

# FIFA Governance Regulations (FGR)

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## I. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 1 Purpose and scope of these regulations

1. These FIFA Governance Regulations (FGR) contain the basic principles and detailed regulations regarding FIFA's corporate governance.

2. In particular, they specify, based on the fundamental structure as set out in the FIFA Statutes, general principles regarding the internal organisation of FIFA. They further specify, within the framework of the general regime of competences as set out in the FIFA Statutes, general principles regarding the duties, powers and responsibilities of certain bodies, units and other entities of FIFA as well as of the members of those bodies and of the FIFA employees. Finally, they regulate the elections for the Council and the FIFA presidency, thereby supplementing and specifying the relevant provisions in the FIFA Statutes.

### 2 Implementation

The Council, the President, the standing committees, the independent committees and the Secretary General are authorised to issue directives, guidelines, policies, procedures, circular letters, manuals and similar documents for the implementation of these FIFA Governance Regulations as part of their range of duties and powers, subject to the FIFA Statutes and the provisions of these regulations.

### 3 General conduct of members of FIFA bodies and FIFA employees – FIFA compliance policy

1. **General principles**  
During their work and as part of their functions, members of FIFA bodies and FIFA employees shall do everything possible that is conducive to fulfilling FIFA's objectives (cf. art. 2 of the FIFA Statutes) and refrain from any action that could be detrimental to those objectives. Inside and outside FIFA, they shall know and comply with all applicable laws and regulations, as well as with FIFA's internal rules and regulations, such as the present regulations, the FIFA Code of Ethics, the FIFA Code of Conduct and the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

2.

The Secretary General shall issue special provisions regarding the conduct of FIFA employees.

## 4 Eligibility checks

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes, all members of the Council (including the President), of the standing committees, of the independent committees as well as the Secretary General shall be required to fulfil eligibility checks in accordance with Annexe 1 of these regulations prior to their (re-)election or (re-)appointment.

## 5 Independence

1.

The restrictions resulting from the requirement of independence of the members of the relevant FIFA bodies are as follows:

2.

Additional provisions apply to the members of the FIFA Ethics Committee (cf. art. 34 of the FIFA Code of Ethics).

3.

“Immediate family” or “immediate family member” means, with respect to any person, such person’s spouse or domestic partner, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, children (including any stepchild or adopted child), grandchildren, son-, daughter-, father- or mother-in-law and the spouses of such persons, and including anyone else, whether by blood or otherwise, with whom the individual has a relationship akin to a family relationship for which such person provides financial support.

4.

“Material business relationship” means, with respect to any person, that (i) such person has been, or (ii) such person is a current director or executive officer or employee of or owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the equity of any entity that has made payments to or received payments from FIFA, any confederation, any member association or any sponsor, auditor, outside counsel or other paid adviser or contractor of any of FIFA, any

confederation or any member association for property or services in an amount which, in any single year, exceeds USD 125,000. Any compensation or other amounts paid to any such person in their capacity as a member of the Council or of an independent FIFA body shall not constitute a material business relationship within the meaning of this provision.

### **6 Disclosure of compensation**

The individual annual compensation of the President, of the vice-presidents and members of the Council, and of the Secretary General, as determined by the Compensation Sub-Committee pursuant to art. 37 par. 11 (b) of the present regulations, as well as the compensation of the chairperson of the Audit and Compliance Committee and the costs of the judicial bodies shall be published in the annual FIFA Financial Report.



## II. DUTIES, POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ORGANISATION OF FIFA BODIES AND HOLDERS OF KEY POSITIONS

### ANNUAL MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS CONFERENCE

#### **7** Strategic football summits: the annual member associations conference

**1.**

The annual member associations conference provided for by the FIFA Statutes, which is a strategic advisory forum for FIFA, may be conducted in the form of annual strategic football summits and shall be organised under the direction of the President.

**2.**

The president of each member association shall be an ex officio member of the annual strategic football summits. The president may be accompanied at these summits by other association top executives, as the case may be.

**3.**

The format of the annual strategic football summits as well as the venue and timing of the meetings shall remain flexible in order to provide the appropriate platform of discussion depending on the topics to be discussed.

**4.**

The annual strategic football summits shall be dedicated to strategic discussions on issues of high relevance for the football world as provided for in the FIFA Statutes, with a particular focus on:

- a) Football development
- b) Competitions
- c) Governance
- d) Laws of the Game
- e) Integrity of the game
- f) Diversity
- g) Women's football
- h) Social responsibility

**5.**

The conclusions of these meetings shall constitute strategic advice to the FIFA Council and the FIFA Congress.

## COUNCIL

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## Duties, powers and responsibilities

### 1.

The duties, powers and responsibilities of the Council are based on the applicable FIFA Statutes and regulations, and on rulings and decisions applicable to the Council passed by the appropriate FIFA bodies (e.g. by the judicial bodies).

### 2.

The Council defines FIFA's mission, strategic direction, policies and values, in particular with regard to the organisation and development of football at worldwide level and all related matters. In accordance with, and subject to, art. 34 of the FIFA Statutes, the Council has, in particular, the following specific duties:

- a) It deals with global strategies for football and its political, economic and social status;
- b) It defines FIFA's overall strategy, including with regard to sports-political and business matters;
- c) It oversees the activities of the standing committees and the overall management of FIFA by the general secretariat;
- d) It appoints and dismisses the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the standing committees, with the exception of the members of the Governance Committee, who are elected by the Congress and may only be dismissed by the Congress;
- e) It proposes to the Congress for election the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the Disciplinary Committee, the Ethics Committee, the Appeal Committee, the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Governance Committee, thereby striving to ensure appropriate gender distribution;
- f) It may decide to set up bureaus and/or sub-committees to the standing committees and ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time, as well as approve the set-up of a bureau and/or sub-committee proposed by a standing committee;

- g) It may decide to establish ad-hoc Electoral Committees to assume certain duties that are, in principle, assigned to the Governance Committee;
- h) It appoints and dismisses the Secretary General upon the proposal of the President; the Council may also dismiss the Secretary General without such a proposal, in which case the President shall nevertheless still be obliged to sign the respective termination notice with regard to the employment contract of the Secretary General;
- i) It defines the standards, policies and procedures applicable to the awarding of commercial contracts by FIFA;
- j) It defines the standards, policies and procedures applicable to football development grants;
- k) It defines the standards, policies and procedures regarding the operational costs of FIFA;
- l) It defines the standards, policies and procedures regarding all other business- or finance-related matters of FIFA;
- m) It approves the budget prepared by the Finance Committee to be submitted to the Congress for approval;
- n) It approves the accounts and annual audited financial statements, including the consolidated financial statements, drawn up by the Secretary General to be submitted to the Congress for approval;
- o) It approves the annual report to be submitted to the Congress for approval;
- p) It approves any proposals regarding amendments to the material structure of FIFA's subsidiaries as well as regarding acquiring and selling holdings in companies;
- q) It decides on the place and dates of the final competitions of FIFA tournaments and the number of teams taking part from each confederation, except for the place of the FIFA World Cup™ final competition;
- r) It appoints the three representatives of FIFA who shall attend the general assembly of The IFAB in addition to the President; furthermore, it is entitled to direct how the representatives of FIFA shall vote in The IFAB;

- s) It supports the full participation of women at all levels of football, including in governance and technical roles;
- t) It approves and issues FIFA regulations.

**3.**

In accordance with art. 27 par. 7 of the FIFA Statutes, the Council shall determine the number of seats to be assigned to each confederation in the Audit and Compliance Committee, in the Governance Committee and in the judicial bodies, and thereafter submit proposals, in writing, for the members of the Audit and Compliance Committee, the Governance Committee and the judicial bodies to the general secretariat at least four months before the start of the relevant Congress.

**4.**

The Council shall deal with all matters relating to FIFA that do not fall within the sphere of responsibility of another body, in accordance with the FIFA Statutes.

**5.**

The Council shall not be responsible for matters of an executive nature. Such matters shall be dealt with by the FIFA general secretariat.

## **9 Meetings and decision-making**

**1.**

The Council shall meet at least three times a year.

**2.**

The President shall convene the meetings of the Council at least 14 days in advance by way of letter and/or email, stating the date, time and place of the meeting as well as the items of the agenda (the latter to be compiled by the President while considering possible proposals from the other Council members). Meetings may be held in person, by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed by other methods (e.g. circular resolution). The required documents to enable the members to prepare properly for the meeting shall be sent to the members at least seven days in advance by way of letter and/or email. If justified by special circumstances, additional and/or new documents may be distributed at the meeting. Meetings of the Bureau of the Council shall be convened immediately.

**3.**

If at least nineteen (19) members of the Council request a meeting, the President shall convene it according to par. 2 above.

**4.**

The President, as the chairperson of the Council, shall conduct the meetings in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and these regulations. He shall open and close the debates and give the floor to the Council members. If the President is unable to attend, the longest-serving vice-president shall conduct the meeting as deputy chairperson. If the longest-serving vice-president is prevented from conducting the meeting, the next vice-president in line shall conduct the meeting.

**5.**

If a vote is needed on any matter, a majority of the valid votes cast is required for a decision to be adopted. Each member of the Council has one vote. As a rule, votes of the Council shall be conducted openly.

**6.**

Decisions of the Council are signed by the President.

**7.**

Council meetings are confidential.

**8.**

The minutes of every meeting shall be recorded by the Secretary General, who attends the Council meetings ex officio and as the secretary of the meetings without voting rights. Should the Secretary General be unavailable, the Deputy Secretary General shall deputise. The minutes shall, as a general rule, be signed by the Secretary General.

## **10** Council members' duties

**1.**

The members of the Council shall participate in the meetings in person. Attendance by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication shall also constitute presence.

**2.**

Council members shall show mutual respect and protect the interests of FIFA in their work. They shall read the agenda carefully as well as any documents sent to them before the meeting. They shall take an active part in the discussions.

**3.**

Council members shall adhere to all relevant FIFA rules and regulations in their work on the committees, in particular to the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Code of Ethics but also to any decisions issued by FIFA.

**4.**

In particular, Council members shall always be aware of, and comply with, the provisions of art. 19 of the FIFA Code of Ethics (Conflicts of interest) and adjust their conduct as necessary (e.g. abstain from performing their duties, notify the President in cases of potential conflicts of interest).

**5.**

Council members shall complete and submit two copies, one to the President and one to the Review Committee, of the Related-Party Declaration (included in Annexe 2 to these regulations) on an annual basis. The President shall also complete and submit two copies, one to the Secretary General and one to the Review Committee, of the Related-Party Declaration.

**6.**

Every member of the Council undertakes, and accepts responsibility, to faithfully, loyally and independently act in the best interests of FIFA and the promotion and development of football at global level.

## **11** Expenses

Expenses of the Council members shall be reimbursed in accordance with the applicable FIFA Expenses Regulations.

## **12** Bureau of the Council

The provisions above shall also apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Bureau of the Council.

## PRESIDENT

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### Contractual relationship with FIFA

In addition to the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes as well as of the present and other FIFA regulations, the details regarding the relationship between FIFA and the President including, in particular, compensation matters, shall be regulated by a contract between the (incumbent) President and FIFA. This contract shall be approved by the Compensation Sub-Committee and signed on behalf of FIFA by the Secretary General and a second person having the power to sign in accordance with the entry in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich.

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### Role, duties, powers and responsibilities

#### 1.

The President represents FIFA generally (cf. art. 35 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes). He chairs the Congress and the Council, and coordinates the Council. The President's duties, powers and responsibilities are based on the applicable FIFA Statutes and regulations, and on rulings and decisions applicable to the President passed by the appropriate FIFA bodies (e.g. by the judicial bodies).

#### 2.

The President shall aim to ensure that FIFA's statutory objectives, mission, strategic direction, policies and values are sustainably pursued and to foster a positive image of FIFA. While performing his activities, the President shall be, and thus contribute to FIFA being, a vanguard for promoting the following principles, rights and values in particular:

- a) Integrity, ethics and fair play;
- b) Human rights and humanitarian values;
- c) Non-discrimination, gender equality, equal treatment in general, and the stance against racism;
- d) Solidarity and mutual respect in football as well as in society in general;

- e) Promoting friendly and peaceful relations within FIFA as well as in society in general for humanitarian reasons.

**3.**

The President shall be recorded in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich as having joint powers of signature (with one other person).

**4.**

In accordance with, and subject to, art. 35 of the FIFA Statutes, the President has, in particular, the following specific duties:

- a) He proposes the guidelines for FIFA's overall strategy to the Council; he oversees, together with the Council, the implementation of the guidelines for FIFA's overall strategy; he appraises the Secretary General's performance.
- b) He prepares the business of the Council and the Congress.
- c) He may propose the appointment or dismissal of the Secretary General.
- d) He engages the members of the Executive Office of the President and terminates their employment.

**5.**

The President may delegate certain duties, powers and responsibilities that have been assigned to him to the Secretary General or individual members of the Council. In such cases, the Secretary General or the individual members of the Council shall report to the President.

**6.**

In accordance with art. 33 par. 8 of the FIFA Statutes, if the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official function, the longest-serving vice-president shall assume the powers and responsibilities of the President until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new President, if necessary. If the longest-serving vice-president is prevented from assuming the powers and responsibilities of the President, the next vice-president in line shall assume the powers and responsibilities of the President.



## SECRETARY GENERAL

# 15 Secretary General

### 1.

The Secretary General is the chief executive officer (CEO) of FIFA. He chairs and heads the Management Board.

### 2.

The Secretary General shall be recorded in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich as having joint powers of signature (with one other person).

### 3.

The Secretary General reports to the Council through the office of the President.

### 4.

The Secretary General shall be employed by FIFA on the basis of an employment agreement governed by private law. The employment contract of the Secretary General shall be signed on behalf of FIFA by the President and a second person having power to sign in accordance with the entry in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich.

### 5.

The organisation and structure of the general secretariat shall be dealt with through directives issued by the Secretary General.

### 6.

#### **Powers and responsibilities**

The duties, powers and responsibilities of the Secretary General are based in principle on the FIFA Statutes and regulations applicable to the Secretary General, and on rulings and decisions applicable to the Secretary General passed by FIFA bodies as well as on any applicable legal provisions. The Secretary General has the responsibility and authority to make decisions on all executive and administrative matters that do not, based on the FIFA Statutes, these regulations or the regulations of other bodies, come under the remit of another body or person. He is authorised to issue implementing regulations, directives, policies, procedures, circular letters, manuals and similar documents as part of and within the framework of his duties and powers as set out in the FIFA Statutes, the provisions of these regulations, and the regulations of other bodies.

More particularly, the main duties of the Secretary General are as follows:

- a) He manages the FIFA general secretariat and ensures that all of FIFA's executive and administrative work is carried out smoothly, promptly and properly;
- b) He proposes targets for the various divisions in accordance with FIFA's overall strategy as determined by the Council;
- c) He approves the organisational structures in each division at the proposal of the respective director; he proposes the creation of new divisions to the Council;
- d) He implements, subject to other rulings stating the contrary, the rulings and decisions passed by the FIFA bodies, in particular decisions passed by the Congress and the Council, under the supervision of the President and adhering to the relevant guidelines and directives;
- e) He prepares the administration and organisation of the Congress;
- f) He appoints and/or dismisses the directors of FIFA; he approves proposals from the directors of the various divisions regarding the appointment or revocation thereof of a deputy; he engages and dismisses personnel in the FIFA general secretariat;
- g) He appoints or removes one of the division directors as a deputy to the Secretary General;
- h) He decides, on behalf of FIFA, on the signing powers of members of FIFA bodies and employees for the purpose of concluding legal transactions and signing correspondence as an addition to these regulations, wherever these persons are not recorded in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich;
- i) He issues guidelines and regulations for all FIFA employees after consulting the management concerned; he proposes the salary structure (including bonuses) as well as FIFA's social benefits to the President for approval;
- j) He issues guidelines concerning procurement;
- k) He proposes to the Council amendments to the material structure of FIFA's subsidiaries as well as regarding acquiring and selling holdings in companies;

- l) He determines persons for representation in subsidiaries and companies in which FIFA has a full or partial holding and proposes their withdrawal;
- m) He ensures that the provisions of art. 3 of the present regulations are also implemented in the consolidated subsidiaries of FIFA to the extent permitted by applicable law;
- n) He designates specific persons for overall projects (overall project leaders) and submits the relevant project plans to the Council for approval;
- o) He is responsible for managing and keeping the accounts of FIFA properly; he approves the guidelines proposed by the Finance & Corporate Services Division; he is responsible for preparing the annual and quadrennial budgets; he is responsible for preparing the annual audited financial statements;
- p) He is responsible for asset and foreign exchange management;
- q) He is responsible for FIFA's correspondence;
- r) He facilitates relations with the confederations and member associations;
- s) He is responsible for compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, the Council, the standing committees and the ad-hoc committees.

## **7.**

The President may devolve the following range of duties upon the Secretary General:

- a) Reporting to the Congress and the Council;
- b) Preparing decisions to be passed by the Congress and the Council.

## **8.**

Moreover, the Secretary General has the following duties, powers and responsibilities with regard to compliance:

- a) He monitors compliance by FIFA employees with the law and with all relevant FIFA rules and regulations;
- b) He reviews reports directly submitted to the Secretary General by the Chief Compliance Officer;

- c) He implements appropriate measures in cases of non-compliance, alleged corruption or other improper conduct by employees of FIFA and – to the extent permitted by applicable law – all members of executive bodies and employees of FIFA's consolidated subsidiaries who are not bound by the FIFA Code of Ethics, except for the Secretary General himself. In this respect, he ensures that the consolidated subsidiaries of FIFA set up their own compliance units which exercise the duties, powers and responsibilities in accordance with the applicable law, and that such compliance units report to the FIFA Compliance Unit in the absence of mandatory legal provisions to the contrary;
- d) Based on reports and proposals from the FIFA Compliance Unit, he implements appropriate measures in cases of non-compliance, alleged corruption or other improper conduct by FIFA team members, except for the Secretary General himself;
- e) He reports regularly (or, in cases of emergency, immediately) to the Audit and Compliance Committee on the findings of his compliance monitoring and on the cases reported and submitted to the Secretary General;
- f) He reports annually to the President and to the Audit and Compliance Committee on his compliance-related activities.

**9.**

The Secretary General may delegate duties to his deputy or to another division director for a certain period and, in particular, delegate mandatory reporting and minutes-taking of the standing committee and ad-hoc committee meetings to his deputy or to the directors of the various divisions or advisory divisions.

**10.**

The Secretary General shall consult with the President concerning major decisions in order to ensure that the overall strategy, as defined by the Council, is reflected in FIFA's day-to-day business, in particular regarding par. 6 c), e), f), g), k), l) and n) of the present article.

**11.**

If the Secretary General intends to deviate from the principles and provisions contained in these FIFA Governance Regulations while performing his duties, he must obtain approval from the Council prior to taking any relevant action.

## **16** Deputy Secretary General

**1.**

The Deputy Secretary General deputises for the Secretary General if the latter is temporarily absent or incapacitated with regard to performing his duties. He further assumes the function of Acting Secretary General if the Secretary General resigns or becomes permanently incapacitated with regard to performing his functions during his term of office until a new Secretary General has been appointed in accordance with the FIFA Statutes and these regulations.

**2.**

The Secretary General may assign duties in certain areas to the Deputy Secretary General for a fixed period.

## **17** FIFA Compliance Unit and Chief Compliance Officer

**1.**

The FIFA Compliance Unit is led by the Chief Compliance Officer.

**2.**

The FIFA Compliance Unit reports to the Secretary General and to the Audit and Compliance Committee.

**3.**

The organisation and functions as well as any other details of the FIFA Compliance Unit and the Chief Compliance Officer are governed by directives issued by the Secretary General.

**4.**

In order to fulfil its duties, powers and responsibilities, the FIFA Compliance Unit has unrestricted right of access to and inspection of any organisational unit of FIFA.

**5.**

Appropriate funding from FIFA shall be provided for payment of any outside counsel, experts or advisers to be engaged and for covering any ordinary administrative expenses of the Chief Compliance Officer that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out his duties.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. GENERAL RULES

# 18

## Scope

### 1.

The provisions of this section refer to committees only. Notwithstanding this, they apply to the FIFA standing committees as well as to their respective sub-committees (if applicable).

### 2.

The provisions contained in the subsequent section (specific rules for individual committees) supersede any provisions of this section addressing the same matter(s).

# 19

## Powers and competences of the Council relating to standing committees

### 1.

In addition to the duties set out in the FIFA Statutes and in arts 27 et seqq. below, the Council may delegate further duties to the committees at any time.

### 2.

The Council may remove any member of a committee at any time, with the exception of the members of the Governance Committee, who may only be dismissed by the Congress. Proposals to remove a particular committee member may, in particular, be submitted to the Council by the President. Reoccurring failure to attend committee meetings is especially regarded as a reason for relieving a member of his duties.

# 20

## Terms of office

### 1.

The members of the standing committees are appointed for a term of office of four years. Reappointments are possible.

2.

If a member of a committee resigns or becomes permanently incapacitated with regard to performing his functions during his term of office, or if he is relieved of his duties pursuant to art. 19 par. 2, the Council shall, at the earliest opportunity, appoint a replacement for the remaining term of office.

## 21 Organisation

1.

The committees may work with other committees to deal with specific problems.

2.

If necessary, the committees may set up working groups to conduct specific tasks or examine specific issues. Such working groups may include experts who are not members of the committees. The results of such working groups should then be fed back to the respective committee.

3.

The committees may call upon specialists at any time to address any urgent and/or special business in accordance with the applicable procurement guidelines. If such engagements incur expenses exceeding USD 100,000, they must be approved by the Council. The chairperson of the committee concerned shall make an appropriate request to the Council.

4.

The committees may call upon staff from the general secretariat to assist and support them in their work.

## 22 Compliance training

1.

All chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of all committees shall complete initial compliance training within six months of assuming their positions.

2.

All chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of all committees shall complete additional compliance training at least once every two years.

## 23 Meetings and decision-making

### 1.

The committees shall meet whenever pending matters so require. The chairperson and the Secretary General shall draw up an annual plan to fix dates for meetings. Meetings may be held in person, by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed by other methods (e.g. circular resolution).

### 2.

The chairperson shall draw up the agenda in conjunction with the Secretary General. Committee members may send written requests to the chairperson for items to be included in the agenda.

### 3.

The agenda shall, as a general rule, include the following items:

- a) Welcome from the President;
- b) Welcome of new members by the President and the chairperson (if applicable);
- c) Chairperson's remarks;
- d) Roll call;
- e) Approval of the agenda;
- f) Approval of the minutes of the last meeting;
- g) Agenda containing the items to be discussed and enclosures;
- h) Any other business;
- i) Next meeting.

### 4.

The Secretary General shall sign the agenda. The agenda and any enclosures shall be sent to the committee members in good time before the meeting. The agenda may be altered if a majority of the committee members present agrees



to such a proposal. Documents containing further information on the items to be discussed may be distributed to the committee members at any time.

**5.**

The chairperson shall open and conduct the meetings. The chairperson shall open and close the debates and give the floor to the committee members. If the chairperson is unable to attend, the deputy chairperson shall conduct the meeting. If the latter is also unavailable, the committee shall choose a chairperson for that meeting from the members present.

**6.**

If a vote is needed on any matter, a majority of the valid votes cast is required for the decision to be adopted. Each member of the committee has one vote. Votes are conducted openly. Voting by secret ballot is prohibited.

**7.**

Decisions of the standing committees are signed by the Secretary General.

**8.**

The Secretary General, or a representative of the general secretariat duly appointed by the Secretary General, shall attend committee meetings in an administrative capacity without voting rights.

**9.**

Committee meetings are confidential.

**10.**

Minutes shall be recorded of every meeting.

## **24** Committee members' duties

**1.**

The committee members shall take part in the meetings in person. Attendance by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication shall also constitute presence.

**2.**

Committee members shall show mutual respect and protect the interests of FIFA in their work on the committees. They shall review all documents sent to them before the meeting. They shall take an active part in the discussions.

Committee members shall act faithfully, loyally and independently and in the best interests of FIFA and the promotion and development of football at global level.

**3.**

Committee members shall adhere to all relevant FIFA rules and regulations in their work on the committees, in particular to the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Code of Ethics but also to any decisions issued by FIFA.

**4.**

In particular, committee members shall always be aware of, and comply with, the provisions of art. 19 of the FIFA Code of Ethics (Conflicts of interest) and adjust their conduct as necessary (e.g. abstain from performing their duties, notify the chairperson in cases of potential conflicts of interest).

## **25** Expenses

Committee members' expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with the applicable FIFA Expenses Regulations.

## **26** Relationship with the Council

**1.**

The respective chairpersons shall represent the committees in dealings with the Council and other FIFA bodies or institutions.

**2.**

The chairpersons of the committees shall regularly report to the Council on the committees' work, either orally or in writing.

## B. SPECIFIC RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES

# 27 Governance Committee and Review Committee

### 1.

#### Composition and structure

The Governance Committee shall consist of at least three members and not more than 12 members elected by the Congress. No fewer than half of the committee's members, including the chairperson and the deputy chairperson, shall fulfil the independence criteria defined in art. 5 of these regulations.

### 2.

The chairperson, deputy chairperson and one independent member of the Governance Committee, while remaining members of the plenary committee, shall form the Review Committee.

### 3.

#### Funding

FIFA shall provide appropriate funding for payment of any outside counsel, experts or advisers to be engaged and for covering any ordinary administrative expenses of the committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties. The expenses of the committee members shall be reimbursed in accordance with the applicable FIFA Expenses Regulations.

### 4.

#### Powers and responsibilities in general

The Governance Committee shall deal with, and advise and assist the Council on, all FIFA governance matters. In particular, the committee's main powers and responsibilities are as follows:

- a) To monitor material changes to FIFA's governance or governance-related regulations as well as the introduction of material new regulations and propose material amendments to FIFA regulations as well as the introduction of new material regulations;
- b) To deal with any other issues relating to FIFA governance matters;
- c) To advise on social responsibility, human rights, environmental protection and gender equality matters in connection with FIFA and its activities.

## 5.

### **Powers and responsibilities in the context of election procedures**

The Governance Committee's – or, if established by the Council in accordance with art. 8 par. 2g) of these regulations, the respective ad-hoc Electoral Committee's – duties with regard to election procedures shall include, in particular:

- a) To supervise the administrative process relating to the elections for the position of President and to monitor compliance with the present regulations as well as with any other guidelines as required in the performance of its duties;
- b) To ensure the correct application of the FIFA Statutes, regulations and provisions, as well as the contents of the present regulations, in matters relating to such electoral process;
- c) To issue instructions for the application of the provisions of the present regulations relating to such elections as necessary before and during the entire electoral process in question;
- d) To admit and announce candidatures. In this regard, the committee shall assess whether a candidate meets the profile specifications stipulated in the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes and these regulations.

## 6.

### **Specific powers and responsibilities of the Review Committee**

- a) To conduct, in accordance with Annexe 1, the eligibility checks as required by the present regulations, except for the candidates for, or holders of, positions on the Governance Committee;
- b) To conduct the independence reviews with regard to the candidates for, or holders of, the positions requiring such independence, except for the candidates for, or holders of, positions on the Review Committee itself;
- c) To review the Related-Party Declarations submitted by the members of the Council in accordance with art. 10 par. 5 of these regulations and to inform the President and the Council of any issues that it identifies during such review.

In the context of performing its duties as specified above, the Review Committee may retain, at its own discretion, outside counsel, experts, and other advisers as it determines appropriate to assist it in carrying out its duties.

The eligibility checks with regard to the members of the Governance Committee and the independence reviews with regard to the members of the Review Committee shall be conducted by the investigatory chamber of the Ethics Committee.

## 28 Finance Committee

### 1.

#### Composition

- a) The Finance Committee shall consist of at least three members and not more than 12 members, all of whom must be qualified to deal with financial matters.
- b) No fewer than half of the committee's members shall fulfil the independence criteria defined in art. 5 of these regulations.

### 2.

#### Powers and responsibilities

The Finance Committee shall determine FIFA's strategy regarding financial and asset management and advise the Council on these matters. In particular, the committee's main powers and responsibilities are as follows:

- a) To prepare, in cooperation with the Secretary General, FIFA's budget to be submitted to the Council for approval;
- b) To analyse the accounts and financial statements drawn up by the Secretary General and to issue a recommendation to the Council as to whether or not to approve them;
- c) To draft policies, rules and guidelines regarding FIFA's overall strategy in financial and asset management matters and to submit them to the Council for approval;
- d) To ensure that budgets submitted for approval support the growth and development of women's football;
- e) To deal with any other matters relating to FIFA's finances as appropriate, except for operational matters.

# 29

## Development Committee and Development Bureau

### 1.

#### Composition of the Development Committee

The Development Committee shall consist of at least three members. No fewer than half of the committee's members shall fulfil the independence criteria defined in art. 5 of these regulations.

### 2.

#### Powers and responsibilities

The Development Committee shall deal with FIFA's development programmes. It shall devise and propose appropriate strategies, check these strategies periodically and analyse the support provided to member associations, confederations and zonal/regional associations in this regard. More particularly, the committee's main duties are as follows:

- a) To analyse the major development challenges at stake, taking into account the relevant geographical, social, economic and football potential as well as the principle of solidarity, and to inform the relevant bodies within FIFA;
- b) To advise and assist the Council on the implementation of FIFA development programmes, including, but not limited to, the areas of governance, technical development and management of the member associations, confederations and zonal/regional associations;
- c) To propose new development programmes, strategies and orientations, and address the related budget matters;
- d) To draw up regulations for the FIFA development programmes and guidelines for the specific support provided to member associations, confederations and zonal/regional associations, and to submit these guidelines and regulations, through the Governance Committee, to the Council for approval;
- e) To issue strategic orientations for the use of the financial support provided to member associations, confederations and zonal/regional associations;
- f) To review and approve the contracts of agreed objectives presented by the member associations and confederations together with the FIFA administration;

- g) To review and approve development projects for the use of FIFA development funds presented by the member associations and confederations, within the framework of the FIFA development programmes and the contracts of agreed objectives mentioned above;
- h) To monitor the development and implementation of capacity-building support by the FIFA administration within the framework of the FIFA development programmes and the contracts of agreed objectives mentioned above;
- i) To approve the thematic focus, types of activity, budget allocation per continent and/or per country in respect of new development programmes and special projects;
- j) To ensure that development activities, guidelines and regulations reinforce the importance of developing and resourcing women's football, and to support the full participation of women in governance, technical and administrative roles;
- k) To take any other decision regarding the distribution of development funds;
- l) To instruct the administration on the execution of the Development Committee's decisions;
- m) To deal with any other matters relating to development.

### **3.**

#### **Composition of the Development Bureau**

The Development Bureau shall be composed of the chairperson and/or deputy chairperson and at least one member of the Development Committee selected by the chairperson or deputy chairperson.

No fewer than half of the bureau's composition shall fulfil the independence criteria defined in art. 5 of these regulations.

### **4.**

#### **Specific powers and responsibilities of the Development Bureau**

The Development Bureau shall be called upon whenever necessary to allow for the approval of projects all year round, and shall take on the responsibilities and duties of the Development Committee as follows:

- a) Approval of contracts of agreed objectives presented by the member associations and confederations within the framework of the FIFA development programmes;
- b) Project requests presented by the member associations and confederations within the framework of the FIFA development programmes.

## 30 Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions

### 1.

#### Composition

The Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions shall consist of an adequate number of members.

### 2.

#### Powers and responsibilities

The Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions shall oversee the organisation of the following FIFA competitions in compliance with the provisions of the regulations applicable to the respective competitions, the relevant hosting documents and the hosting requirements contained or referred to therein:

- a) the FIFA World Cup™;
- b) the FIFA Confederations Cup;
- c) the Olympic Football Tournaments, thereby also taking into account the Olympic Charter;
- d) the FIFA U-20 World Cup;
- e) the FIFA U-17 World Cup;
- f) the FIFA Women's World Cup™;
- g) the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup;
- h) the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup;
- i) the FIFA Futsal World Cup;



- j) the FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup;
- k) the FIFA Club World Cup.

Moreover, the Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions shall advise and assist the Council on all matters regarding the organisation of the above-mentioned competitions, propose to the Council amendments to regulations applicable to these competitions, the hosting documents and hosting requirements contained or referred to therein, produce and publish an official report on these competitions, and deal with any other matters related to the organisation of these competitions. Furthermore, the Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions may propose new competitions to the Council.

### **3.**

The Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions shall also advise and assist the Council on all matters relating to futsal, and shall in particular:

- a) Draw up the Futsal Laws of the Game;
- b) Approve the official translations of the Futsal Laws of the Game;
- c) Make decisions regarding the application of the Futsal Laws of the Game;
- d) Propose to the Council any measures deemed necessary to ensure the control of futsal;
- e) Deal with other matters relating to futsal in general.

### **4.**

The Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions shall also advise and assist the Council on all matters relating to beach soccer, and shall in particular:

- a) Draw up the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game;
- b) Approve the official translations of the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game;
- c) Make decisions regarding the application of the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game;
- d) Propose to the Council any measures deemed necessary to ensure the control of beach soccer;
- e) Deal with other matters relating to beach soccer in general.

**5.**

In addition, the Organising Committee for FIFA Competitions shall deal with global strategies against match manipulation to protect the integrity of football. The committee shall issue and monitor compliance with the FIFA Stadium Safety and Security Regulations and monitor relevant developments in the area of stadium security.

## **31** Football Stakeholders Committee

**1.**

### **Composition and structure**

The Football Stakeholders Committee shall consist of an adequate number of members. Each confederation shall be represented in the Football Stakeholders Committee. The Football Stakeholders Committee's composition shall also reflect the different stakeholders involved in association football.

**2.**

### **Powers and responsibilities**

The Football Stakeholders Committee shall advise and assist the Council on all matters relating to football, particularly the structure of the game, as well as on all technical matters. The committee shall also deal with the relationship between clubs, players, leagues, member associations, confederations and FIFA as well as with issues relating to the interests of club football worldwide. More particularly, the committee's main duties are as follows:

- a) To make recommendations and proposals to be submitted to the Council concerning the technical/structural development of football;
- b) To analyse relations between clubs, leagues, associations, confederations and FIFA and to propose to the Council any measures that may improve cooperation;
- c) To promote football;
- d) To analyse the basic aspects of football;
- e) To combat elements posing a threat to football, in particular related to its integrity;
- f) To support and develop any projects benefiting supporters;

- g) To make recommendations to promote a healthy environment in football;
- h) To address fair play matters, promote the concept of fair play, promote gender equality in football and fight discrimination in football worldwide;
- i) To safeguard the origins of football;
- j) To develop training methods for football;
- k) To deal with matters relating to football pitches;
- l) To deal with any other technical matters relating to football and with any other matters relating to football in general.

**3.**

The main duties of the committee in connection with club football are as follows:

- a) To make recommendations and proposals to be submitted to the Council with a view to the structural development of club football;
- b) To observe the development of the regulatory framework in relation to club football worldwide and formulate comments and/or proposals;
- c) To develop best-practice principles for club football governance;
- d) To make recommendations and proposals to promote the growth of club football for women;
- e) To deal with any other matters relating to club football.

## **32** Member Associations Committee

**1.**

The Member Associations Committee shall consist of an adequate number of members.

**2.**

The Member Associations Committee shall advise and assist the Council on all matters relating to the member associations. It shall deal with relations between FIFA and its member associations as well as the member associations'

compliance with the FIFA Statutes and draw up proposals for optimum cooperation. The Member Associations Committee shall also monitor the evolution of the Statutes and regulations of FIFA, the confederations and the member associations. More particularly, the committee's main duties are as follows:

- a) To coordinate relations between FIFA and its member associations;
- b) To devise projects for collaboration between FIFA and any member associations with special requirements or problems;
- c) To examine any requests from member associations affected by exceptional circumstances, for presentation to the Council;
- d) To advise the member associations, on request, on how to improve their internal organisation, especially at administrative level;
- e) To draw up documents or organise courses/seminars designed to improve the member associations' standards of administration, in cooperation with other organisations. FIFA has the final say on any proposals submitted by these organisations;
- f) To submit to the Council procedures for the affiliation of any association applying for membership of FIFA and to process all the applications received in accordance with the applicable provisions of the FIFA Statutes and regulations;
- g) To assist any new FIFA member association to set up and organise its administration;
- h) To investigate any problems arising in a member association and to propose suitable measures to the Council to resolve the situation;
- i) To deal with other matters relating to the member associations.

## 33 Players' Status Committee

### 1.

#### Composition

In addition to the chairperson and the deputy chairperson, the Players' Status Committee shall, as a general rule, be composed as follows:

- a) Member association representatives: maximum of six members in total;
- b) Player representatives: maximum of six members in total;
- c) Club representatives: maximum of six members in total.

### 2.

#### Powers and responsibilities

- a) The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of players for various FIFA competitions. Its jurisdiction is governed by the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- b) The Players' Status Committee shall also be responsible for the work of the Dispute Resolution Chamber in accordance with the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- c) The specific duties of the Players' Status Committee are set out in the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and the Rules Governing the Procedures of the Players' Status Committee and the Dispute Resolution Chamber.

## 34 Referees Committee

### 1.

#### Composition and structure

The Referees Committee shall be made up of two sub-committees: a Competitions Sub-Committee and a Refereeing Development Sub-Committee. The chairperson and the deputy chairperson of the Referees Committee shall be members of, and perform their respective functions in, both sub-committees. In addition to the chairperson and the deputy chairperson, the Competitions Sub-Committee and the Refereeing Development Sub-Committee shall each consist of an adequate number of members.

## 2.

### **Powers and responsibilities**

The Referees Committee shall implement and interpret the Laws of the Game and may propose amendments to the Laws of the Game to the Council. It shall appoint the referees and assistant referees for matches in competitions organised by FIFA and shall advise and assist the Council on all matters relating to refereeing, referees and assistant referees. More particularly, the committee's main duties are as follows:

- a) To implement the Laws of the Game and interpret their application;
- b) To approve the official translations of the Laws of the Game;
- c) To propose to the Council any amendments to the Laws of the Game to be submitted to The International Football Association Board (IFAB);
- d) To approve the wording of the Laws of the Game in official FIFA publications;
- e) To compile a list of referees and assistant referees eligible to officiate at international matches from among the nominations submitted by associations;
- f) To appoint referees and assistant referees for matches in competitions organised by FIFA or for any other tournaments, whenever requested to do so;
- g) To establish standard refereeing methods and ensure uniform implementation of the Laws of the Game around the world;
- h) To establish uniform criteria for the inspection of referees and assistant referees for use by every member association;
- i) To organise courses for referees, assistant referees and referee instructors;
- j) To draw up a list of instructors and speakers capable of conducting courses for referees;
- k) To prepare and produce teaching materials on refereeing and assistant refereeing;

- l) To ensure that each member association has a properly constituted referees and assistant referees committee and that this committee functions properly;
- m) To monitor and supervise the compliance of member associations with the Regulations on the Organisation of Refereeing in FIFA Member Associations;
- n) To deal with other matters relating to referees and assistant referees.

## **35** Medical Committee

### **1.**

#### **Composition**

The Medical Committee shall consist of an adequate number of members, all of whom shall be qualified in sports medicine, be specialised in football and, together, represent as many areas of sports medicine as possible.

### **2.**

#### **Powers and responsibilities**

The Medical Committee shall deal with all medical aspects of football. It shall advise and assist the Council on all matters relating to sports medicine. More particularly, the committee's main duties are as follows:

- a) To advise on theoretical, practical and clinical aspects of medicine, physiology and hygiene;
- b) To draw up medical guidelines for coaches, players, referees and assistant referees;
- c) To draw up guidelines that enable players to improve their athleticism, fitness and stamina;
- d) To draw up recommendations for coaches and other team supervisors regarding physical training for players;
- e) To draw up guidelines on nutrition for players;
- f) To draw up guidelines on general hygiene in sport that explain the effects of certain substances on the body, such as alcohol, nicotine, medication and drugs;

- g) To draw up instructions regarding medical services at international matches and tournaments;
- h) To investigate injuries sustained during matches and to draw up guidelines for preventing injury and improving treatment;
- i) To advise the FIFA Anti-Doping Unit in relation to drawing up the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, recording and monitoring the medical aspects of any positive tests and reporting to the Disciplinary Committee;
- j) To encourage the creation and development of anti-doping laboratories in the territories of member associations;
- k) To deal with any other sports-medical matters connected with football.

## INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES

# 36 Institutional independence

In accordance with art. 50 of the FIFA Statutes, the independent committees as well as their individual members shall conduct their activities and perform their duties entirely independently but always in the interests of FIFA and in accordance with the Statutes and regulations of FIFA.

# 37 Audit and Compliance Committee

## 1.

### Composition

- a) The Audit and Compliance Committee shall consist of at least three members and not more than seven members, all of whom must not belong to any other FIFA body.
- b) The committee members shall be knowledgeable and experienced in financial and/or regulatory and legal matters and may not be involved in any decision affecting the operations of FIFA.
- c) In accordance with the present regulations, candidates for positions on the Audit and Compliance Committee shall be subject to eligibility



checks carried out by the Review Committee. The committee's incumbent members shall be subject to periodical eligibility reviews carried out by the Review Committee. Such reviews shall be carried out at least prior to any re-election or extension of mandate.

- d) Candidates for any position on the Audit and Compliance Committee as well as the incumbent members of the committee shall fulfil the independence criteria defined in art. 5 of these regulations.
- e) The committee's incumbent members shall be subject to periodical independence reviews. Such reviews shall be carried out at least prior to any re-election or extension of mandate.

## **2.**

### **Organisation**

- a) The committee may work with other committees to deal with specific problems.
- b) The committee shall establish a Compensation Sub-Committee, consisting of the chairperson of the Finance Committee, the chairperson of the Audit and Compliance Committee and a third member to be jointly appointed by the two chairpersons. This third member shall fulfil the independence criteria defined in art. 5 of these regulations.
- c) The committee may call upon specialists or set up additional sub-committees at any time to settle any special and/or urgent business.
- d) The committee may call upon staff from the FIFA general secretariat to carry out its work. Furthermore, the committee may retain such outside counsel, experts, and other advisers as it determines appropriate to assist it in carrying out its duties.
- e) Unless the committee by resolution determines otherwise, any action required or permitted to be taken by the committee may be taken without a meeting of all members if all members consent thereto in writing, and the written consent is filed together with the committee meeting minutes.

## **3.**

### **Relationship with other FIFA bodies and officials**

- a) The chairperson shall represent the Audit and Compliance Committee in dealings with other FIFA bodies and officials. If the chairperson is unable to represent the committee, the deputy chairperson shall deputise. If the latter is

also unable to represent the Audit and Compliance Committee, this task shall be assumed by a member designated by the members of the committee.

- b) The chairperson of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall periodically meet separately with the appropriate directors of FIFA, FIFA's Chief Compliance Officer and the external auditors.
- c) The chairperson of the committee shall annually report to the Congress and, on request by the Council, inform the President and the Council on the committee's work, either orally or in writing.
- d) The committee may request the Council, through the Governance Committee, to make amendments to the provisions of the present article.

#### **4.**

##### **Funding**

Appropriate funding from FIFA shall be provided for payment of any outside counsel, experts or advisers to be engaged and for covering any ordinary administrative expenses of the committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties. The expenses of the committee members shall be reimbursed in accordance with the applicable FIFA Expenses Regulations.

#### **5.**

##### **Meetings and decision-making**

- a) The committee shall meet whenever pending matters so require. Meetings may be held in person, by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed by other methods (e.g. circular resolution).
- b) The chairperson shall draw up the agenda. Members may send written requests to the chairperson for items to be included in the agenda.
- c) The agenda shall, as a general rule, include the following items:
  - Chairperson's remarks
  - Roll call
  - Approval of the agenda
  - Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
  - Agenda containing the items to be discussed and enclosures
  - Any other business
  - Next meeting

- d) The agenda and any enclosures shall be sent to the members in good time before the meeting. The agenda may be altered if a majority of the members present agrees to such a proposal. Documents containing further information on the items to be discussed may be distributed to the members at any time.
- e) The chairperson of the committee shall conduct the meetings. He shall open and close the debates and give the floor to the committee members. If he is unable to attend, the deputy chairperson shall deputise. If the latter is also unavailable, the committee shall choose a chairperson for that meeting from the members present.
- f) If a vote is needed on any matter, a majority of the valid votes cast is required for the decision to be adopted. Each member of the committee has one vote. Votes are conducted openly. Voting by secret ballot is prohibited.
- g) Decisions of the Audit and Compliance Committee are signed by the committee's chairperson.
- h) Committee meetings are confidential.
- i) Minutes shall be recorded of every meeting.
- j) The committee shall review and approve the minutes, which shall be filed with the Secretary General for retention. Copies of such minutes shall be made available to the Council.

## 6.

### **Committee members' individual duties**

- a) The committee members shall take part in the meetings in person. Attendance by teleconference, by videoconference or by another means of communication shall also constitute presence.
- b) The Congress may remove any member of the Audit and Compliance Committee at any time. Reoccurring failure to attend committee meetings is especially regarded as a reason for relieving a member of his duties.
- c) Committee members shall show mutual respect and protect the interests of FIFA in their work on the Audit and Compliance Committee. They shall review the agenda and any documents sent to them before the meetings. They shall take an active part in the discussions.

- d) Committee members shall adhere to all relevant FIFA rules and regulations in their work on the Audit and Compliance Committee, in particular to the FIFA Statutes and the FIFA Code of Ethics but also to any decisions issued by FIFA applicable to them.
- e) In particular, committee members shall always be aware of, and comply with, the provisions of art. 19 of the FIFA Code of Ethics (Conflicts of interest) and adjust their conduct as necessary (e.g. abstain from performing their duties, notify the chairperson in cases of potential conflicts of interest).
- f) The incumbent deputy chairperson and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee shall consult with the chairperson before accepting membership on the audit committee of any other organisation or company.

## **7.**

### **Powers and responsibilities of the Audit and Compliance Committee in general**

- a) The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the financial statements, including the consolidated financial statements and the external auditors' report.
- b) The committee shall furthermore advise, assist and oversee FIFA's financial and compliance matters including, in particular, the distribution and flow of development-related funds, and suggest to the appropriate FIFA bodies any action that it deems necessary as a result of such monitoring.
- c) As part of performing its duties as set out above, the Audit and Compliance Committee may request any kind of relevant information from all bodies, units, officials and other individuals within FIFA and shall be entitled to conduct or authorise reviews into any matters within the scope of its duties. Representatives of the committee may also take part, as observers, in all meetings and other activities of FIFA bodies and units at any time. These powers are subject to applicable confidentiality obligations.
- d) The Congress may delegate further duties to the Audit and Compliance Committee at any time.

**8.**

**Powers and responsibilities of the Audit and Compliance Committee with regard to operational matters**

With regard to operational matters, the committee's main duties are as follows:

- a) To monitor the internal control environment;
- b) To annually review the effectiveness of risk assessment, risk management and the internal control system;
- c) To review reports and the effectiveness of the internal audit function;
- d) To deal with other matters relating to the monitoring of FIFA's finances;
- e) To review the external auditors' reports in order to ensure that appropriate action is taken if shortcomings have been detected in internal controls or procedures;
- f) To review, at least annually, tax matters, including the status of income tax reserves and governmental tax audits and developments in this area.

**9.**

**Powers and responsibilities of the Audit and Compliance Committee with regard to financial reporting matters**

With regard to financial reporting matters, the committee's main duties are as follows:

- a) To ensure the accuracy of the financial statements and other published financial information;
- b) To ensure compliance with the applicable accounting standards;
- c) To work with the external auditors in order to ensure that the audits of the annual financial statements, including the consolidated financial statements, are being carried out properly;
- d) To review major issues regarding accounting policies and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes or applications of accounting principles;

- e) To provide the Finance Committee and the Council with an opinion on the approval of the financial statements;
- f) To monitor and review related-party transactions at least annually;
- g) To review the reports of the yearly independent audits that the FIFA member associations are subject to pursuant to art. 15 (k) of the FIFA Statutes.

**10.**

**Powers and responsibilities of the Audit and Compliance Committee with regard to compliance matters**

With regard to compliance matters, the committee's main duties are as follows:

- a) To review the status of FIFA's compliance with the law and FIFA's rules and regulations relating to compliance;
- b) To monitor compliance with FIFA policies regarding social responsibility, human rights, environmental protection and gender equality matters;
- c) To review reports directly submitted to the Audit and Compliance Committee by the Chief Compliance Officer;
- d) To review FIFA employees' compliance with the law and all relevant FIFA rules and regulations;
- e) To review the processes and procedures relating to the Secretary General's monitoring of FIFA employees' compliance with all relevant FIFA rules and regulations;
- f) To review FIFA's rules and regulations relating to compliance with regard to their effectiveness;
- g) To review and assess the external auditors' qualifications and independence;
- h) To take note of all non-audit-related services to be provided by the external auditors and any fees for such services. The chairperson of the committee may take note of any such services in advance of the committee's regular meetings;

- i) To issue guidelines regarding compliance matters;
- j) To make recommendations regarding any changes, amendments, and modifications to FIFA's rules and regulations relating to compliance;
- k) To review any major legislative and regulatory developments that may have a significant impact on FIFA;
- l) To handle cases of alleged non-compliance.

In order to fulfil its duties relating to compliance matters, the committee will obtain and review information and reports submitted by the Secretary General on a regular basis or on special request.

## **11.**

### **Compensation Sub-Committee**

The provisions of pars 2 to 6 above also apply, as far as necessary *mutatis mutandis*, to the Compensation Sub-Committee. With regard to the committee's main duties, they shall be as follows:

- a) To define Compensation Rules, which shall define the competent body and proper proceedings for determining the compensation as well as the principles and components of the compensation;
- b) To determine the compensation of the President, the vice-presidents and members of the Council, and the Secretary General;
- c) To approve the contract of the President. This contract shall be signed on behalf of FIFA by the chairperson of the Finance Committee and the Secretary General;
- d) To approve the contract of the Secretary General;
- e) To monitor compliance with the Compensation Rules.

## 38 Judicial bodies

**1.**

The composition, powers and responsibilities as well as the proceedings of the FIFA judicial bodies (the Disciplinary Committee, the Ethics Committee and the Appeal Committee) are set forth in the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Disciplinary Code, and the FIFA Code of Ethics.

**2.**

Appropriate funding from FIFA shall be provided for payment of any outside counsel, experts or advisers to be engaged and for covering any ordinary administrative expenses of the judicial bodies that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out their duties. The expenses of the individual members of the judicial bodies shall be reimbursed in accordance with the applicable FIFA Expenses Regulations.

**3.**

According to the FIFA Statutes, candidates for any positions as members of the judicial bodies shall be subject to eligibility checks in accordance with Annexe 1 of these regulations. The incumbent members of the judicial bodies shall, at least annually and prior to re-election or extension of the mandate, be subject to eligibility reviews.

**4.**

Candidates for the offices of chairperson, deputy chairperson or member of the Disciplinary Committee, of each of the two chambers of the Ethics Committee and of the Appeal Committee shall fulfil the independence criteria defined in art. 5 of these regulations.

The incumbent chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the Disciplinary Committee, of each of the two chambers of the Ethics Committee and of the Appeal Committee shall, at least annually and prior to re-election or extension of the mandate, be subject to independence reviews.



## 39 Auditors

**1.**

The auditors of FIFA shall be appointed by the Congress for a period of three years. This mandate may be renewed. Notwithstanding this, the person who manages the audit may exercise his mandate for a total duration of seven years at the most. Such person may only accept the same mandate again after an interruption of three years.

**2.**

The auditors shall fulfil the independence criteria set forth in art. 728 of the Swiss Code of Obligations.

### III. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

## 40 Definitions

Unless indicated otherwise, terms used in this section that correspond to terms included in the Definitions section of the FIFA Statutes shall be understood as described there.

## 41 Subject matter of this section

This section governs:

- The election for the position of President;
- The special duties and competences of the Governance Committee in this regard.

## 42 Scope of application

The provisions of this section shall apply to all bodies of FIFA, the confederations, member associations, officials and candidates involved or participating in the election for the position of President.

## 43 General principles

Any election for the position of President shall be conducted in accordance with the fundamental principles of FIFA as laid down in the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Code of Conduct, such as democracy, separation of powers, transparency and openness.

## 44 Ad-hoc Electoral Committees

In accordance with art. 8 par. 2(g) of the present regulations, the Council may decide to establish ad-hoc Electoral Committees to assume certain duties related to elections that are, in principle, assigned to the Governance Committee. If such ad-hoc Electoral Committees are established, the provisions of this section regarding the Governance Committee shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to them.

## 45 Calling elections

### 1.

#### Implementation of the call

A FIFA presidential election shall be called by the Council in accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes and the pertinent FIFA regulations before a Congress and shall be included in the agenda of the Congress.

### 2.

#### Content of the call

The call for election shall contain, at a minimum, the following points:

- a) The electoral period, which shall last from the opening of the Congress taking place before the Congress during which the election will take place, until the end of that Congress.
- b) Electoral calendar, which shall respect the deadlines established in the FIFA Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress and the Governance Regulations.

### 3.

#### Announcing the call

The call shall be sent to the FIFA member associations and to the confederations. It shall also be published on the FIFA website: [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com).

## 46 Candidates

1.

Candidates within the meaning of these regulations are all individuals who are proposed by FIFA member associations as a candidate for the office of President, as from the moment that those persons are proposed in accordance with art. 27 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes and art. 49 of these regulations.

2.

In addition, candidates for the FIFA presidency are all individuals who, irrespective of whether they have already been proposed as a candidate, declare themselves to be candidates or potential candidates for the position of President. If an individual engages in campaign or similar activities that give the appearance that he is a candidate, the Governance Committee, or – if applicable – the relevant ad-hoc Electoral Committee, shall give him a deadline of ten days to formally state, in writing, his intention of becoming a candidate. If the individual responds in the affirmative, he will be subject to the present regulations from the time of the relevant declaration onwards. This shall also apply for the incumbent President. Notwithstanding this, in order to be eligible for admission as a candidate, the individual concerned must still be proposed as a candidate in accordance with art. 27 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes.

## 47 Candidatures

1.

Candidatures and electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair and reputable manner and, more generally, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles and FIFA regulations.

2.

Candidates shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidate(s), for FIFA itself and for its member associations.

3.

Candidates shall refrain from carrying out any electoral campaigning prior to the start of the electoral period. Electoral campaigning shall be understood, for the purposes of these regulations, as all activities undertaken by candidates or those working for them with the aim of canvassing votes.

**4.**

Candidates within the meaning of art. 46 of these regulations acknowledge and submit themselves to the relevant electoral calendar.

**5.**

Candidates who hold official positions within FIFA, the confederations, the FIFA member associations and/or any other body in association football are permitted to remain in office during the election campaign.

## **48** Eligibility

**1.**

Candidates for the office of President must meet the following requirements:

- a) The candidate shall have played an active role in association football (e.g. as a player or an official within FIFA, a confederation or an association, etc.) for two of the last five years before being proposed as a candidate and must pass an eligibility check carried out by the Review Committee (cf. art. 27 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes);
- b) The candidate shall have been proposed by a member association in accordance with art. 27 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes and art. 49 of these regulations;
- c) The candidate shall present declarations of support from at least five member associations (cf. art. 27 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes). Being proposed as a candidate by a member association shall be understood as a declaration of support. Each member association may only present a declaration of support for one person. If a member association presents declarations of support for more than one person, all of its declarations shall become invalid;
- d) The candidate shall pass the eligibility check conducted by the Review Committee.

**2.**

Member associations must notify the FIFA general secretariat, in writing, of a candidature for the office of President within the deadline stipulated in the FIFA Statutes.

## **49** Submission of candidatures

**1.**

Candidatures for the office of President shall be proposed by member associations by the deadline specified in art. 27 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes, by a written proposal submission signed by the interested party and addressed to the FIFA general secretariat, including the candidate's identification details and declarations of support from at least five member associations.

**2.**

The FIFA general secretariat shall forward all candidatures without any undue delay to the FIFA Governance Committee, or – if applicable – the relevant ad-hoc Electoral Committee, for examination and for passing a decision on admission of the candidate.

## **50** Calculation of deadlines

The deadlines and timeframes contained in the present regulations shall be understood to refer to calendar days.

## **51** Matters not provided for

Any matters not provided for in this section of the present regulations shall be dealt with by the FIFA Governance Committee, or – if applicable – by the relevant ad-hoc Electoral Committee.

### **PROPOSAL AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATURES**

## **52** Announcement of candidatures

**1.**

Upon receipt of the proposed candidatures, the Review Committee shall carry out the eligibility check in accordance with Annexe 1 and within the deadline specified in art. 62 of these regulations and review the candidatures.

**2.**

Upon receipt of the results of the eligibility checks carried out by the Review Committee, the Governance Committee, or – if applicable – the relevant ad-hoc Electoral Committee shall announce all candidatures it has admitted.

## ELECTION FORMAT

### **53** Time and place of election

The President shall be elected by the Congress for a term of office of four years in the year following a FIFA World Cup™ (cf. art. 33 par. 2 of the FIFA Statutes). No person may serve as President for more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not). Previous terms served as a vice-president or as a member of the Council shall not be considered in determining the term limits of a President.

### **54** Secret vote

**1.**

Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot (cf. art. 30 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes), regardless of how many candidates there are.

**2.**

The ballot(s) for the election of the President shall be conducted by means of ballot papers (cf. art. 10 par. 1 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).

### **55** Ballot papers

**1.**

The ballot papers shall conform to the official model established by the Governance Committee, or – if applicable – by the relevant ad-hoc Electoral Committee, and any vote cast using a different ballot paper shall be deemed invalid.

**2.**

The number of ballot papers that have been distributed shall be announced by the chair of the Congress before the count (cf. art. 10 par. 2 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).

**3.**

If the number of ballot papers returned is equal to or fewer than the number of ballot papers distributed, the election shall be declared valid. If the number returned exceeds that of the ballot papers distributed, the vote shall be declared null and void and another vote shall be taken immediately (cf. art. 10 par. 3 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).

**4.**

The ballot papers shall contain the name(s) of the admitted candidate(s), and the voters must mark one candidate only. Ballot papers on which more than one candidate is marked or on which no candidate is marked shall be deemed invalid.

## **56** Scrutineers

At the beginning of the first session, the Congress shall appoint an adequate number of scrutineers (cf. art. 28 par. 2 (e) of the FIFA Statutes and art. 3 of the Standing Orders of the Congress). The Secretary General, assisted by the scrutineers, shall conduct the distribution and counting of the ballot papers (cf. art. 10 par. 1 of the Standing Orders of the Congress) and be responsible for ensuring that the process is properly documented.

## **57** Election

**1.**

Each member association has one vote in the election of the President.

**2.**

Before the voting is opened, the candidates shall each have the opportunity to present their programme to the Congress. The Governance Committee shall determine the length of time that each candidate is allowed to speak.



**3.**

For the election of the President, where there are two or fewer candidates, a simple majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is necessary. If there are more than two candidates for the election of the President, two-thirds of the votes of the member associations present and eligible to vote are necessary in the first ballot. As from the second ballot, whoever obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated until only two candidates are left.

## **58** Counting and declaring the results

**1.**

The counting and declaring of the results shall take place in accordance with the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress.

**2.**

Any person elected as President shall state whether or not he accepts his election immediately after such election. In the affirmative, his mandate shall begin after the end of the Congress that has elected him (cf. art. 33 par. 2 of the FIFA Statutes).

## **59** Safe-keeping of ballot papers

The Secretary General shall put the ballot papers that have been collected and counted into envelopes intended for this purpose and seal them immediately. The general secretariat shall keep these envelopes and destroy them 100 days after the end of the Congress (cf. art. 10 par. 5 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).

## **60** Tied votes

In the event of a tied vote, there shall be a decisive vote with regard to the candidates having obtained an equal number of votes. The candidate with the highest number of votes in the decisive vote shall be elected.

## JURISDICTION OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

### **61** Principle

**1.**

As from the moment that these regulations apply to a particular candidate (cf. art. 46 of these regulations), that candidate shall be subject to the FIFA Code of Ethics if he is not otherwise already bound and covered prior to that time.

**2.**

As from the moment that these regulations apply to a particular candidate, he shall also be subject to the FIFA Statutes as well as to all other FIFA regulations if he is not otherwise already bound and covered prior to that time.

**3.**

Any violation of these regulations shall be dealt with by the Ethics Committee or the Disciplinary Committee, in accordance with the FIFA Code of Ethics or the FIFA Disciplinary Code, as the case may be.

**4.**

The Governance Committee, or – if applicable – the relevant ad-hoc Electoral Committee, shall be obliged to notify the competent bodies of FIFA, in writing and in a substantiated manner, of any possible infringements of the provisions of these regulations that may be committed during the course of the electoral process as soon as it has direct knowledge of such infringements or is made aware of them by any of the candidates, member associations or confederations.

## ROLE OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE IN THE CONTEXT OF ELECTION PROCEDURES

### **62** Special duties and competences of the Governance Committee in the context of election procedures

The duties of the Governance Committee, or – if applicable – of the relevant ad-hoc Electoral Committee, with regard to election procedures shall include, in particular:

- a) Supervising the administrative process relating to the election for the position of President and monitoring compliance with the present regulations as well as with any other guidelines as required in the performance of its duties.
- b) Ensuring the correct application of the FIFA Statutes, regulations and provisions, as well as the contents of the present regulations, in matters relating to the electoral process.
- c) Issuing instructions for the application of the Governance Regulations as necessary before and during the entire electoral process.
- d) Admitting and announcing candidatures. In this regard, the Governance Committee, or – if applicable – the relevant ad-hoc Electoral Committee, shall assess whether a candidate meets the profile specifications provided for by art. 27 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes as well as art. 48 of these regulations.

The duties of the Review Committee with regard to election procedures shall include, in particular, carrying out the eligibility check with regard to all candidates for the position of President within 21 days of receipt of the respective proposal by the FIFA general secretariat.

## 63 Appeals

The decisions of the Governance Committee, or – if applicable – of the relevant ad-hoc Electoral Committee, in the context of elections may be appealed against directly with the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

## IV. ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL

### 64 Definitions

Unless indicated otherwise, terms used in this section that correspond to terms included in the Definitions section of the FIFA Statutes shall be understood as described there.

### 65 Subject matter of this section

This section governs:

- The elections for the vice-presidents and members of the Council.
- The special duties and competences of the Review Committee in this regard.

### 66 Scope of application

The provisions of this section shall apply to all bodies of FIFA, the confederations, member associations, officials and candidates involved or participating in the elections for the position of vice-president or member of the Council.

### 67 General principles

1. Each confederation president shall be a vice-president ex-officio of the Council.
2. The additional vice-presidents and the members of the Council shall be elected by the member associations in accordance with the fundamental principles of FIFA as laid down in the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Code of Conduct, such as democracy, separation of powers, transparency and openness, on the occasion of their respective confederation congresses.

**3.**

No more than one representative from the same member association may serve on the Council simultaneously, unless one of the two representatives is a designated female representative, in which case the maximum of two representatives of the same member association applies.

**4.**

A member of the Council may serve for no more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not).

## **68** Candidates

Candidates within the meaning of this section are all individuals who are proposed by a member association as a vice-president or member of the Council.

## **69** Candidatures

**1.**

Candidatures and electoral campaigns shall be carried out by the candidates in a fair and reputable manner and, more generally, in a spirit of respect for fundamental ethical principles and FIFA regulations.

**2.**

Candidates shall conduct all campaigns with dignity and moderation and with respect for any other candidate(s), for FIFA itself and its member associations.

## **70** Proposals

**1.**

Only member associations may propose candidates for the position of member of the Council. Such proposals shall be submitted to the confederation concerned.

**2.**

Each member association is entitled to submit one proposal for a member of the Council. If a member association presents proposals for more than one individual, all of its proposals shall become invalid.

**3.**

The members of each confederation must ensure that they elect at least one female member to the Council. In the event that no female candidate is elected by the members of a confederation for the Council, the seat reserved for a female member of such confederation will be deemed forfeited by all members of such confederation and shall remain vacant until the next election of members of the Council.

**4.**

Upon request, the responsible body within the confederation shall inform a member association whether a person has already been proposed for the position of member of the Council.

## **71**

### **Submission of candidatures**

**1.**

Candidatures for the positions of vice-president or member of the Council, including the candidate's identification details and the position he is proposed for, shall be submitted to the FIFA general secretariat by the relevant confederation at least four months before the start of the respective confederation congress.

**2.**

The FIFA general secretariat shall forward all candidatures without any undue delay to the Review Committee to carry out the eligibility check.

## **72**

### **Eligibility criteria**

**1.**

Candidates shall be required to fulfil the eligibility check in accordance with Annexe 1 conducted by the Review Committee.

**2.**

The Review Committee shall carry out the eligibility check within 21 days of receipt of the respective candidature from the FIFA general secretariat.

**3.**

Based on the eligibility check carried out by the Review Committee, the Review Committee shall pass a decision on the eligibility of the candidate concerned.

## **73** Election procedure

**1.**

Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot (cf. art. 30 par. 1 of the FIFA Statutes), regardless of how many candidates there are.

**2.**

The ballot(s) may be conducted by using televoters (cf. art. 10 par. 1 of the Standing Orders of the Congress).

**3.**

Each member association shall have an equal number of votes in the election.

## **74** Jurisdiction of the Ethics Committee and Disciplinary Committee

**1.**

As from the moment that this section applies to a particular candidate (cf. art. 68), that candidate shall be subject to the FIFA Code of Ethics, the FIFA Statutes and all other FIFA regulations if he is not otherwise already bound and covered prior to that time.

**2.**

Any violation of this section shall be dealt with by the competent body in accordance with the FIFA Code of Ethics or the FIFA Disciplinary Code, as the case may be.

**3.**

Any official who may become aware of any possible infringements of the provisions of this section that may be committed during the course of the electoral process shall be obliged to notify the competent bodies, in writing

and in a substantiated manner, thereof as soon as he has direct knowledge of such infringements or is made aware of them by any of the candidates, member associations or confederations.

## **75** Supervision of the election

The elections of the vice-presidents and members of the Council at the confederation congresses shall be monitored by persons appointed by the Governance Committee. The persons appointed by FIFA shall in particular monitor compliance with the FIFA Statutes and regulations.

## **76** Appeal

Decisions of the Review Committee in the context of elections may be appealed against directly with the Court of Arbitration for Sport.



## V. AUDITING

### **77** Auditing of FIFA

Pursuant to art. 63 of the FIFA Statutes, the FIFA auditors (cf. art. 39 of these regulations) shall audit the accounts and financial statements approved by the Council and present a report to the Congress. The audit shall be a full audit conducted by external auditors within the meaning of art. 69b pars 1 and 3 of the Swiss Civil Code. The provisions of arts 727 et seqq. of the Swiss Code of Obligations apply *mutatis mutandis*.

### **78** Auditing of FIFA's member associations

**1.**

All FIFA member associations shall subject themselves to yearly independent audits of their financial statements. These audits shall be carried out by local, external auditors with adequate qualifications in accordance with local law or by any qualified external auditors that the Audit and Compliance Committee deems appropriate.

**2.**

The auditors shall further undertake audit-related services on the development funds provided by FIFA on the basis of annual instructions provided by FIFA. These reports shall be submitted to the FIFA administration by each member association by 31 March following the financial year under review.

**3.**

The FIFA member associations shall supply all means of proof that FIFA and/or the auditors consider(s) necessary.

**4.**

The Audit and Compliance Committee and/or the Chief Compliance Officer may appoint a consultant for each member association concerned, who shall be given unrestricted access to all accounts, documents, etc. that the Audit and Compliance Committee and/or the auditors deem(s) necessary.

## VI. FINAL PROVISIONS

### **79** Official languages

The present regulations are issued in the four official languages of FIFA: English, French, German and Spanish. If there are any discrepancies in the interpretation of the different versions of these regulations, the English text is authoritative.

### **80** Adoption and enforcement

These regulations, together with their annexes, which form an integral part of these regulations, were approved by the FIFA Council at its meeting on 25 June 2020 and come into force immediately.

Zurich, 25 June 2020

For FIFA

President:  
Gianni Infantino

Secretary General:  
Fatma Samoura

## ANNEXE 1 – ELIGIBILITY CHECKS

# 1 General provisions

- 1.**

The eligibility checks with regard to candidates for, and holders of, official positions within FIFA that are subject to such checks shall be conducted by the appropriate body in accordance with the provisions of the present annexe. The appropriate body may, at its sole discretion, in the context of conducting such eligibility checks, call on external specialised professional resources.
- 2.**

Candidates for, and holders of, official positions subject to eligibility checks are obliged to comply with a screening and self-disclosure process as outlined below. Prior to the screening process, every candidate for, or holder of, the official position concerned shall give his written consent to said process. If such written consent is not provided, the eligibility check shall be deemed as not passed.
- 3.**

Candidates for, and holders of, official positions subject to eligibility checks are obliged to collaborate to establish the relevant facts. In particular, they shall comply, upon reasonable notice, with requests for any documents, information or any other material of any nature held by them. In addition, they shall comply with the procurement and provision of documents, information or any other material of any nature not held by them but which they are entitled to obtain. Non-compliance with such requests may lead to sanctions imposed by the appropriate FIFA body.
- 4.**

In the context of carrying out eligibility checks, the relevant body in charge has a wide margin of appreciation in evaluating and weighing the information gathered with regard to specific individuals. Notwithstanding this, an eligibility check shall, in principle, be deemed as not passed if the individual concerned is found to have committed misconduct that has a direct material connection to the position he holds or is a candidate for.
- 5.**

Subject to the relevant provisions regarding disclosure and forwarding of the information and related data obtained in the context of eligibility checks in accordance with the present annexe, all such information and all related data

must be treated as strictly confidential by the body conducting the eligibility checks concerned.

**6.**

Incomplete or false information submitted in the context of eligibility checks is subject to sanctions by the appropriate body.

## **2** Screening process

**1.**

### **Identification check**

At the beginning of the screening process, every individual subject to eligibility checks shall undergo an identification check (“ID check”). In this context, he must submit a copy of his current valid passport to the body in charge of performing the eligibility check. The ID check shall include verification/identification of the following:

- a) name;
- b) address (place of residence);
- c) country of residence;
- d) date and place of birth;
- e) nationality/nationalities.

**2.**

### **Self-disclosure**

Every individual subject to an eligibility check shall be subject to a self-disclosure process, including completing the attached eligibility questionnaire (cf. art. 3 below).

**3.**

### **Additional information**

The body in charge of performing the eligibility check may conduct independent research and/or investigations in order to obtain further relevant information on a particular individual, which may include information on intermediaries and related parties, mandates, potential conflicts of interest

and significant participations as well as civil and criminal proceedings/ investigations.

### 3 Eligibility questionnaire

First name(s):	
Surname(s):	
Date of birth:	
Member association:	
Nationality/nationalities:	
Profession:	

#### 1.

Have you been previously convicted by a final decision of any intentional indictable offence or of any offence corresponding to a violation of the rules of conduct set out in part II section 5 of the FIFA Code of Ethics?

No

Yes

If yes, please specify:

#### 2.

Has a sports governing body ever imposed any disciplinary or similar sanction or measure on you in the past for actions which amount to a violation of the rules of conduct set out in part II section 5 of the FIFA Code of Ethics?

No

Yes

If yes, please specify:

**3.**

Are you the subject of any pending civil, criminal or disciplinary proceedings or investigations?

No

Yes

If yes, please specify:

**4.**

I am fully aware that I am subject to the provisions of the FIFA Code of Ethics and to the provisions of the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA that address integrity issues, and I fully comply with such provisions. In this respect, I have in particular taken due note of the fact that the FIFA Code of Ethics also applies to conduct which occurred before it entered into force (cf. art. 3 of the FIFA Code of Ethics).

**5.**

I currently hold the following positions in football:

**6.**

The following facts and circumstances may give rise to potential conflicts of interest regarding me (cf. in particular art. 19 of the FIFA Code of Ethics and the FIFA Governance Regulations in this respect):

**7.**

Remarks and observations which may be of potential relevance in the present context:

**8.**

I am fully aware and agree that this questionnaire is made available to the members of the appropriate FIFA bodies.

**9.**

I am fully aware and confirm that I must notify the body conducting the eligibility check of any relevant facts and circumstances arising after the eligibility check has been completed, and that failure to do so may be subject to sanctions by the appropriate body.

**10.**

I am fully aware and confirm that I am obliged to collaborate to establish the relevant facts with regard to the eligibility check I am subject to. In particular, I will comply with requests for any documents, information or any other material of any nature held by me. In addition, I will comply with the procurement and provision of documents, information or any other material of any nature not held by me but which I am entitled to obtain. I am fully aware and confirm that non-compliance with such requests may lead to sanctions imposed by the appropriate body.

**11.**

I am fully aware and confirm that the body conducting the eligibility check may also request information on possible sanctions (questions 1 and 2 above) directly from the relevant confederation or FIFA member association as well as from other institutions such as the Court of Arbitration for Sport or the International Olympic Committee. In this regard, I hereby release the relevant institutions from any obligation of confidentiality relating to the information concerned.

**12.**

I am fully aware and confirm that the body conducting the eligibility check may collect further information on me in accordance with art. 2 par. 3 of Annexe 1 to the FIFA Governance Regulations.

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(Place and date)

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(Signature)

## ANNEXE 2 – RELATED-PARTY DECLARATION

### 1 Objectives

The objectives of the provisions of this Annexe are:

- a) to ensure that FIFA's financial statements contain, with regard to the members of the Council, the disclosures necessary to draw attention to the possibility that its financial position and profit or loss may have been affected by transactions and outstanding balances, including commitments, with Council members;
- b. to ensure appropriate transparency with regard to the business and other relevant relations of Council members that may affect the members' conduct and activities in the context of the Council.

### 2 Obligation

**1.**

Pursuant to art. 10 par. 5 of the present regulations, the members of the Council shall complete and submit the Related-Party Declaration, using the form provided in art. 4 of this Annexe, on an annual basis.

**2.**

The Council members shall submit such a declaration for each calendar year. They shall do so by 15 January of the following year at the latest.

**3.**

The Related-Party Declarations are to be submitted in two copies: one to the President and one to the Review Committee. The President shall also submit two copies, one to the Secretary General and one to the Review Committee, of the Related-Party Declaration.



# 3 Definitions and explanations

## 1.

### **Related-party transactions**

Under the heading of “Related-party transactions”, Council members shall disclose all transactions carried out or agreed upon between themselves, a close member of their family or a company or other entity significantly influenced by them on the one hand, and FIFA or a FIFA subsidiary on the other.

The term “transactions” covers any transfer of resources, services or obligations. It includes purchases and sales of goods, services, property or other assets, lease agreements, transfers of research and development, transfers under licence agreements, and financing activities such as loans, and settlement of liabilities. This enumeration is merely exemplary and thus not conclusive.

## 2.

### **Business and other relevant relations**

Under the heading of “Business and other relevant relations”, Council members shall disclose any and all involvements in, and relations to, individuals and entities (e.g. companies) that might be relevant with regard to the objectivity of their activities as Council members. Relations that might be relevant under art. 19 of the FIFA Code of Ethics (Conflicts of interest) are of particular interest.

Such relations include board positions in, or business relations with, companies active in the field of production and/or selling of sports equipment, sports marketing, purchasing and selling of media rights, or sports betting; involvement (e.g. in the form of holding official positions) in confederations, FIFA member associations and/or affiliated entities; involvement in, or business relations with, FIFA subsidiaries. This enumeration is merely exemplary and thus not conclusive.

# 4 Related-Party Declaration form

## Related-Party Declaration

for members of the Council

for the year:

Surname(s):

First name(s):

Member of the Council since:

### Part 1 – Related-party transactions

As a member of the Council, I hereby declare, for myself, the following **related-party transactions within the meaning of art. 3 par. 1 of Annexe 2 of the FIFA Governance Regulations:**

*Note: Please specify for each transaction carried out or agreed upon between yourself, a close member of your family or a company or other entity significantly influenced by yourself or a close member of your family on the one hand, and FIFA or a FIFA subsidiary on the other:*

- a. *The relevant date or period of time;*
- b. *The exact counterpart on behalf of FIFA or the FIFA subsidiary concerned;*
- c. *The nature and contents of the transaction.*

**Part 2 – Business and other relevant relations**

As a member of the Council, I hereby declare, for myself, the following **business and other relevant relations within the meaning of art. 3 par. 2 of Annexe 2 of the FIFA Governance Regulations:**

*Note: Please specify for each relation:*

*I. The relevant commencement date or period of time;*

*II. The nature and contents of the relation.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Place and date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)





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