubs or Sports Societies, the players, the coaches and the referees shall be registered at and subject to the authority of the Portuguese Football Federation.
2. These Statutes define the scope of the competences, rights and duties of the Members.
3. The relationship between the FPF and the LPFP shall be established by contract, valid for four football seasons, in which it must be agreed, among other matters, the number of clubs participating in the professional sports competition, the regime of access between non-professional and professional sports activity, the support to be granted by the LPFP to the non-professional sports activity and the distribution of the revenues and expenses generated by the Disciplinary and Referees' Committees.
4. In the absence of agreement between the FPF and the LPFP for the determination of support to the non-professional sports activity, the parties shall submit the issue exclusively to the Court of Arbitration of the FPF for settlement.

CHAPTER III

HONORARY PRESIDENTS, HONORARY MEMBERS AND MERIT MEMBERS

Article 20 Honorary Presidents, Honorary Members and Merit Members

1. In recognition of relevant services rendered to the Federation, to Ordinary Members or to football, and at the proposal of the Board of Directors or an Ordinary Member, the General Meeting may grant the title of Honorary President, Honorary Member or Merit Member.
2. A former President of the FPF may be awarded the title of Honorary President for life, provided he has held the position for at least three consecutive terms.
3. To be an Honorary Member, the person shall need to have belonged to a body of the FPF.
4. A Merit Member may be any other natural or legal person.

Article 21 Rights and Duties

1. The rights of Honorary Presidents, Honorary Members and Members of Merit shall include the following:

- a) Having a diploma attesting to that status;
 - b) Participating in the General Meeting, without voting right;
 - c) Suggesting to the General Assembly the actions deemed useful for the development and prestige of Portuguese football;
 - d) Receiving the annual reports or any other publications from the FPF;
 - e) Carrying out any tasks or missions, of an honour or protocol nature, requested by the President or the Board of Directors of the FPF;
 - f) Any other rights granted to them by these Statutes, regulations or by deliberation of the General Meeting.
2. The Honorary Presidents, Honorary Members and Merit Members must refrain from making public comments or dishonourable practices that jeopardise the good name of the FPF.

CHAPTER IV

ORGANISATION

SECTION I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 22 Bodies

1. The governing bodies of the FPF shall be:
 - a) the General Meeting;
 - b) the President;
 - c) the Board of Directors;
 - d) the Statutory Audit Committee;
 - e) the Disciplinary Committee;
 - f) the Board of Appeal;
 - g) the Referees' Committee.
2. The electoral procedure for the FPF governing bodies figures in these Statutes and in the Electoral Regulations of the FPF.

3. Each governing body of the Portuguese Football Federation shall have its own rules of procedure drawn up by the relevant body and subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Article 23 Passive Electoral Capacity

Notwithstanding other special provisions established in these Statutes or in the Electoral Regulations of the FPF, to be elected to a governing body of the Portuguese Football Federation, one has to meet all the following requirements:

- a) Be domiciled on Portuguese soil;
- b) Be over eighteen;
- c) Not be affected by any legal incapacity;
- d) Not be an FPF debtor;
- e) Not have been punished for infringements of a criminal, administrative or disciplinary nature, concerning violence, doping, corruption, racism or xenophobia, or for a crime committed in the exercise of managerial positions in any sport or a crime of a pecuniary nature against any sports association, until five years after the penalty has been served.

Article 24 Installation

1. The Chairman of the General Meeting Board shall install the governing bodies within eight days after their election.
2. The elected members shall start exercising their function, irrespective of their installation, if the Chairman of the Board has not installed them after the period provided for in the preceding paragraph has elapsed.

Article 25 Incompatibilities

1. Notwithstanding the cases specifically provided for by these Statutes and in the Electoral Regulations, the following shall be incompatible with the duties of a member of a corporate body:
 - a) Holding another position in the FPF;
 - b) Direct or indirect interference in contracts concluded with the FPF;
 - c) The exercise of functions as an official of a club, sporting entity, Association or league, referee, judge or active coach.

2. The duties referred to in point c) of the preceding paragraph are not incompatible with the role of delegate to the General Meeting.
3. For the purposes of paragraph 1(c), it is not incompatible with being a member of a federative body to act as a referee or judge in international competitions.

Article 26 The Bodies of the FPF

1. The General Meeting shall be composed of inherent delegates and delegates elected in accordance with these Statutes and the Electoral Regulations of the FPF.
2. The President, the Board of Directors and the General Meeting Board are elected by a simple majority at the General Meeting.
3. A candidacy for Chairman is only admitted if it is accompanied by a candidacy for the other bodies.
4. The proportion of people of each sex on the General Meeting Board, the Executive Board and the Statutory Audit Committee may not be less than 33.3 per cent.
5. The Statutory Audit Committee and the Referees' Committee shall be elected at the General Electoral Meeting, on their own lists which shall comprise an odd number of members, by a simple majority.
6. The Disciplinary Committee and the Board of Appeal shall be elected at the General Electoral Meeting on their own lists, which shall comprise an odd number of members, in accordance with the principle of proportional representation and the d'Hondt highest average method for converting votes into number of mandates.
7. The election of the Disciplinary Committee is also subject to the following rules:
 - a) Each of the candidate lists must indicate the chairman and members of each section;
 - b) In the election of the Disciplinary Committee, each delegate may, without prejudice to the unity of the vote, vote for one list for the election of the members of one section and for other lists for the election of the members of the other section;
 - c) In the event of a tie, a second round will be held between the lists that receive the same number of votes.
8. Candidate lists must be signed by one tenth of the delegates to the General Meeting, who may not sign more than one candidate list for each body.
9. No candidate can be on more than one list.
10. The acceptance form included in the candidacy proposals implies that the candidate is subject to the disciplinary powers of the FPF.

Article 27 Duties of body members

The duties of the members of the governing bodies shall include the following:

- a) Complying with the Statutes, regulations, decisions and Code of Ethics of FIFA, UEFA and the FPF;
- b) Promoting sporting ethics, respect and Fair Play in the fight against violence, doping and corruption associated with sports;
- c) Refraining from using information to which they have access as a result of carrying out their duties for their own interests or those of third parties;
- d) Not committing acts that jeopardise the prestige or good name of the FPF;
- e) Exercising their mandate in accordance with the interests of the FPF and its Members;
- f) Not approving measures contrary to the FPF's corporate purpose;
- g) Pursuing the purpose of the FPF;
- h) Not interfering, in the exercise of their functions or because of them, directly or indirectly, in contracts with the FPF or any of its bodies, and in which they have an interest on their own behalf, as a business manager or representative of another person, as well as when their spouse, any relative or family member in the direct line or up to the second degree of the collateral line or any person living in common with them have an interest therein;
- i) Attending meetings of the governing bodies to which they have been elected.

Article 28 Statutory Meetings

1. Notwithstanding what is set forth for the Disciplinary Committee and the Referees' Committee, the statutory meetings of the governing bodies are held at the headquarters of the FPF, unless the Board decides otherwise on its own initiative or at the request of the body.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions on General Meetings and Board meetings, the meetings of the governing bodies are governed by the following rules:
 - a) Notices convening meetings shall be given at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting and shall be accompanied by the respective agenda, unless all the members are present and it is expressly decided by them to meet without prior convening formalities;
 - b) The governing bodies meet ordinarily under the terms of their respective bylaws and extraordinarily at the request of one third of their members;

- c) Neither the governing bodies nor their sections may meet without an absolute majority of their members being present;
- d) Notwithstanding other particular provisions, decisions are taken by a relative majority of the votes present and must be recorded in the minutes;
- e) The Chairman and the chairmen of the other bodies, or their alternates, have a casting vote at any meeting.

Article 29 Temporary suspension of the term of office

1. The temporary suspension of the term of office of a member of a governing body may be requested from the Chairman of the General Meeting Board for a relevant personal reason.
2. The temporary suspension of the term of office of a member of a corporate body is permitted for a minimum of three months and a maximum of one year.
3. Relevant personal reasons include illness preventing the performance of duties, prolonged illness and maternity or paternity leave.
4. During the provisional suspension of their term of office, the body member retains their position and is replaced pursuant to Article 34 for the duration of the suspension.

Article 30 Termination of office

1. The members of the governing bodies shall cease to hold office before the end of their term of office in the following cases:
 - a) Resignation;
 - b) Dismissal for serious breach of statutory duties;
 - c) Removal from office.
2. Bodies that cease to function pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall be replaced in accordance with Article 34.
3. Alternates shall hold office until the end of their predecessor's term.

Article 31 Resignation

1. Resignations take effect from the date of receipt of the written notice addressed to the Chairman of the General Meeting Board.

2. The resignation of the Chairman of the General Meeting Board is addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Appeal.

Article 32 Removal from office for serious breach of statutory duties

1. The dismissal of a member of a governing body is discussed and voted on at the General Meeting by means of a request for inclusion on the Agenda by the Board of Directors or by means of a substantiated proposal signed by 20 per cent of the delegates.
2. The proposal to dismiss must be justified and notified by the General Secretary to the person concerned, who has fifteen days to submit his defence in writing.
3. The defence submitted by the person concerned or the mention that they have not produced it although notified to do so must accompany the notice convening the General Meeting.
4. Those affected may speak at the General Meeting during the period for discussion the proposal to remove them from office.
5. The dismissal of a member of a governing body is without prejudice to the application of disciplinary sanctions by the FPF's judicial bodies.

Article 33 Removal from office

1. In addition to the cases expressly provided for in the Disciplinary Regulations, a member of a governing body who falls into one of the following situations will lose their mandate:
 - a) Unjustifiably missing three meetings in a row or six meetings in between;
 - b) Maliciously omitting to report the loss of office of another office-holder when they are required to be aware of it by the performance of their duties;
 - c) Executing or ordering the execution of resolutions that have been passed, in violation of the governing bodies' rules of operation;
 - d) Falsifying the minutes of governing bodies or obstructing, by action or omission, their drawing up;
 - e) Co-operating with or sponsoring interests contrary to those of the FPF;
 - f) Being incompatible or ineligible under the law or these Statutes;
 - g) In the course of their duties or because of them, intervening in a contract in which they have an interest, as business manager or representative of another person, as well as when their

spouse, any relative or family member in the straight line or up to the second degree of the collateral line or any person with whom they live in common economy has an interest.

2. The Chairman of the respective governing body is responsible for justifying absences.
3. Unjustified absences are reported to the General Secretary, who draws up the relevant statistics.
4. In the case of a member of any of the governing bodies referred to in Article 22(1)(b) to (g), removal from office shall be declared by the Chairman of the General Meeting Board upon proven knowledge of any of the facts referred to in paragraph 1 of this article, and the removal from office of the Chairman of the Bureau shall be declared by the General Meeting.
5. The decision is notified to the person concerned and publicised in an official statement.
6. The person concerned has the right to appeal, within ten days of notification, to the General Meeting of Shareholders, while remaining in office until the final decision is taken by secret ballot.

Article 34 Substitutions

Notwithstanding what is specifically provided for in the Electoral Regulations, the replacement of the members of the governing bodies shall take place as follows:

- a) The chairman of a governing body of the FPF is replaced with the respective vice-chairman, notwithstanding what is specifically set forth for the Chairman;
- b) If the position of vice-chairman becomes vacant, he shall be replaced by the member appointed by the other members of the governing body, without prejudice to what is specifically set forth for each governing body;
- c) The remaining members of the governing bodies are replaced with the first alternate candidate, and so on;
- d) If there is no alternate member, the vacant seat is provisionally filled by the body itself until the General Meeting elects a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Article 35 Mid-term elections

1. If the quorum of the General Meeting is lost, elections will be held in accordance with the Electoral Regulations.
2. Both the termination of the Chairman's term of office and the loss of a quorum of the Board of Directors determine the holding of mid-term elections for all governing bodies.

3. In the event of a loss of quorum of the General Meeting Board board, the General Meeting shall elect a new board to fulfil the current term of office.
4. If the quorum of the other governing bodies is lost, mid-term elections will be held for the respective body pursuant to the Electoral Regulations.
5. The members of the governing bodies elected as a result of the situations set out in this article shall complete their current term of office.

Article 36 Term of office and renewal limits

1. The term of office of the members of the governing bodies is four years, as a rule coinciding with the Olympic cycle, and runs until the end of the sixth month following the end of the Summer Olympic Games.
2. No incumbent may serve more than three consecutive terms on the same FPF body.

SECTION II

GENERAL MEETING

Article 37 Definition and composition of the General Meeting

1. The General Meeting is the supreme body of the FPF.
2. The General Meeting is made up of eighty-four delegates, by inheritance and by election, in accordance with national, district or regional scope and professional or non-professional nature, pursuant to these statutes and the Electoral Regulations.
3. The General Meeting meets ordinarily and extraordinarily.
4. Members of the governing bodies and observers or employees have the right to attend the General Meeting by submitting a request to the General Meeting or the Board of Directors.
5. The members of the other governing bodies who take part in the General Meeting take part in the debates without the right to vote.

Article 38 General Meeting Board

1. The General Meeting Board is made up of a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary.

2. The Vice-Chairman is responsible for assisting the Chairman and replacing him in his absence or impediment.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions of the previous paragraph, the work of the General Meeting shall be directed by three people, and it shall be up to the Meeting to choose the alternates for the members of the Bureau who are absent from among the delegates present.
4. The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the minutes, which must be checked by the Secretary of the Bureau.
5. An appeal may be lodged with the General Meeting against the actions of the Chairman or the General Meeting Board.

Article 39 Delegates and votes

1. Delegates of the FPF by virtue of the positions they hold include the following:
 - a) The chairmen of the associations referred to in Article 12(2);
 - b) The chairman of the LPFP;
 - c) The chairman of the ANTF;
 - d) The chairman of APAF;
 - e) The chairman of the SJPF;
 - f) The chairman of ANDIF;
 - g) The chairman of ANEDAF;
 - h) The chairman of AMEF.
2. FPF delegates by election are those legitimised in the electoral process up to a limit of fifty-five.
3. Whenever the General Meeting finds that one of the presidents referred to in paragraph 1 does not meet the requirements set out in the Electoral Regulations, the respective association or entity must replace him/her.
4. Each delegate has one vote.
5. In the event of a delegate's absence, absence or impediment, he or she is replaced with the member of the board of the respective organisation who, pursuant to the articles of association or bylaws, is his or her alternate.

Article 40 Start of term of office

1. The term of office of inherently elected delegates begins when they take office in their respective positions or functions.
2. The mandate of the elected delegates begins as set forth in the Electoral Regulations.
3. If an inherent delegate's term of office expires, he or she is replaced with his or her successor in the respective organisation.

Article 41 Competence

The General Meeting is responsible for the following:

- a) Discussing and voting on the items on the agenda;
- b) Appointing scrutineers whenever necessary;
- c) Electing and dismissing the President, Statutory Audit Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Board of Appeal and Referees' Committee;
- d) Pursuant to and for the purposes of Article 39(3), determining the replacement of inherent delegates;
- e) Admitting, suspending and expelling Ordinary Members;
- f) Approving and amending the Statutes;
- g) Ratifying the LPFP's disciplinary and refereeing regulations;
- h) Following a request signed by at least 20 per cent of the delegates, deciding to terminate or approve changes to the federative regulations, with the exception of those referred to in point g);
- i) Approving the activity report, including the report on the activities of the Chairman, the Board of Directors and sports activities, the budget, the balance sheet and its annex, the management report, the financial statements and other accounting documents;
- j) Setting the contributions of Ordinary Members;
- k) Deciding on the award of the title of Honorary President or Honorary and Meritorious Member;
- l) Awarding medals, prizes and commendations to natural or legal persons who have rendered relevant services to the FPF or to ordinary members;
- m) Authorising the FPF to take members of the Board to court for acts committed in the exercise of their office;

- n) Approving the proposal to wind up the FPF;
- o) Deliberating on all other matters that are submitted to it and that do not fall within the specific competence of other FPF bodies.

Article 42 Quorum

1. The General Meeting cannot meet on first call unless an absolute majority of the delegates are present.
2. If the quorum required pursuant to the previous paragraph is not obtained, the General Meeting may be held on second call half an hour later, regardless of the number of delegates present, provided that this is stated in the notice convening the meeting.
3. The General Meeting convened at the request of the number of delegates provided for in Article 46(1) may not meet on the first or second call unless, in addition to complying with the preceding paragraphs, at least half of the applicants are present.
4. The General Meeting cannot decide, either at first or second call, on the dismissal of a member of a governing body, the suspension or expulsion of an Ordinary Member or the dissolution of the FPF without three quarters of the delegates being present.

Article 43 Operation

1. Unless otherwise stipulated in the articles of association, decisions of the General Meeting are taken by an absolute majority of the votes of the delegates present, with null votes, blank votes and abstentions not counting for this purpose.
2. Voting takes place by a show of hands, except when the Statutes stipulate otherwise or when it is requested by ten per cent of the delegates, by the Chairman of the General Meeting Board or by the President of the FPF, that it take place by secret ballot.
3. Decisions on the election and dismissal of board members, as well as those involving the assessment of the behaviour or qualities of any person, are always taken by secret ballot.
4. If it is impossible to determine the result of the vote by show of hands, the Chairman of the General Meeting Board may decide to hold a roll-call vote in alphabetical order.
5. Postal voting can only be exercised in the case of an elective general meeting and must be requested in advance from the Chairman of the Electoral Commission.

6. Except in the case of an elective general meeting, the use of videoconferencing systems at the general meeting is permitted and must be requested in advance from the Chairman of the General Meeting Board.
7. The Chairman of the General Meeting Board may decide to broadcast the meeting of the FPF General Meeting live.

Article 44 Special Cases

1. Proposals to amend the Statutes must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a brief justification for the requested changes.
2. Proposals to amend the Statutes are approved by three-quarters of the delegates present.
3. The dismissal of a member of a governing body, suspension or expulsion of an Ordinary Member shall be approved by a three-quarters vote of the total number of delegates, whether the General Meeting meets on first or second call.

Article 45 Ordinary General Meeting

1. The General Meeting meets every year by the 30th of June, convened by the Chairman of the General Meeting Board, to approve the budget.
2. The General Meeting meets every year by the thirty-first of October, convened by the Chairman of the General Meeting Board, to approve the President's report on activities, the Board of Directors and sporting activities, as well as the management report and financial statements.
3. The notice of meeting must be sent at least fifteen days in advance and is accompanied by the chairman's activity report, financial statements, audit report and any other legally required documents.

Article 46 Extraordinary General Meeting

1. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be requested by the President or by twenty per cent of the delegates and must be held within thirty days of the date on which the request is received by the FPF, provided that its date does not clash with any important event, namely the European or World Championships.
2. The request must be addressed to the Chairman of the Bureau of the General Assembly, indicating precisely the subjects and proposals to be included on the agenda and the reasons why the meeting is necessary.

3. Once the request has been received, the Chairman of the General Meeting Board must, within five days, notify all delegates that an Extraordinary General Meeting has been requested and that they have a maximum of five days to indicate the specific issues and proposals they wish to be included on the agenda, with a brief explanation of the reasons for their inclusion.
4. The notifications provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be made by e-mail or fax.
5. The notice of meeting shall be sent at least fifteen days in advance after the expiry of the second five-day period referred to in paragraph 3. It shall contain the date and time of the General Meeting, the agenda, as well as all the documents necessary for the discussion and approval of the items included therein.
6. Changes, amendments or additions to the proposals on the agenda are sent by the interested parties to the Chairman of the General Meeting Board within a maximum of five days from the date of the notice, so that he can inform the other delegates.
7. Electoral General Meetings are Extraordinary General Meetings convened by the Chairman of the FPF Electoral Commission and their sole item on the Agenda is the election of governing bodies.
8. The deadlines for holding the elections are set by the FPF Electoral Commission.

Article 47 Agenda

1. The agenda for the General Meeting includes the following mandatory items:
 - a) Statement that it has been convened in accordance with the Statutes;
 - b) Approval of the minutes;
 - c) The Chairman's remarks.
2. The agenda for Ordinary General Meetings also includes:
 - a) Presentation of the report on the activities of the Chairman, the Board of Directors and sporting activities;
 - b) Approval of the budget, management report and financial statements.
3. The agenda for Extraordinary General Meetings may include the following items:
 - a) Discussion and approval of proposals submitted by delegates, Ordinary Members, the Board of Directors and the Chairman;
 - b) Election of corporate body officers;
 - c) Removal of a corporate body officer;

d) Suspension or expulsion of an Ordinary Member;

e) Admission of an Ordinary Member, which should be the last item on the agenda.

4. The General Meeting cannot decide on matters not included on the agenda, unless all delegates attend the meeting and all agree to the addition of items to the agenda.

Article 48 Minutes

Once the minutes have been drawn up and approved by the delegates, they are signed by the members of the General Meeting Board.

Article 49 Entry into force of resolutions

Notwithstanding what is set forth for terminating and approving changes to regulations approved by the Board of Directors, decisions taken at the General Meeting come into force immediately after being publicised in an Official Statement, unless otherwise decided.

SECTION III

PRESIDENT

Article 50 President

1. The President represents and ensures the smooth running of the FPF.
2. In addition to the other competences laid down in the FPF statutes and regulations, the President is responsible for:
 - a) Representing the FPF, namely before all public and private entities, before its national, foreign or international counterpart organisations and in court;
 - b) Establishing relations among FPF Members, FIFA, UEFA, public bodies and other organisations;
 - c) Convening and chairing meetings of the Board of Directors and the Emergency Committee;
 - d) Appointing co-opted directors, up to a maximum of three, with executive functions and specific competences, who may participate in Board meetings but without voting rights;
 - e) Appointing the members of the Committees provided for in these Statutes, promoting the inclusion of external experts and the balanced representation of people of each sex;

- f) Granting professional status, on an exclusive or part-time basis, to the members of the governing bodies;
- g) Granting professional status, on an exclusive or part-time basis, to members of non-permanent committees;
- h) Hiring and managing the staff employed by the FPF;
- i) Requesting the convening of Extraordinary General Meetings;
- j) Implementing the decisions taken by the governing bodies through the General Secretary;
- k) Ensuring the effective functioning of the FPF's bodies;
- l) Negotiating contracts of any kind pursuant to law, the Statutes and the regulations of the FPF;
- m) Ensuring the day-to-day management of federative affairs;
- n) Taking steps to recognise the professional nature of sports competitions supervised by the FPF.
- o) Obtaining the opinion of the Board of Directors on:
 - i. The appointment and dismissal of the General Secretary and the National Technical Director;
 - ii. The names of the members of the Emergency Committee;
 - iii. The names of the members of the non-permanent committees.
 - iv. The appointment of the members of the R&D Unit's Scientific Council, made up of three people, with annual terms of office;
 - v. The appointment of the members of the R&D Unit's Monitoring Unit, made up of three people, with annual terms of office.

3. The Chairman has exclusive professional status.

4. The exclusive scheme does not allow the President to exercise private functions or activities in any entities, provided that they are concurrent, are similar or conflict, directly or indirectly, with football, with the exception of holding positions in international bodies regulating the sport and representing the FPF in national, public or private sports organisations.

5. The remuneration of the Chairman, as well as of the members of governing bodies and non-permanent committee members who are granted professional status, is set by a Remuneration Committee made up of the chairmen of the General Meeting Board, the Statutory Audit Committee

and the LPFP and two delegates, one of whom must be elected by the District or Regional Associations and the other by the associations representing sports agents recognised by the FPF.

6. The Chairman may delegate any of the powers provided for in paragraph 2 to a member of the Board of Directors or the General Secretary for a fixed period of time.
7. If it is not possible to appoint an alternate vice-chairman pursuant to Article 51(2), it is up to the Board to appoint him/her from among its members.

SECTION IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 51 Composition

1. The Board comprises eleven members:
 - a) The President of the FPF;
 - b) The President of the Portuguese Professional Football League, who is inherently Vice-President of the FPF;
 - c) Nine voting members.
2. At the first Board meeting, it is the responsibility of the Chairman to appoint the vice-chairmen from among the elected members and to establish the specific competence of each of the vice-chairmen, as well as the alternate vice-chairman in the event of their absence or impediment.
3. The Board may set up non-permanent committees to support the exercise of its competences.
4. The non-permanent committees work under the respective vice-chairmanship and their duty is to inform the Board of Directors of all matters, advising and assisting it in the fulfilment of its duties, as outlined in these Statutes or in special rules set forth by the FPF Board of Directors.
5. The Board may set up non-permanent committees at the request of the judicial bodies and the National Technical Director.
6. The Board appoints one of its members to the professional league's administrative body.
7. In the event of a vacancy in the office of one of the members of the Board of Directors and there being no alternates on the elected list, the Board of Directors must propose an alternate to the General Meeting, which shall elect him/her.

Article 52 Meetings

1. The Board of Directors holds ordinary monthly meetings and holds extraordinary meetings whenever the Chairman so determines or at the request of at least six members.
2. The Chairman convenes all Board meetings and sets the agenda.
3. Each member of the Board is entitled to propose items for inclusion on the agenda, provided they are sent to the General Secretariat at least eight days before the date of the meeting.
4. The agenda must be sent to the members of the Board at least five days before the date of the meeting.
5. The General Secretary participates in Board meetings in an advisory capacity.
6. Board meetings are not public.
7. The Board may invite third parties to attend meetings who, without the right to vote, give their opinion at the request of the Board or the Chairman.

Article 53 Competence

1. The Board of Directors is the executive body of the FPF and assists the Chairman, who presides over it.
2. Notwithstanding the other competences provided for in the Statutes and regulations, the Board of Directors is particularly responsible for:
 - a) Approving the regulations and publicising them;
 - b) Approving and publicising the other rules, regulations and acts necessary for fulfilling the FPF's purpose and compliance with the law, these statutes and the rules, regulations and directives of FIFA and UEFA;
 - c) Approving the internal regulations of all the FPF bodies and non-permanent commissions;
 - d) Approving the FPF's internal organisational regulations;
 - e) Approving the terms of the contract to be signed with the LPFP;
 - f) Organising the national teams;
 - g) Giving an opinion, on the proposal of the Chairman, on recruitment and dismissal:
 - i. Of the General Secretary;
 - ii. Of the National team coaches and coaching staffs;
 - iii. Of the National Technical Director.

- h) Applying a club licensing system in line with the minimum requirements set by UEFA;
- i) Giving an opinion, on a proposal from the President, on the appointment:
 - i. Of the members of the Emergency Committee;
 - ii. Of the members of the First Instance Club Licensing Body for UEFA Club Competitions and the members of the Club Licensing Committee for FPF Competitions, in accordance with these Statutes and the requirements established by FIFA, UEFA and the FPF.
 - iii. Of the members of the Scientific Council and the members of the Monitoring Unit of the R&D Unit.
- j) Organising national non-professional sports competitions;
- k) Deciding, by 30 April each year, on the competition plan for the following season, the schedule and the number of teams participating in the Portuguese Football Federation's competitions, as well as the Competition Regulations, notwithstanding the competence of the District or Regional Associations and the Portuguese Professional Football League in relation to their competitions;
- l) Deciding, by 31 January each year, on changes to the number of participants in national non-professional competitions to be held the following season;
- m) Ensuring that the rights and duties of Members are established;
- n) Checking to make sure that the statutes of Ordinary Members are in line with the statutes of the FPF, FIFA and UEFA;
- o) Deciding to take legal action against the members of the other governing bodies for acts committed in the exercise of their office;
- p) Receiving complaints against people subject to disciplinary powers and forwarding them to the competent disciplinary bodies;
- q) Ordering the provisional suspension of Ordinary Members;
- r) Drawing up the FPF's annual activity plan;
- s) Draw up the annual budget, balance sheet and financial statements and submit them to the Statutory Audit Committee for an opinion;
- t) To authorise the acquisition, disposal or encumbrance of immovable property, subject to the binding opinion of the Statutory Audit Committee and the external auditor;
- u) (Repealed);
- v) Deciding on the FPF's affiliation with national or international organisations;

- w) Fulfilling the obligations arising from commitments or agreements concluded within the framework of international organisations to which the FPF is a party;
- x) Creating non-permanent committees and giving an opinion on the appointment of their members, on a proposal from the Chairman;
- y) Proposing to the General Meeting the awarding of the qualities of Honorary President, Honorary Member and Member of Merit, as well as the awarding of medals and commendations;
- z) Registering the employment contracts, training contracts and sporting commitments of sports players;
- aa) Administering the affairs of the FPF in matters not specifically assigned to other bodies;
- bb) Ensuring enforcement of the FPF Statutes and the decisions of the governing bodies;
- cc) Setting up and ensuring the functioning of an R&D Unit within the FPF, made up of a Scientific Council and, if appropriate, a Monitoring Unit, and to provide them with technical and administrative autonomy, including the drawing up of their internal regulations and the definition of activities, plans, projects and the establishment of partnerships with a view to promoting research and scientific development in the areas of health and performance in football;
- dd) Calling on FPF Members each year to take part in permanent or non-permanent committees or technical working groups to discuss and draw up proposals for revising FPF regulations;
- ee) Creating or participating in organisations that contribute to achieving the objects of the FPF.

Article 54 Resolutions

1. The Board cannot meet unless at least six of its members are present.
2. The Board's decisions are taken by a simple majority of the votes cast by the members present.
3. Voting by proxy or letter is not permitted.
4. It is not permitted for a member of the Board to vote on an item or matter in which he or she has some interest, even if by indications.
5. The decisions taken are recorded in the minutes.
6. The Board's resolutions take effect immediately, unless otherwise decided.
7. Regulations approved by the Board of Directors shall enter into force on the day following their publication in the Official Gazette, notwithstanding the provisions of the law.

Article 55 Emergency Committee

1. The Emergency Committee is made up of the Chairman and two members of the Board appointed by the latter on a proposal from the Chairman.
2. The Emergency Committee is responsible for deciding issues that require immediate resolution between two Board meetings.
3. The Chairman convenes the meetings of the Emergency Committee and promptly notifies the other members of the Board of the decisions taken.
4. Decisions taken by the Emergency Committee take effect immediately and are ratified at the next Board meeting.
5. If the Chairman is unable to attend a meeting of the Emergency Committee for any reason, he or she shall be replaced with another member of the Board, in accordance with Article 50(7) of these Statutes.

SECTION V

STATUTORY AUDIT COMMITTEE

Article 56 Composition and working

1. The Statutory Audit Committee comprises three members: a chairman, a vice-chairman and a member, one of whom must be a chartered accountant or a firm of chartered accountants
2. The Statutory Audit Committee shall draw up an annual report on the results of the supervision carried out.

Article 57 Competence

The Statutory Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the financial management of the FPF as well as compliance with the Statutes and applicable legal provisions, and in particular, for:

- a) Issuing an opinion on the activity plan and the budget and for checking for compliance with them in a quarterly report, as well as for issuing an opinion on the management report, the balance sheet, the financial statements and the other accounting documents;
- b) Issuing, within fifteen days, a prior opinion on the acquisition, sale and encumbrance of real estate;
- c) Checking that the books, accounting records and supporting documents are in order;

d) Monitoring the working of the FPF in financial matters, reporting any irregularities of which it becomes aware to the competent bodies;

e) Carrying out the other duties assigned to it by the Statutes and regulations.

SECTION VI

JUDICIAL BODIES

SUB-SECTION I

GENERAL PROVISION

Article 58 Judicial Bodies

1. The FPF's legal bodies include:

a) The Disciplinary Committee;

b) The Board of Appeal.

2. The scope, jurisdiction, modus operandi of the legal bodies and the incompatibility scheme of the corresponding members, in addition to the provisions of these Statutes, are set forth in their own regulations, in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

3. The Board of Directors may set up non-permanent committees to support the Disciplinary Committee or the Board of Appeal, if they so request.

4. In exercising their decision-making powers, the members of the legal bodies are entirely independent and do not receive orders or instructions from any other bodies of the FPF, notwithstanding their duty of strict obedience to the law, these Statutes and Regulations.

5. The decisions of the legal bodies are reasoned in fact and in law.

6. Members of the legal bodies are prevented from intervening in cases in which they have a personal interest in the decision and must also request to be excused from intervening when circumstances arise from which their impartiality or the uprightness of their conduct may reasonably be suspected.

7. In the event of an impediment or excuse, members of the legal body must declare themselves impeded or ask to be excused from speaking and, failing this, the other members must decide, with the chairman of the body having the casting vote.

8. When the chairman of the body is prevented or excused, the casting vote shall be exercised by his alternate.

SUB-SECTION II

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Article 59 Composition and working

1. The FPF Disciplinary Committee comprises thirteen members, all holding law degrees, and is organised into two sections, one for the professional area and one for the non-professional area.
2. The Disciplinary Committee consists of the Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, one for each section, and ten voting members equally distributed between the two sections.
3. Each area has its own disciplinary regulations, with those for the professional area being approved by the LPFP and ratified by the General Meeting and those for the non-professional area being approved by the FPF Board.
4. Meetings of the Disciplinary Committee take place at the headquarters of the FPF, notwithstanding the fact that meetings of the professional section may be held at the headquarters of the LPFP.
5. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee convenes and chairs the meetings of each section.

Article 60 Competence

It is the Disciplinary Committee's responsibility to initiate or determine the initiation of disciplinary proceedings and procedures and their closure, as well as, as a collegiate body, to assess and decide, in accordance with the law and applicable regulations, on disciplinary offences.

SUB-SECTION III

BOARD OF APPEAL

Article 61 Composition and Working

1. The Board of Appeal comprises seven members: a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and five voting members, all of whom hold a law degree.
2. The Board of Appeal meets whenever convened by its Chairman.

Article 62 Competence

The Board of Appeal is responsible for:

- a) Hearing and passing judgement on appeals against decisions of the LPFP and the FPF Electoral Commission;
- b) Hearing and passing judgement on appeals from the Body of First Instance;
- c) Hearing and passing judgement on appeals against decisions of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the FPF;
- d) Hearing and passing judgement on appeals against the decisions of any of the sections of the Disciplinary Committee relating to issues arising from the enforcement of technical and disciplinary rules directly concerning the practice of the sporting competition itself;
- e) To hear and pass judgement on appeals against the decisions of the Referees' Committee;
- f) Exercising disciplinary power over the members of the governing bodies of the Ordinary Members and the FPF;
- g) Knowing and judging match protests;
- h) Exercising the other competences assigned to it by these Statutes and the Disciplinary Regulations.

SECTION VII

REFEREES' COMMITTEE

Article 63 Composition and working

1. The Referees' Committee comprises eleven members: a chairman, three vice-chairmen and seven voting members with specific qualifications in the arbitration sector, preferably licensed arbitrators.
2. The members referred to in the preceding paragraph must be former referees or managers or coaches, but in both cases with at least five years' experience.
3. The Referees' Committee works in plenary and in sections.
4. The Referees' Committee comprises three sections: professional, non-professional and rankings.
5. The sections referred to in the preceding paragraph are made up as follows:

- a) Professional area section: the Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and two voting members;
 - b) Non-professional area section: the Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and three voting members;
 - c) Ranking section: one vice-chairman and two voting members.
6. Each section has its own regulations, with those for the non-professional and classification sections being approved by the Board of Directors and those for the professional section being approved by the LPFP and ratified by the FPF General Meeting.
 7. The Chairman of the Referees' Committee convenes and chairs the meetings of the professional section and the non-professional section.
 8. The member of the Referees' Committee who is elected vice-chairman of the rankings section convenes and chairs the meetings of this section.
 9. Meetings of the Referees' Committee take place at the headquarters of the FPF, notwithstanding the fact that meetings of the professional section may be held at the headquarters of the LPFP.

Article 64 Competence

The Referees' Committee is responsible for:

- a) Outlining arbitration guidelines and coordinating, planning and administering the corresponding activity;
- b) Setting the criteria for appointing and ranking referees;
- c) Proposing to the Board of the FPF and the Board of the LPFP, respectively, the rules governing national non-professional and professional officiating, as well as its regulations;
- d) Setting the parameters for forming the national officiating system;
- e) Proposing to the Board the candidates to be named to FIFA for appointment as international referees;
- f) Interpreting and implementing the Laws of the Game;
- g) Through the professional section and the non-professional section, appointing referees for matches in national competitions and for others whenever requested to do so by the Board;
- h) Appointing a Technical Support Committee to advise on the exercise of its competences;
- i) Setting the criteria for observing and appointing referee observers;
- j) Supervising and appointing referee observers through the Ranking Section;

- k) Through the Classification Section, carrying out the technical and final ranking of referees and referee observers in all national categories;
- l) Submitting proposals to the Board of Directors on officiating matters.

Article 65 Chairman of the Referees' Committee

The Chairman of the FPF Referees' Committee is particularly responsible for:

- a) Representing officiating at national and international organisations;
- b) Drawing up a report on officiating activity, which is included in the FPF's annual report;
- c) Complying with and enforcing the budget allocated to it each year;
- d) Convening and chairing meetings of the Referees' Committee plenary session and the professional and non-professional sections.

CHAPTER V

STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 66 Standing Committees

The FPF's Standing Committees include:

- a) The Ethics Committee;
- b) The Board of Governors;
- c) The Strategic Council.

SECTION I

ETHICS COMMITTEE

Article 67 Nature

The Ethics Committee is the FPF body whose purpose is to advise and assist the Board of Directors in outlining and adopting good governance practices, as well as contributing to the objective of ensuring that the FPF's actions are governed by high standards of ethics and transparency.

Article 68 Composition

The Committee comprises a Chairman and three to seven members with recognised experience in matters of ethics, integrity or compliance, all appointed by the Board of Directors on a proposal from the Chairman of the FPF.

Article 69 Competences

1. The Ethics Committee is responsible for ensuring that standards of integrity and ethical quality are observed and promoted within the FPF.
2. In particular, the Ethics Committee is responsible for:
 - a) Issuing opinions on ethical issues related to FPF activity;
 - b) Monitoring the FPF's activity in terms of regulatory compliance, assessing the adequacy of the measures implemented;
 - c) Making recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters of governance, ethics and transparency, particularly with regard to the adoption of statements, forms and contractual procedures;
 - d) Monitoring the enforcement of the Code of Ethics and Procedures, as well as proposing any changes deemed appropriate to the Board.
3. The working of the Committee is determined by its own rules of procedure.

SECTION II

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Article 70 Nature

1. The Board of Governors is the FPF's strategic decision-making Standing Committee.
2. The Board of Governors assists the Board in devising strategies for developing Portuguese football and fostering dialogue among the various players in the sport and in society.

Article 71 Composition

1. The Board of Governors comprises a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and an unlimited number of members, all appointed by the Board of Directors on a proposal from the Chairman of the FPF.
2. The Board of Governors consists of personalities and agents representing the following sectors:
 - a) Representatives of ordinary members of the FPF;
 - b) Representatives of super-federative organisations;

- c) Representatives of supranational confederations;
- d) Personalities linked to social responsibility organisations working to promote sport;
- e) Personalities from the academic and business world;
- f) Personalities of recognised prestige in sport and football;
- g) Other agents who can contribute to the strategic development of Portuguese football.

Article 72 Competences

1. The powers of the Board of Governors include:

- a) Assisting the FPF Board in pursuing the federation's activities and upholding the interests of Portuguese football, namely by assessing the context, trends and challenges of football, both nationally and internationally;
- b) Debating and submitting proposals for social and sporting involvement that contribute to sustainably develop football;
- c) Proposing to the FPF Board the creation of working groups or commissions, with the aim of studying and debating solutions on relevant issues and pressing challenges for national and international football;
- d) Issuing non-binding opinions or recommendations on matters within its remit that are requested by the Chairman or the Board of the PFF;
- e) Monitoring the impact of the policies implemented by the FPF, suggesting improvements or adjustments whenever requested.

2. The Board of Governors must submit an Activities Plan for the following sporting season to the FPF Board of Directors by 30 June, which must include the strategic topics and issues to be discussed, the planned actions and the priority areas of intervention.

3. The functioning of the Board of Governors is determined by its own regulations.

SECTION III

STRATEGIC COUNCIL

Article 73 Nature

The Strategic Council is the Standing Committee to the Chairman of the FPF, with the purpose of advising him and helping to outline strategies for developing Portuguese football.

Article 74 Composition

The Strategic Council comprises a Chairman and an unlimited number of members, all personalities of recognised merit, appointed by the Chairman of the FPF and selected on the basis of their competence and prestige.

Article 75 Competences

1. The competences of the Strategic Council include:

- a) Submitting proposals and guidelines directly related to the areas of activity of the Chairman of the FPF, providing substantiated assessments and advice to strengthen the competitiveness of Portuguese football on the international stage;
- b) Developing initiatives and issue opinions and proposals, with full administrative support from the FPF services;
- c) Identifying trends, challenges, threats and opportunities that will enable Portugal, through the FPF, to take centre stage internationally, specifically in terms of the training processes for practitioners, coaches, referees, managers and other sports agents, as well as performance in high-performance competitions.

2. The working of the Council is determined by its own rules of procedure.

CHAPTER VI

STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 76 Chairman of the Standing Committee

1. The Chairs of the Standing Committees are members of the Board appointed by the Chairman of the FPF.
2. The Chairs of the Standing Committees are responsible for:
 - a) Convening the meetings of the respective Commission in collaboration with the General Secretary;
 - b) Chairing the meetings of the respective Committee;
 - c) Representing the respective Commission;

- d) Managing the Commission's activities in accordance with its rules of procedure;
- e) Receiving the proposals from the members of the Commission;
- f) Informing the FPF Board of all matters concerning the respective Committee.

Article 77 Committee for Training Sports Agents

1. The Committee for Training Sports Agents is a support commission whose role is to issue non-binding opinions and submit proposals to the Board of Directors, in conjunction with the National Technical Director, on various matters relating to training sports agents.
2. The Committee for Training Sports Agents comprises a chairman, a vice-chairman and five voting members, all appointed by the Chairman of the FPF, the vice-chairman at the proposal of the LPFP, two voting members at the proposal of the District or Regional Associations, one voting member at the proposal of the SJPF, one voting member at the proposal of the ANTF and one voting member at the proposal of the APAF.
3. Within this Committee, sub-committees may be set up or members appointed to form non-permanent commissions, specialised according to the categories of staff to be trained.

Article 78 Regulatory Affairs Committee

1. The Regulatory Affairs Committee is a support committee whose role is to issue non-binding opinions and make proposals to the Board of Directors on all matters relating to non-professional national competitions.
2. The Regulatory Affairs Committee comprises a chairman, a vice-chairman and five voting members, all appointed by the Chairman of the FPF, the vice-chairman and one voting member being proposed by the District or Regional Associations, one voting member being proposed by the LPFP, one voting member being proposed by the SJPF, one voting member being proposed by the ANTF and one voting member being proposed by the APAF.

Article 79 Youth Football and Non-Professional Football Committee

1. The Youth Football and Non-Professional Football Committee is a consultative committee whose role is to assist the Board of Directors in examining and submitting proposals regarding the development of the youth and non-professional football competitions, as well as promoting and fostering the sport.

2. The Youth Football and Non-Professional Football Committee comprises a chairman, a vice-chairman and a member with specific knowledge of these matters, appointed by the Chairman of the FPF.

Article 80 Women's Football Committee

1. The Women's Football Committee is a consultative committee whose role is to assist the Board of Directors in examining and submitting proposals regarding the development of the women's football competition, as well as promoting and fostering the sport.
2. The Women's Football Committee comprises a chairman, a vice-chairman and a member with specific knowledge of the subject, appointed by the Chairman of the FPF.

Article 81 Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee

1. The Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee is a consultative committee whose role is to assist the Board in examining and submitting proposals for development the Futsal and Beach soccer competitive frameworks, as well as promoting and fostering the variants.
2. The Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee comprises a chairman, a vice-chairman and a voting member with specific knowledge of these variants, appointed by the Chairman of the FPF.

Article 82 Fair Play Committee

1. The Fair Play Committee is a consultative committee tasked with assisting the Board of Directors in examining and submitting proposals on all matters relating to ethics, fair play and sporting truth in football.
2. The Fair Play Commission comprises a chairman, a vice-chairman and a voting member, appointed by the Chairman of the FPF.

CHAPTER VII

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 83 General Secretariat

The General Secretariat carries out all the management work of the FPF, under the direction of the General Secretary.

Article 84 General Secretary

1. The General Secretary, who coordinates the General Secretariat, is responsible for implementing the Board's decisions.
2. The General Secretary is hired by the Chairman, on a service commission basis, for the duration of the term of office, after obtaining the opinion of the Board of Directors, and must have recognised competence to carry out his/her duties.
3. The remuneration of the General Secretary is set by the Board of Directors.
4. The General Secretary is responsible for:
 - a) Ensuring the organisation and operation of services, as well as the keeping of books, pursuant to law;
 - b) Attending meetings of the General Meeting, the Board of Directors and the Emergency Committee;
 - c) Organising the meetings of the General Meeting and the Board of Directors;
 - d) Drawing up the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Emergency Committee, with the results of the votes and the corresponding voting explanations;
 - e) Drawing up statistics on unjustified absences from General Meetings;
 - f) Drawing up and proposing all the regulations necessary for pursuing the FPF's purpose;
 - g) Proposing to the Board of Directors the venue, timetable and number of teams taking part in the Portuguese Football Federation's competitions, notwithstanding the powers delegated to the District or Regional Associations and the Portuguese Professional Football League;
 - h) Overseeing the accounts and managing the FPF's correspondence, ensuring contacts with FIFA and UEFA.

CHAPTER VIII

NATIONAL TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Article 85 Statute

1. The National Technical Director is hired by the Chairman on a service commission basis for the duration of the term of office, after receiving the opinion of the Board, and must have the highest level of coaching qualification recognised by UEFA, experience in the sport and in the area of youth football, credibility, communication and leadership skills and be recognised in the sport.
2. The remuneration of the National Technical Director is set by the Board of Directors.

Article 86 Duties

1. The National Technical Director is responsible for submitting proposals to the Board of Directors with regard to training sports agents, football for all, national teams, player development and the restructuring of national competitive frameworks, research and documentation, and is advised by the Committees set up for each area or variant of football.
2. The National Technical Director cannot be the National Team Coach.

CHAPTER IX

DECISION-MAKING BODIES OF THE CLUB LICENSING SYSTEM FOR FPF AND UEFA COMPETITIONS

Article 87 Composition and working

1. The decision-making bodies of the club licensing system for competitions organised by the FPF are the Licensing Committee and the Appeals Commission.
2. The decision-making bodies of the club licensing system for UEFA club competitions are the First Instance Body and the Appeals Body.
3. The Licensing Committee and the Body of First Instance must include at least one statutory auditor and one lawyer.
4. The decisions of the Licensing Committee and the Body of First Instance must be substantiated in fact and in law.
5. The Board of Appeal shall act as an appeal body for the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2.
6. The procedures for licensing clubs for FPF and UEFA competitions, the composition, areas of competence and working of the Licensing Committee and the Body of First Instance are outlined in specific regulations which, in accordance with the requirements established by FIFA, UEFA and the FPF, are approved by the Board.

7. In the context of professional sports competitions, the LPFP is responsible for outlining the participation requirements for sports organisations, in compliance with FIFA and UEFA rules, regulations and directives.

CHAPTER X COMPETITIONS

Article 88 Rights

1. Pursuant to the FIFA and UEFA Statutes, rules and regulations, the FPF is the sole and exclusive owner of all rights relating to the competitions and events it organises and which fall within its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to time, place or content.
2. The rights referred to in the preceding paragraph include, in particular, copyright, financial rights, audiovisual or radio recording rights, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and advertising rights and all others that derive from the organiser's status as a sports competition organiser.
3. It is incumbent on the Board of Directors to approve regulations on how the rights referred to in this article are to be utilised, outlining whether they are to be used by the Board, jointly with third parties or solely by third parties, in any case protecting the rights of each Ordinary Member of the FPF.
4. Ownership of the rights to the League Cup rests with the respective organising body, in compliance with the regulations adopted by FIFA, UEFA and the FPF.

Article 89 Authorisation

The FPF and its Partners are solely and exclusively responsible for authorising the distribution of images and sounds, by any means or form, of football matches and events that fall within their jurisdiction.

Article 90 Competitions

1. The Portuguese Football Federation organises and coordinates football, futsal, beach soccer, walking football and football sport competitions held in Portugal.

2. The Portuguese Football Federation recognises the competence of the District or Regional Associations to organise district or regional championships, in all current or future male and female variants of football, futsal, beach soccer, walking football and sports football, which may not interfere with competitions organised by the FPF.
3. By delegation of the FPF, the LPFP exercises competences relating to professional competitions.
4. Competitions organised by the FPF have priority in the calendar.
5. Beach soccer competitions may be organised, by delegation of the FPF Board, by a body that undertakes to comply with the statutes, principles, regulations and decisions of UEFA and FIFA.
6. No natural or legal person may own or exercise control over more than one Sports Club or Company, whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardised.

Article 91 International matches and competitions

1. The power to authorise or organise international matches and competitions between national teams, clubs or sporting companies belonging to different federations or leagues lies exclusively with FIFA or UEFA.
2. No international match or competition may be held without prior authorisation from FIFA or UEFA, in accordance with applicable regulations.
3. The FPF is obliged to respect the international fixture calendar established by FIFA.

Article 92 Sports Contacts

The FPF may not organise, hold matches or establish sports contacts with federations that are not members of FIFA or UEFA, with Associations that have been suspended by FIFA or UEFA or with provisional members of a Confederation without prior approval from FIFA or UEFA.

Article 93 Approval

Clubs affiliated with District or Regional Associations may not belong to or take part in competitions taking place in the territory of another Federation without the authorisation of the FPF, the other Federation and FIFA or UEFA.

CHAPTER XI

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Article 94 Arbitration

1. Within the FPF, pursuant to the Voluntary Arbitration Law, a Court of Arbitration is set up to resolve disputes on a national scale between members or sports agents, or between them and the Federation, which do not fall within the jurisdiction of other bodies or are prohibited by law.
2. The FPF recognises the arbitration decisions handed down by a court of arbitration set up under any collective bargaining agreement for resolving labour disputes, as well as those handed down by the Arbitration Commissions of the FPF and LPFP for resolving issues in relation to setting training compensation and the application of the solidarity mechanism.

Article 95 Court of Arbitration

1. The Court of Arbitration shall be governed by the provisions of the Voluntary Arbitration Act, in all that is not specifically regulated in the following paragraphs.
2. The Court of Arbitration is called upon by the Portuguese Football Federation within eight days of becoming aware of the facts from which the dispute arises, under penalty of forfeiture of the right of action.
3. The Court of Arbitration comprises three arbitrators, two appointed by the parties and a third, who presides, co-opted by them.
4. The Court of Arbitration operates at the headquarters of the Portuguese Football Federation.
5. With the initial request, the requesting party appoints its arbitrator, states the facts, substantiates the request, attaches documents and requests any evidence it deems necessary.
6. The defendant is served with a statement of defence, and no further pleadings are allowed.
7. The maximum number of witnesses is three, all to be presented, and their testimony put into writing, with a time limit of eight days.
8. The Chairman shall assess whether the right of action has lapsed, the Court of Arbitration shall pass judgement in fact and in law and no appeal shall be lodged against its decision.
9. The Court of Arbitration is exempt from making the legal deposit of the decision.

Article 96 TAS/CAS

1. Appeals against final and binding decisions of the FIFA and UEFA bodies of last instance must be lodged with the CAS in accordance with the FIFA and UEFA Statutes.

2. The FPF endeavours to ensure that its Members and sports agents comply with the final decisions of FIFA, UEFA and the TAS/CAS.

Article 97 Jurisdiction

1. Except in the cases expressly provided for by law, the FPF, any of its Members, players' agents, match agents and other sports agents are prohibited from submitting to the ordinary courts any dispute that falls within the sole jurisdiction of FIFA or UEFA.
2. The FPF is competent to rule on disputes at national level, and FIFA and UEFA have jurisdiction over any international dispute.

CHAPTER XII

DISCIPLINARY REGIME

Article 98 Disciplinary Power

1. The FPF's disciplinary powers are exercised over the Members, members of governing bodies, candidates for FPF positions, elected delegates to the FPF General Meeting and other sports agents who carry out activities within the FPF's remit, under the terms of the respective disciplinary regime.
2. The disciplinary liability regime is independent from civil or criminal liability and the exercise of criminal proceedings by the State shall not prevent the FPF from instigating the competent disciplinary proceedings.
3. Infringements of a sporting nature and the relevant disciplinary measures can be found in the Disciplinary Regulations.
4. The District or Regional Associations exercise disciplinary power over natural and legal persons who take part, carry out activities or perform functions in non-professional district or regional competitions recognised by the FPF.

Article 99 Disciplinary Measures

Notwithstanding any other disciplinary measures that may be established by regulation, the following comprise disciplinary measures:

- a) For natural and legal persons:

- i. Warning;
 - ii. A reprimand;
 - iii. A fine;
 - iv. The return of awards.
- c) For natural persons:
- i. Caution;
 - ii. Expulsion from the match or the field;
 - iii. Match suspension;
 - iv. Suspension based on time;
 - v. Ban from the dressing rooms or the substitutes' bench;
 - vi. Ban from entering a stadium;
 - vii. Ban from taking part in any football-related activity.
- d) For legal persons:
- i. Transfer ban;
 - ii. Playing a match without spectators;
 - iii. Playing a match on a neutral ground;
 - iv. Ban on playing in a particular stadium;
 - v. Annulment of the result of the match;
 - vi. Exclusion from a competition;
 - vii. Defeat by forfeit;
 - viii. Deduction of points;
 - ix. Relegation to a lower division.

CHAPTER XIII

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 100 Financial period or financial year

The financial period of the FPF shall begin on 1st July and end on 30th June of the following year.

Article 101 Budget

1. The Board of Directors shall draw up the Annual Activities Plan and Budget of the FPF and shall submit it to the General Meeting for approval by 30th June each year.
2. The budgets of the governing bodies shall be included in the Budget of the FPF.
3. The budget shall respect the principle of a balanced budget, with revenues exceeding expenses.
4. Revenues and expenses shall be classified in a way that makes management control possible.
5. Budget slippage shall be rectified through a Supplementary Budget.

Article 102 Accounting

1. The accounting system of the FPF shall comply with the law and generally accepted accounting principles.
2. The Board of Directors of the FPF shall confirm the economic and financial situation of the FPF to the General Meeting through a report and reliable and relevant accounting documents.

Article 103 Revenues

The revenues of the FPF shall include the following:

- a) Profits arising from sporting activity;
- b) The profits arising from the commercialisation of the rights of the FPF;
- c) Fines imposed by the authorised bodies;
- d) Members' subscriptions;
- e) Grants and subsidies received.

Article 104 Expenses

The expenses of the Portuguese Football Federation shall include the following:

- a) The expenses stipulated in the FPF budget;
- b) Any others to accomplish the purpose of the FPF.

Article 105 Auditors

1. The supervision of the FPF accounts shall be conducted by the Statutory Audit Committee and by an external independent auditor who shall audit the approved accounts in accordance with the appropriate accounting principles, and shall submit reports on the activity developed both to the Board of Directors and to the General Meeting.
2. The external independent auditor shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a period of four years.
3. The annual reports referred to in paragraph 1 shall be sent by the auditor to UEFA.

Article 106 Membership Subscriptions

1. The General Meeting shall set the amount of the annual subscription every four years on recommendation of the Board of Directors.
2. The subscriptions shall be the same for all Members and they shall be due at the beginning of each sporting season.
3. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within thirty days of the General Meeting at which they were admitted.

Article 107 Settlement of Credits

The credits that the FPF has towards any of its Members may be debited from its account.

Article 108 Levies

The FPF may demand that a levy be paid for the organisation of tournaments and matches not included in the competitions of the LPFP or the District or Regional Associations, in accordance with the terms set out in Official Communiqué.

CHAPTER XIV FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 109 Dissolution

The Portuguese Football Federation shall be dissolved when the General Meeting so decides by a majority of four-fifths of the delegates.

Article 110 Time Limits

The time limits provided for by these Statutes shall be continuous.

Article 111 Publicising the Activity

The FPF shall publicise all the legally required data on its website, within fifteen days.

Article 112 Adaptation of Statutes

Ordinary members shall be bound to adapt their statutes to these Statutes and send them to the FPF within six months as from the publication referred to in the following article.

Article 113 Enforcement

1. These Statutes were approved at the General Meeting of 28th June 2025 and came into force on the day of their publication in accordance with the law.
2. With the entry into force of these Statutes, the Statutes approved at the General Meeting of 19th March 2011 with all subsequent amendments have been repealed.
3. The approval of these Articles of Association does not affect the term of office of the members of the governing bodies that are in progress on the date of their entry into force, nor the exercise of their functions.

Article 114 Transitional Rule

Until the first elective general meeting after 1 January 2026, the proportion of people of each sex on the Board of Directors shall be 20%, and the list of this body shall contain at least two persons of each sex as permanent candidates and one person as an alternate candidate.

ANEXO

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