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# UEFA STATUTES

## I. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| UEFA                | 1. UEFA stands for Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA).   |
| FIFA                | 2. FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association.   |
| Member Association  | 3. 'Member Association': a national football association which is a member of UEFA.   |
| League              | 4. 'League': a combination of clubs within the territory of a Member Association and which is subordinate to and under the authority of that Member Association.  |
| Executive Committee | 5. 'Executive Committee': the UEFA Executive Committee, as it exists from time to time, in accordance with these Statutes.  |
| Administration      | 6. 'Administration': the UEFA Administration, as it exists from time to time, in accordance with these Statutes.  |
| Fair Play           | 7. 'Fair play' means acting according to ethical principles which, in particular, oppose the concept of sporting success at any price, promote integrity and equal opportunities for all competitors, and emphasise respect of the personality and worth of everyone involved in a sporting event.        |
| Official            | 8. 'Official': every board member, committee member, referee and assistant referee, coach, trainer and any other person responsible for technical, medical or administrative matters at UEFA, a Member Association, League or club as well as all other persons obliged to comply with the UEFA Statutes. |
| ECA                 | 9. ECA: European Club Association.  |
| EPFL                | 10. EPFL: Association of European Professional Football Leagues.  |

## II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Legal Form and Headquarters

#### Article 1

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|--------------|--|
| Legal Form   | <sup>1</sup> The Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA) shall be a society entered in the register of companies under the terms of Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. UEFA shall be neutral, politically and religiously. |
| Headquarters | <sup>2</sup> UEFA's headquarters shall be situated in Switzerland. The Executive Committee shall determine the location of the registered office of UEFA.  |

## Objectives

### Article 2

Objectives

<sup>1</sup> The objectives of UEFA shall be to:

- a) deal with all questions relating to European football;
- b) promote football in Europe in a spirit of peace, understanding and fair play, without any discrimination on account of politics, gender, religion, race or any other reason;
- c) monitor and control the development of every type of football in Europe;
- d) organise and conduct international football competitions and tournaments at European level for every type of football whilst respecting the players' health;
- e) prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the regularity of matches or competitions or give rise to the abuse of football;
- f) promote and protect ethical standards and good governance in European football;
- g) ensure that sporting values always prevail over commercial interests;
- h) redistribute revenue generated by football in accordance with the principle of solidarity and to support reinvestment in favour of all levels and areas of football, especially the grassroots of the game;
- i) promote unity among Member Associations in matters relating to European and world football;
- j) safeguard the overall interests of Member Associations;
- k) ensure that the needs of the different stakeholders in European football (leagues, clubs, players, supporters) are properly taken into account;
- l) act as a representative voice for the European football family as a whole;
- m) maintain good relations with and cooperate with FIFA and the other Confederations recognised by FIFA;
- n) ensure that its representatives within FIFA loyally represent the views of UEFA and act in the spirit of European solidarity;
- o) respect the interests of Member Associations, settle disputes between Member Associations and assist them in any matter upon request.

Means Allowing  
to Achieve the  
Objectives

<sup>2</sup> UEFA shall seek to achieve its objectives by implementing any measures it deems appropriate, such as setting down rules, entering into agreements or conventions, taking decisions or adopting programmes.



## Relationship with FIFA

### Article 3

- Confederation <sup>1</sup> UEFA shall be a Confederation recognised by FIFA.
- Relations with FIFA <sup>2</sup> UEFA shall, if necessary, define its relations and respective jurisdictions with FIFA by contract.

### Relationship with the Stakeholders in European Football

#### Article 3<sup>bis</sup>

- Relationship with the Stakeholders in European Football UEFA, as the football governing body at European level, may recognise and involve in the consultation process in European football matters, groups representing the interests of the various stakeholders of European football (leagues, clubs, players, supporters), provided that they are:
- a) organised in accordance with UEFA's Statutes, regulations and values;
  - b) constituted in a democratic, open and transparent manner.

## Official Languages

### Article 4

- Official Languages <sup>1</sup> The official languages of UEFA shall be English, French and German.
- Congress <sup>2</sup> The official languages of Congress shall be English, French, German and Russian.
- Official Documents, Records <sup>3</sup> Official documents and official records of UEFA shall be published in English, French and German. In the event of any discrepancy, the English version shall be authoritative.

## III. MEMBERSHIP

### Membership

#### Article 5

- Members <sup>1</sup> Membership of UEFA is open to national football associations situated in the continent of Europe, based in a country which is recognised as an independent state by the majority of members of the United Nations, and which are responsible for the organisation and implementation of football-related matters in the territory of their country.
- Exceptions <sup>2</sup> In exceptional circumstances, a national football association that is situated in another continent may be admitted to membership, provided that it is not a member of the Confederation of that continent, or of any other Confederation, and that FIFA approves its membership of UEFA.

## Admission and Admission Procedure

### Article 6

- Application for Admission    <sup>1</sup> A national football association that wishes to become a member of UEFA shall submit a written application for admission.
- Power    <sup>2</sup> The Congress shall have the power in its discretion to accept or refuse an application for membership.
- Provisional Admission    <sup>3</sup> The Executive Committee may admit a national football association into membership on a provisional basis. A decision on full admission must be taken at the next Congress.
- Admission Procedure    <sup>4</sup> Details concerning the admission procedure shall be laid down in the 'Regulations governing the Implementation of the Statutes.'

## Rights of Member Associations

### Article 7

- Rights    Member Associations shall have the following rights:
- a) to take part in and exercise their voting rights at the Congress;
  - b) to draw up proposals for the agenda of the Congress;
  - c) to propose candidates for the election of the President of UEFA and to propose candidates from their own association for the election of the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and the European members of the FIFA Council;
  - d) to propose candidates for the election of the Chairmen and members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and of the Committees;
  - e) to take part in UEFA competitions with their representative teams and to enter their clubs for these competitions;
  - f) to exercise all other rights granted to them by these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them.

## Obligations of Member Associations

### Article 7<sup>bis</sup>

- Fair Play, Statutes, Laws of the Game    <sup>1</sup> Member Associations shall have the following obligations:
- a) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of fair play;
  - b) to comply with these Statutes and regulations and decisions made under them as well as the decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland);
  - c) to respect the Laws of the Game as decided by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

Member Associations shall include these obligations in their statutes, as well as a provision that leagues, clubs, players and officials shall observe these obligations.

- Independence    <sup>2</sup> Member Associations shall manage their affairs independently and with no undue influence from third parties. Member Associations shall provide in their statutes for a democratic procedure guaranteeing that their executive body is freely elected

and that their other bodies are elected or appointed in a completely independent way. Any body or decision from a body that has not been elected or appointed in compliance with such a procedure, even on an interim basis, shall not be recognised by UEFA.

Leagues,  
Combinations

<sup>3</sup> Leagues or any other groups of clubs at Member Association level shall only be permitted with the Association's express consent and shall be subordinate to it. The Association's statutes shall define the powers apportioned to any such group, as well as its rights and obligations. The statutes and regulations of any such group shall be subject to the approval of the Association.

Club Licensing  
System

<sup>4</sup> Member Associations shall apply a club licensing system according to the minimum requirements set by UEFA from time to time. Member Associations shall include such an obligation and define the licensing bodies in their statutes.

Integrity of the  
Competitions

<sup>5</sup> Member Associations shall ensure that neither a natural nor a legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) exercises control or influence over more than one of their clubs whenever the integrity of any match or competition organised at Member Association level could be jeopardized. Member Associations shall include such an obligation in their statutes and lay down the necessary implementing provisions.

Communication  
of Statutory  
Amendments

<sup>6</sup> Member Associations shall communicate to UEFA any amendment of their statutes translated, if necessary, into an official language of UEFA.

Racism and  
other Forms of  
Discrimination

<sup>7</sup> Member Associations shall implement an effective policy aimed at eradicating racism and any other forms of discrimination from football and apply a regulatory framework providing that any such behaviour is strictly sanctioned, including, in particular, by means of serious suspensions for players and officials, as well as partial and full stadium closures if supporters engage in racist behaviour.

### **Withdrawal and Termination of Membership, Exclusion, Dissolution of a Member Association**

#### **Article 8**

Withdrawal

<sup>1</sup> A Member Association may withdraw its membership at the end of UEFA's financial year, provided that it has given a minimum of six months' written notice to the Administration sent by registered letter.

Dissolution

<sup>2</sup> If a Member Association is dissolved, its membership of UEFA shall terminate at the same time.

Exclusion

<sup>3</sup> A Member Association may be excluded from UEFA if it has:

- failed to settle its financial obligations towards UEFA;
- seriously breached these Statutes or a regulation or decision made under them;
- lost its qualifying status as a representative national football association;
- been refused membership of, or excluded from, FIFA.

The exclusion of a Member Association shall be decided by Congress. The exclusion must be supported by three-quarters or more of the Congress, and at least half of the total number of Member Associations must be present.

Financial  
Obligations

<sup>4</sup> A Member Association shall be obliged to settle all outstanding financial obligations due to UEFA prior to its withdrawal or dissolution and/or the termination of its membership.

## Suspension

### Article 9

Executive  
Committee

<sup>1</sup> If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, a Member Association has committed a serious breach of these Statutes or regulations or decisions made under them, the Executive Committee shall be entitled to suspend the membership of the Member Association with immediate effect.

Specific  
Grounds for  
Suspension

<sup>1bis</sup> A Member Association may in particular be suspended if state authorities interfere in its affairs in such a significant way that:

- a) it may no longer be considered as fully responsible for the organisation of football-related matters in its territory;
- b) it is no longer in a position to perform its statutory tasks in an appropriate manner;
- c) the smooth running of a competition organised under its auspices is no longer guaranteed; or
- d) the free election of its executive body or the totally independent election or appointment of its other bodies is no longer ensured.

Congress

<sup>2</sup> Any suspension shall be submitted to the next Congress for consideration as to whether or not the Member Association should be excluded, or the suspension lifted or continued. If the Congress does not consider the matter, the suspension shall cease.

## IV. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

### Honorary Membership

#### Article 10

Honorary  
Membership

<sup>1</sup> UEFA may, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, bestow the status of Honorary President or Honorary Membership upon a person for especially meritorious services to European football.

Honorary  
Presidents;  
Advisory  
Capacity

<sup>2</sup> Honorary Presidents may attend the Congress and the meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity, but shall have no vote.

Honorary  
Members;  
Advisory  
Capacity

<sup>3</sup> Honorary Members may attend the Congress in an advisory capacity, but shall have no vote.

## V. ORGANS

### Organs

#### Article 11

- Organs The organs through which UEFA may act (the 'Organs') shall be:
- the Congress;
  - the Executive Committee;
  - the President;
  - the Organs for the Administration of Justice.

### 1. Congress

#### General/Decision-Making Powers

#### Article 12

- Supreme Organ <sup>1</sup> The Congress shall be the supreme controlling Organ of UEFA.
- Decisions <sup>2</sup> Only a duly convened Congress shall have the power to make decisions.

#### Ordinary Congress: Powers, Notice, Agenda

#### Article 13

- Frequency <sup>1</sup> An Ordinary Congress shall be held every year. A second ordinary Congress may be called by the Executive Committee to deal with financial matters and/or matters of particular significance.
- Powers <sup>2</sup> Matters within the power of Congress shall be the:
- a) election of tellers;
  - b) election of three delegates to verify the minutes of Congress;
  - c) receipt and consideration of the President's and Executive Committee's report;
  - d) receipt and consideration of the Administration's report;
  - e) acknowledgement of the financial report and the auditors' report as well as approval of the annual accounts and annual budget;
  - f) election of the President of UEFA;
  - g) election of the members of the Executive Committee and ratification of the members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA and the EPFL;
  - h) election of the European members of the FIFA Council;
  - i) election of the Auditing Body;
  - j) amendment of the Statutes;
  - k) consideration and taking of decisions on proposals;
  - l) consideration of membership applications and the exclusion of a Member Association;
  - m) decisions on the lifting or continuation of the suspension of a Member Association, Executive Committee member or a member of another body;

- n) consideration of proposals for the dismissal of a member of the Executive Committee or the Organs for the Administration of Justice;
- o) receipt and consideration of the agenda of the FIFA Congress;
- p) receipt and consideration of the minutes of the previous Congress in accordance with Art. 17, para. 2, if necessary;
- q) bestowal of honorary membership.

Time Limit,  
Agenda, Notice

<sup>3</sup> Notice of an Ordinary Congress shall be given in writing at least three months in advance. The official invitation to attend the Congress shall be sent out at least four weeks before the Congress is due to take place, together with the agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Executive Committee.

### **Extraordinary Congress: Powers, Notice, Agenda**

#### Article 14

Convocation <sup>1</sup> An Extraordinary Congress may be convened by the Executive Committee, or at the written request of one fifth or more of the Member Associations, stating the items to be placed on the agenda.

Time Limit <sup>2</sup> If convened by one fifth of the Member Associations, an Extraordinary Congress shall be held within three months of the date of the written request. Notice of the Extraordinary Congress shall be sent out at least two months before it is due to take place.

Agenda <sup>3</sup> The agenda, which shall be drawn up by the Executive Committee, shall be sent out together with the notice of the Extraordinary Congress. Items may also be placed on the agenda by the Executive Committee which fall within the power of an Ordinary Congress.

### **Proposals of Member Associations**

#### Article 15

Deadline A Member Association wishing to include a proposal on the agenda for an Ordinary Congress must submit it in writing to the Administration at least two months before the Congress is due to take place. The proposal must be clearly formulated, together with brief reasons for the proposal.

### **Chairman of Congress, Acting Chairman, Casting Vote**

#### Article 16

Chairman of Congress <sup>1</sup> The President or, in his absence, the first Vice-President shall be Chairman of Congress. If the first Vice-President is not present either, another Vice-President designated for that purpose by the Executive Committee shall chair the Congress. If no Vice-President is present, Congress shall elect a member of the Executive Committee as Chairman of Congress.

Casting Vote <sup>2</sup> In the event of a tie in any vote, the Chairman of Congress shall have a casting vote. In elections, Art. 19 shall apply.

## Minutes

### Article 17

- Minutes <sup>1</sup> Minutes of all business at Congress shall be taken.
- Approval <sup>2</sup> The delegates elected to verify the minutes shall do so in order that minutes may be sent out to the Member Associations within 90 days of the Congress. The minutes shall be regarded as approved if, within 30 days of their dispatch, no objections are raised by registered letter to the Administration. In the event that any objections are received, the minutes shall be placed on the agenda of the next Ordinary Congress for consideration.

## Voting Rights

### Article 18

- Voting Rights <sup>1</sup> Each Member Association shall have one vote which shall be exercised on its behalf by one of its representatives.
- Proxy <sup>2</sup> Votes by proxy shall not be permitted.
- Open Voting <sup>3</sup> Voting shall be open, unless the Congress decides otherwise.
- Majorities <sup>4</sup> Unless otherwise prescribed in these Statutes, a proposal shall be passed if supported by a simple majority of the valid votes cast. Abstentions shall not be counted. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of Congress shall have a casting vote. A proposal for the dissolution of UEFA shall be passed if supported by four-fifths or more of all Member Associations. A proposal to amend the Statutes shall be passed if supported by two-thirds or more of the Member Associations present at the Congress.
- Suspended & Provisional Members <sup>5</sup> Suspended Member Associations and national football associations admitted into membership on a provisional basis shall not have the right to vote.

## Elections

### Article 19

- Procedure <sup>1</sup> In respect of elections, a person shall be elected in the first ballot if supported by an absolute majority (i.e. more than half) of the valid votes cast. If no election is made, there shall be a second ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority (i.e. most votes) shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the second ballot, there shall be a third ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the third ballot, election shall be determined by the drawing of lots.
- Secret Ballot <sup>2</sup> Elections shall be by secret ballot. If the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacant positions, the Congress may decide to proceed otherwise.
- Election of President and Executive Committee <sup>3</sup> The President and eight members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress (including at least one female) shall be elected during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The other eight

members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress shall be elected during the calendar year following the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the ECA and the EPFL shall be ratified by the Congress during the calendar year following the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.

Election of  
European  
members of  
FIFA Council

<sup>4</sup> UEFA shall elect three FIFA Vice-Presidents (one of whom shall be proposed by the four British associations, i.e. England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) and six members of the FIFA Council (including at least one female). The UEFA President shall be an ex-officio FIFA Vice-President. The two other FIFA Vice-Presidents and one member of the FIFA Council shall be elected during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The other five members of the FIFA Council shall be elected during the calendar year following the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.

Other

<sup>5</sup> In all other respects, Art. 18 shall apply by analogy.

## **Coming into Force of Decisions**

### **Article 20**

Deadline

Congress decisions shall be binding on all Member Associations. Unless otherwise stated, a decision shall come into force three months after the end of the Congress. The Congress may decide that a decision shall come into force at an earlier or later date.

## **2. Executive Committee**

### **Composition**

#### **Article 21**

Composition

<sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a) the President,
- b) sixteen other members (including at least one female) elected by a Congress, and
- c) two members elected by the ECA and one member elected by the EPFL, ratified by the Congress, all with the same rights and duties as the other Executive Committee members.

Upon election or ratification by Congress, every member of the Executive Committee undertakes to act faithfully, loyally and independently, in the best interests of UEFA and the promotion and development of European football.

Eligibility

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee shall not include more than one representative of the same Member Association. This rule does not apply to either the female member of the Executive Committee or the members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA and the EPFL. The members of the Executive Committee elected by



the ECA cannot belong to clubs affiliated to the same Member Association.

Conditions <sup>3</sup> Each member of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress, except for the President and any female member, shall hold an active office (i.e. president, vice-president, general secretary or chief executive officer) within his Member Association. If this condition is no longer met during his term of office, he shall no longer be eligible for re-election.

President <sup>3bis</sup> A candidacy for the office of UEFA President shall be valid only if supported by at least three Member Associations.

Vice-Presidents <sup>4</sup> The Executive Committee shall elect a first Vice-President, four other Vice-Presidents and a Treasurer (with the same status as a Vice-President), upon proposal of the President. The President may assign specific tasks to each of the Vice-Presidents.

## **Term of Office**

### **Article 22**

Term, Re-election <sup>1</sup> The term of office of the President and members of the Executive Committee elected by a Congress shall be four years. Eight members, or eight members (including at least one female) and the President, shall be elected every two years. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee elected by the ECA and the EPFL shall be four years. No person may serve as President or member of the Executive Committee for more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not). Any partial term of office shall count as one full term.

Start and End <sup>1bis</sup> The term of office of the President and members of the Executive Committee starts at the close of the Congress at which they are elected or ratified and ends at the close of the Congress at which their successors are elected or ratified.

Age Limit <sup>2</sup> A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.

Vacancies <sup>3</sup> If a vacancy occurs, the next Ordinary Congress shall elect or ratify a replacement for the remaining term of office. If the vacancy occurs in the final year of a term of office, no replacement shall be elected or ratified.

## **Powers of the Executive Committee**

### **Article 23**

Jurisdiction <sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall have the power to adopt regulations and make decisions on all matters which do not fall within the legal or statutory jurisdiction of the Congress or another Organ.

Management <sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee shall manage UEFA, except to the extent that it has delegated such management, or unless such

management has been delegated by the Statutes to the President or the Administration.

### **Duties of the Executive Committee**

#### **Article 24**

Non-transferable  
Duties

<sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall have the following non-transferable and irrevocable duties:

- a) overall control of UEFA and the issue of necessary instructions;
- b) definition of the organisational structure;
- c) form and supervision of the book-keeping;
- d) appointment of five members of the Governance and Compliance Committee and the issue of their terms of reference;
- e) appointment of the General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary upon proposal of the President;
- f) dismissal of the General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary upon proposal of the President or by a decision supported by two-thirds or more of all members of the Executive Committee;
- g) overall supervision of the Administration, including the General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary, especially in terms of observance of laws, the Statutes, regulations and orders;
- h) approval of the annual business plan of the Administration;
- i) compilation of a written report for presentation to the Ordinary Congress;
- j) examination of the Administration's report to the Ordinary Congress.

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee may delegate the preparation and implementation of its decisions or the supervision of business to one or more of its members.

### **Delegation of Management**

#### **Article 25**

Delegation of  
Management

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with a set of organisational regulations issued by it, the Executive Committee shall be authorised to delegate management, either fully or partly, to the President, to one or more of its members and/or to the Administration.

Organisational  
Regulations

<sup>2</sup> This set of organisational regulations shall govern the management, define the necessary posts, outline the corresponding duties and govern reporting.

### **Frequency of Meetings and Quorum**

#### **Article 26**

Meetings

<sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall as a general rule meet once every two months. It shall be convened by the President. At the request of at least five voting members, the President shall convene a meeting of the Executive Committee within two weeks of such a request being made. The President may invite third

parties to attend meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity.

- Quorum <sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee shall have a quorum of more than half of its voting members, including the President or, in his absence, a Vice-President.
- Exclusion from Meetings <sup>3</sup> A member of the Executive Committee or the President shall not take part in the deliberation of any matter or point of issue involving the Member Association and/or a club and/or a league affiliated to the Member Association with which he is associated, or in any case in which a conflict of interest exists.
- Coming into Force <sup>4</sup> Decisions of the Executive Committee shall come into immediate force, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

## **Voting and Election Procedures, Minutes**

### Article 27

- Majorities <sup>1</sup> Unless decided otherwise, and subject to para. 2 below, a decision shall be made in elections and votes if supported by more than half of the votes cast by the voting members present. In the event of a tie in votes, the President shall have the casting vote. Votes shall be open and elections shall be secret, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise. In the event of a tie in an election, a person shall be elected by the drawing of lots.
- Voting Rights <sup>2</sup> Members elected or ratified by a Congress shall be eligible to vote.
- Minutes <sup>3</sup> Minutes of all business conducted at a meeting shall be taken. The minutes shall be sent to all members of the Executive Committee before the next meeting.

## **Suspension of Members of the Executive Committee and Other Organs, as well as Removal of Members of Other Committees**

### Article 28

- Dereliction of Duty, Improper Conduct <sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee may suspend a member of the Executive Committee or a member of another Organ (see Art. 11) until the next Ordinary Congress where it considers that person to have committed a gross dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct.
- Approval <sup>2</sup> Art. 9, para. 2 shall apply accordingly.
- Removal from Office <sup>3</sup> The Executive Committee may remove from office a member of a Committee and appoint a replacement for the remaining period of the term of office where it considers that person to have committed a gross dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct.
- Procedures <sup>4</sup> Such decisions shall be made if supported by three-quarters or more of all voting members of the Executive Committee. A member of the Executive Committee affected by the decision shall not be entitled to take part in the deliberations or vote.

### 3. President

#### Powers and Duties of the President

##### Article 29

- Representation    1 The President shall represent UEFA.
- Chairman        2 The President shall chair the Congress, as well as meetings of the Executive Committee.
- Casting Vote    3 In the event of a tie in any vote, the President shall have the casting vote.
- Further Powers and Duties    4 The President is furthermore responsible for:
- a) relations between UEFA and FIFA;
  - b) relations between UEFA and other confederations;
  - c) relations between UEFA and its Member Associations;
  - d) relations between UEFA and political bodies and international organisations;
  - e) implementing the decisions of the Congress and the Executive Committee through the Administration;
  - f) supervising the work of the Administration.
- In carrying out these responsibilities, the President shall consult with the Executive Committee.
- Absence of President    5 In the absence of the President, the first Vice-President shall assume his powers and duties.

#### Administration – Duties of the General Secretary

##### Article 30

- Management of the Administration    1 The General Secretary shall be responsible for the organisation, management and direction of the Administration.
- 2 The following duties in particular shall be delegated to the General Secretary:
- a) representation of UEFA, as delegated by the UEFA President;
  - b) appointment and dismissal of Directors, after consultation with the President;
  - c) appointment and dismissal of staff of the Administration;
  - d) submission of an annual business plan;
  - e) compilation of a written report for presentation to the Ordinary Congress;
  - f) drawing up of an estimate for income and expenditure;
  - g) initiation of expenditure within the framework of the budget.
- Further Duties    3 Further duties of the Administration shall be defined by the Executive Committee in detail in a set of regulations.
- Delegation        4 The General Secretary may delegate his duties to the Deputy General Secretary and/or to the Directors. Such duties shall be defined in regulations to be approved by the Executive Committee.

## **Appointment, Employment, Meetings**

### **Article 31**

Appointment, Employment <sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall appoint the General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary, who shall be employed by UEFA.

Attendance of Meetings <sup>2</sup> The General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary shall attend meetings of Congress, the Executive Committee and its panels, as well as of Committees, and take an advisory part in the deliberations. The General Secretary may be represented by the Deputy General Secretary.

## **4. Administration of Justice**

### **Organs for the Administration of Justice**

#### **Article 32**

Organs for the Administration of Justice <sup>1</sup> UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice are:  
a) the UEFA disciplinary bodies, i.e. the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body and the Appeals Body;  
b) the Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors;  
c) the Club Financial Control Body.

Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice are independent and may not belong to any other organ or Committee of UEFA. They shall not take any measure nor exercise any influence in relation to a matter where any conflict of interests exists or is perceived to exist. They are bound exclusively by the UEFA Statutes, rules and regulations and the law.

Election, Term of Office <sup>2</sup> Members of the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body and Appeals Body as well as the Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors shall be elected by the Executive Committee (from candidates proposed by the Member Associations) for a term of four years. Members of the Club Financial Control Body shall be elected by the Executive Committee for a term of four years. The elected members of the UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be presented to the Congress for ratification.

Jurisdiction <sup>3</sup> Further rules pertaining to the UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be set out in the Disciplinary Regulations or in other specific regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

### **Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body**

#### **Article 33**

Composition <sup>1</sup> The Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and seven other members.

Quorum <sup>2</sup> The Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body shall, as a rule, reach decisions in the presence of all its members, but it is entitled to take a decision if at least three of its members are present.

Exceptions may be set out in the UEFA Disciplinary Regulations, which may provide for the Chairman, or one of the Vice-Chairmen or a member acting as ad hoc Chairman, to hear special cases alone.

Jurisdiction <sup>3</sup> The Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body shall have jurisdiction to rule on disciplinary and ethical issues and all other matters which fall within its jurisdiction pursuant to these Statutes or regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

### **Appeals Body**

#### **Article 34**

Composition <sup>1</sup> The Appeals Body shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and nine other members.

Quorum <sup>2</sup> The Appeals Body shall, as a rule, reach decisions in the presence of three of its members. The UEFA Disciplinary Regulations may provide for exceptions and, in particular, empower the Chairman, or one of the Vice-Chairmen or a member acting as ad hoc Chairman, sitting alone, to take a decision on appeals which are obviously inadmissible, founded or unfounded.

Jurisdiction <sup>3</sup> The Appeals Body shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals against decisions of the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body pursuant to the Disciplinary Regulations in force from time to time. These regulations may provide that a case be referred directly to the Appeals Body in urgent circumstances, in particular regarding the admission to, or exclusion from, UEFA competitions.

### **Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors**

#### **Article 34<sup>bis</sup>**

Composition <sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall appoint the necessary number of Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors and designate one of them as Chief Inspector.

Jurisdiction <sup>2</sup> The Ethics and Disciplinary Inspectors represent UEFA in proceedings before the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body and the Appeals Body.

### **Club Financial Control Body**

#### **Article 34<sup>ter</sup>**

Composition <sup>1</sup> The Club Financial Control Body shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and the necessary number of other members as determined by the Executive Committee.

Quorum <sup>2</sup> The Club Financial Control Body shall, as a rule, reach decisions in the presence of at least three of its members (including the Chairman, or one Vice-Chairman or a member acting as ad hoc chairman). Exceptions may be set out in specific regulations adopted by the Executive Committee, which may in particular empower the Chairman, or one of the Vice-Chairmen or a member

acting as ad hoc Chairman, sitting alone, to take a decision in special cases.

Jurisdiction <sup>3</sup> The Club Financial Control Body shall have jurisdiction to decide on issues specified in the applicable regulations as adopted by the Executive Committee.

## **VI. EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE FIFA COUNCIL**

### **European members of the FIFA Council**

Article 34<sup>quater</sup>

Each member of the FIFA Council to be elected by the UEFA Congress, except for the President and any female member, shall hold an active office (i.e. president, vice-president, general secretary or chief executive officer) within his Member Association. If this condition is no longer met during his term of office, he shall no longer be eligible for re-election.

## **VII. PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL STRATEGY COUNCIL, GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE, OTHER COMMITTEES, EXPERT PANELS, WORKING GROUPS**

### **Professional Football Strategy Council**

Article 35

Composition <sup>1</sup> The Professional Football Strategy Council is composed of:

- a) four Vice-Presidents of the UEFA Executive Committee;
- b) representatives elected by any such group recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the European professional football leagues;
- c) representatives elected by any such group recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the clubs participating in the UEFA competitions;
- d) representatives elected by any such players' union recognised by UEFA as representing the interests of the professional players in Europe.

Terms of reference <sup>2</sup> Details concerning the composition and organisation of the Professional Football Strategy Council, including the setting up of sub-committees or working groups to deal with specific topics, and the more detailed tasks assigned to it shall be set out in terms of reference drawn up by the Executive Committee from time to time.

Tasks <sup>3</sup> The Professional Football Strategy Council shall, in particular, be in charge of:

- a) identifying solutions to improve collaboration between the various stakeholders of European football;
- b) dealing with problems pertaining to the social dialogue in European professional football matters;

c) dealing with questions related to the UEFA club competitions and their calendars.

Function 4 The Professional Football Strategy Council reports directly to the Executive Committee and exercises a major influence on the decision-making of the Executive Committee.

### **Governance and Compliance Committee**

#### Article 35<sup>bis</sup>

Duties 1 The Governance and Compliance Committee shall periodically examine UEFA's activities in terms of good governance, compliance and risk management.

Composition 2 The Executive Committee shall appoint five members of the Governance and Compliance Committee, three of them from different Member Associations and the other two to be independent. The chairman of the Governance and Compliance Committee shall be designated by the Executive Committee upon proposal of the President. All members of the Governance and Compliance Committee shall be appointed for four years. These appointments shall be made after the electoral Congress held during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The appointed members of the Governance and Compliance Committee shall be presented to the Congress for ratification.

Reporting 3 The Governance and Compliance Committee shall report to the Executive Committee in writing on every audit, copying each such report to the General Secretary.

### **Committees**

#### Article 35<sup>ter</sup>

Committees The Committees shall be:

1. National Associations Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Referees Committee
4. National Team Competitions Committee
5. Club Competitions Committee
6. Youth and Amateur Football Committee
7. Women's Football Committee
8. Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee
9. HatTrick Committee
10. Development and Technical Assistance Committee
11. Club Licensing Committee
12. Stadium and Security Committee
13. Medical Committee
14. Players' Status, Transfer and Agents and Match Agents Committee
15. Legal Committee
16. Marketing Advisory Committee



- 17. Media Committee
- 18. Fair Play and Social Responsibility Committee
- 19. Football Committee

### **Composition**

#### Article 36

- Term of Office <sup>1</sup> Based on proposals submitted by the President, the Executive Committee shall elect the Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and the members of each Committee for a four-year term. These appointments shall be made after the electoral Congress held during the calendar year preceding the final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.
- Age Limit <sup>2</sup> A person aged 70 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.
- Number of Members <sup>3</sup> The Executive Committee shall determine the number of members of each Committee.

### **Obligations**

#### Article 37

- Representation <sup>1</sup> The Chairman shall represent his Committee. In consultation with the Administration, the Chairman of a Committee shall set the dates of meetings, be responsible for the proper conduct of business and regularly report to the Executive Committee on the Committee's work.
- Bureau <sup>2</sup> Each Committee may set up a bureau.
- Powers <sup>3</sup> Committees shall advise the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may delegate certain of its duties to a Committee.
- Terms of Reference <sup>4</sup> The Executive Committee shall draw up terms of reference for the work of each Committee.

### **Expert Panels and Working Groups**

#### Article 38

- Appointment, Duties <sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee, the President or the General Secretary may, if necessary, appoint expert panels for special duties, and working groups for special limited (in time) duties.
- Term of Office <sup>2</sup> The members of the expert panels shall be appointed for a duration of four years.
- Terms of Reference <sup>3</sup> If necessary, terms of reference may be drawn up.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATION

### Administration

#### Article 39

Duties <sup>1</sup> Under the direction of the General Secretary, the Administration shall conduct UEFA's business.

<sup>2</sup> Such duties shall include:

- a) implementation of decisions of Congresses, the Executive Committee and the President;
- b) preparation of Congresses, as well as meetings of the Executive Committee and other Committees;
- c) taking minutes of Congresses, as well as of meetings of the Executive Committee and other Committees;
- d) execution of UEFA's operational business;
- e) keeping the books of UEFA;
- f) public relations work.

### Directors

#### Article 40

Duties <sup>1</sup> Under the supervision of the General Secretary, the Directors shall conduct specific aspects of UEFA's business.

<sup>2</sup> The General Secretary shall govern their duties.

### Appointment, Employment, Meetings

#### Article 41

Appointment, Employment <sup>1</sup> After consultation with the President, the General Secretary shall appoint Directors, who shall be employed by UEFA.

Attendance of Meetings <sup>2</sup> Directors shall, in principle, attend meetings of the Executive Committee dealing with their specific activities, and play an advisory part in the deliberations.

## IX. ACCOUNTS

### Revenue, Payment of Levies and Deductions from Match Receipts

#### Article 42

Revenue <sup>1</sup> UEFA's revenue shall consist of the following contributions, levies and additional revenue:

- a) an annual contribution of EUR 200 payable by each Member Association on 1 January each year;
- b) competition entry fees in accordance with the UEFA competition regulations;
- c) ticket sales, television and advertising revenues and levies from UEFA competitions, in accordance with the financial provisions contained in UEFA competition regulations;

- d) levies from FIFA competition matches, in accordance with the financial provisions in FIFA competition regulations;
- e) levies from senior national representative team matches, in accordance with special implementing regulations;
- f) revenues from the exploitation of rights of any kind.

Calculation of Levies

<sup>2</sup> Levies shall be calculated on the basis of gross receipts. Only taxes actually paid and stadium rent shall be deductible. The deductions taken together may not exceed 30% of the gross receipts from ticket sales.

Minimum Levies

<sup>3</sup> Competition regulations shall govern the minimum levies for a match in the competition concerned.

Deadline for Payment

<sup>4</sup> Levies shall be remitted to UEFA within sixty days of the match.

Liability

<sup>5</sup> Member Associations:

- a) shall be liable to UEFA for financial obligations of their clubs towards UEFA arising under Art. 42, para. 1 above;
- b) may be held liable to UEFA for other financial commitments of their clubs towards UEFA.

## **Budget**

### Article 43

Budget

A budget of income and expenditure shall be prepared for each financial year by the General Secretary. Extraordinary expenditure not included in the budget shall be authorised by the Executive Committee by way of supplementary credits.

## **Closing of Accounts**

### Article 44

Accounts

Books of account shall be kept in euros. The accounts shall be closed annually.

## **Financial Year**

### Article 45

Financial Year

The UEFA financial year shall begin on 1 July and end on 30 June of the following year.

## **Auditing Body**

### Article 46

Independence

<sup>1</sup> The Auditing Body shall be an auditing company which is independent of UEFA. It shall be elected by the Ordinary Congress for the financial year immediately following the Congress. It shall be eligible for re-election.

Report

<sup>2</sup> The Auditing Body shall audit the accounts and submit a written report to the Ordinary Congress.

## X. MEDIA

### Exploitation of Rights

#### Article 47

Exploitation of  
Rights

<sup>1</sup> UEFA shall exploit all rights which it owns or shares with third parties, such as property rights of any type, intellectual property rights and rights for audio-visual and sound-broadcasting transmissions by picture or data carrier of any kind (including all means of transmitting computer images, with or without sound, such as Internet, on-line services or the like, whether existing already or not). This includes the production, duplication, dissemination and broadcasting of pictures, sound or data carriers of any kind by UEFA alone or with third parties.

<sup>2</sup> For this purpose, UEFA alone, or with third parties, shall be entitled to form or operate companies, for which they may make use of any legal entities authorised under Swiss law.

### Audio-visual and Radio Transmissions

#### Article 48

Exclusive Rights

<sup>1</sup> UEFA and the Member Associations shall have the exclusive rights to broadcast and use, as well as authorise for broadcast and use, by picture, sound or other data carriers of any kind (including data carriers which have yet to be developed), matches which come within their jurisdiction, either live or recorded, in whole or as excerpts.

Regulations

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Committee shall issue regulations governing the implementation of these rights.

## XI. COMPETITIONS

### Competitions

#### Article 49

Jurisdiction

<sup>1</sup> UEFA shall have the sole jurisdiction to organise or abolish international competitions in Europe in which Member Associations and/or their clubs participate. FIFA competitions shall not be affected by this provision.

<sup>2</sup> The current UEFA competitions shall be:

Representative  
Teams

- a) For representative teams:
- UEFA European Football Championship
  - UEFA Nations League
  - UEFA European Under-21 Championship
  - UEFA European Under-19 Championship
  - UEFA European Under-17 Championship
  - UEFA European Women's Championship
  - UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship
  - UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship

- UEFA European Futsal Championship
  - UEFA European Under-19 Futsal Championship
  - UEFA European Women’s Futsal Championship
  - UEFA Regions’ Cup
- Club Teams b) For club teams:
- UEFA Champions League
  - UEFA Europa League
  - UEFA Super Cup
  - UEFA Youth League
  - UEFA Futsal Champions League
  - UEFA Women’s Champions League
- Other Competitions, Abolition c) The Executive Committee shall decide whether to create or take over other competitions, as well as whether to abolish current competitions.
- Approval <sup>3</sup> International matches, competitions or tournaments which are not organised by UEFA but are played on UEFA’s territory shall require the prior approval of FIFA and/or UEFA and/or the relevant Member Associations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches and any additional implementing rules adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee.

## **Competition Regulations**

### Article 50

- Conditions of Participation <sup>1</sup> The Executive Committee shall draw up regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of UEFA competitions. These regulations shall set out a clear and transparent bidding procedure for all UEFA competitions, including competition finals.
- Club Licensing System <sup>1bis</sup> The Executive Committee shall define a club licensing system and in particular:
- a) the minimum criteria to be fulfilled by clubs in order to be admitted to UEFA competitions;
  - b) the licensing process (including the minimum requirements for the licensing bodies);
  - c) the minimum requirements to be observed by the licensors.
- Entry <sup>2</sup> It shall be a condition of entry into competition that each Member Association and/or club affiliated to a Member Association agrees to comply with the Statutes, and regulations and decisions of competent Organs made under them.
- Non Admission <sup>3</sup> The admission to a UEFA competition of a Member Association or club directly or indirectly involved in any activity aimed at arranging or influencing the outcome of a match at national or international level can be refused with immediate effect, without prejudice to any possible disciplinary measures.

## Prohibited Relations

### Article 51

Prohibited Groupings <sup>1</sup> No combinations or alliances between UEFA Member Associations or between leagues or clubs affiliated, directly or indirectly, to different UEFA Member Associations may be formed without the permission of UEFA.

Permission <sup>2</sup> A Member Association, or its affiliated leagues and clubs, may neither play nor organise matches outside its own territory without the permission of the relevant Member Associations.

## Principle of Promotion and Relegation

### Article 51<sup>bis</sup>

Principle <sup>1</sup> A club's entitlement to take part in a domestic league championship shall depend principally on sporting merit. A club shall qualify for a domestic league championship by remaining in a certain division or by being promoted or relegated to another at the end of a season.

Licensing Criteria <sup>2</sup> In addition to qualification on sporting merit, a club's participation in a domestic league championship may be subject to other criteria within the scope of the licensing procedure, whereby the emphasis is on sporting, infrastructural, administrative, legal and financial considerations. Licensing decisions must be able to be examined by the Member Association's body of appeal.

Prohibited Measures <sup>3</sup> Altering the legal form or company structure of a club to facilitate its qualification on sporting merit and/or its receipt of a licence for a domestic league championship, to the detriment of the integrity of a sports competition, is prohibited. This includes, for example, changing the headquarters, changing the name or transferring stakeholdings between different clubs. Prohibitive decisions must be able to be examined by the Member Association's body of appeal.

Jurisdiction <sup>4</sup> Concerning the application of this article, each Member Association is responsible for deciding national issues, which may not be delegated to the leagues. UEFA is responsible for deciding issues involving more than one Member Association concerning its own territory. FIFA is responsible for deciding international issues involving more than one Confederation.

## **XII. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

### **Disciplinary Jurisdiction**

#### **Article 52**

Unsportsmanlike  
Conduct,  
Violations of the  
Laws of the  
Game,  
Contravention

Disciplinary measures may be imposed for unsportsmanlike conduct, violations of the Laws of the Game, and contravention of UEFA's Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives as shall be in force from time to time.

### **Disciplinary Measures against Member Associations and Clubs**

#### **Article 53**

Disciplinary  
Measures  
against Member  
Associations  
and Clubs

<sup>1</sup> The following disciplinary measures may be imposed against Member Associations and clubs:

- a) a warning,
- b) a reprimand,
- c) a fine,
- d) the annulment of the result of a match,
- e) an order that a match be replayed,
- f) the deduction of points,
- g) awarding a match by default,
- h) staging of matches behind closed doors,
- i) ordering a ban on the use of a stadium,
- j) ordering the playing of a match in a third country,
- k) the withholding of revenues from a UEFA competition,
- l) the prohibition on registering new players in UEFA competitions,
- m) a restriction on the number of players that a club may register for participation in UEFA competitions,
- n) disqualification from competitions in progress and/or exclusion from future competitions,
- o) the withdrawal of a title or award,
- p) the withdrawal of a licence.

Further  
Disciplinary  
Measures

<sup>2</sup> Further disciplinary measures against Member Associations and clubs may be defined in regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

Community  
Football Service

<sup>3</sup> All disciplinary measures against Member Associations and clubs may be combined with a community football service order.

### **Disciplinary Measures against Individuals**

#### **Article 54**

Disciplinary  
Measures  
against  
Individuals

<sup>1</sup> The following disciplinary measures may be imposed against individuals:

- a) a warning,
- b) a reprimand,
- c) a fine,

- d) suspension for a specified number of matches or for a specified or unspecified period,
- e) suspension from carrying out a function for a specified number of matches or for a specified or unspecified period,
- f) a ban on exercising any football-related activity,
- g) the withdrawal of a title or award.

Further  
Disciplinary  
Measures  
  
Community  
Football Service

- <sup>2</sup> Further disciplinary measures against individuals may be defined in regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.
- <sup>3</sup> All disciplinary measures against individuals may be combined with a community football service order.

### **Disciplinary Measures and Directives**

#### Article 55

Organs for the  
Administration  
of Justice  
  
Accumulation,  
Combination  
  
Directives

- <sup>1</sup> The Organs for the Administration of Justice shall have the power to impose disciplinary measures and issue directives.
- <sup>2</sup> More than one disciplinary measure, together with more than one directive, may be imposed in relation to a particular matter.
- <sup>3</sup> A directive may be issued as an order ancillary to a disciplinary measure. It sets out how the disciplinary measure shall be carried out and/or may induce the party(ies) concerned to act in a certain manner.

### **Disciplinary set of rules**

#### Article 56

Disciplinary set  
of rules

The Executive Committee shall have the power to issue the 'Disciplinary Regulations' or other specific regulations setting out procedures for the administration of justice and disciplinary rules.

### **Disciplinary Power**

#### Article 57

Disciplinary  
Power

- The following bodies only shall have power to impose disciplinary measures:
- a) the Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body;
  - b) the Appeals Body;
  - c) the Club Financial Control Body.

### **Finality**

#### Article 58

Finality

Decisions of the Appeals Body and Club Financial Control Body shall be final, subject to Art. 62 and 63 of these Statutes.



## **XIII. RECOGNITION OF THE UEFA STATUTES, DISPUTES**

### **1. Recognition of the UEFA Statutes**

#### **Recognition of the UEFA Statutes**

##### **Article 59**

Associations' Statutes <sup>1</sup> Each Member Association shall include in its statutes a provision whereby it, its leagues, clubs, players and officials agree to respect at all times the Statutes, regulations and decisions of UEFA, and to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland), as provided in the present Statutes.

Associations' Obligation <sup>2</sup> Each Member Association shall ensure that its leagues, clubs, players and officials acknowledge and accept these obligations.

Participation in a UEFA Competition <sup>3</sup> Each participant in a UEFA competition shall, when registering its entry, confirm to UEFA in writing that it, its players and officials have acknowledged and accepted these obligations.

### **2. Disputes of National Dimension**

#### **Obligation to Refer Disputes to Court of Arbitration**

##### **Article 60**

Obligation to Refer Disputes to Court of Arbitration Associations shall include in their statutes a provision under which disputes of national dimension arising from or related to the application of their statutes or regulations shall, subject to their national legislation, be referred in the last instance to an independent and impartial court of arbitration, to the exclusion of any ordinary court.

### **3. Disputes of European Dimension**

#### **CAS as Ordinary Court of Arbitration**

##### **Article 61**

Jurisdiction <sup>1</sup> The CAS shall have exclusive jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration, to deal with the following disputes in its capacity as an ordinary court of arbitration:

- a) disputes between UEFA and associations, leagues, clubs, players or officials;
- b) disputes of European dimension between associations, leagues, clubs, players or officials.

Conditions of Intervention <sup>2</sup> The CAS shall only intervene in its capacity as an ordinary court of arbitration if the dispute does not fall within the competence of a UEFA organ.

#### **CAS as Appeals Arbitration Body**

##### **Article 62**

Jurisdiction <sup>1</sup> Any decision taken by a UEFA organ may be disputed exclusively before the CAS in its capacity as an appeals arbitration

body, to the exclusion of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration.

Right to Appeal <sup>2</sup> Only parties directly affected by a decision may appeal to the CAS.

Time Limit for Appeal <sup>3</sup> The time limit for appeal to the CAS shall be ten days from the receipt of the decision in question.

Internal Procedures <sup>4</sup> An appeal before the CAS may only be brought after UEFA's internal procedures and remedies have been exhausted.

Suspensory Effect <sup>5</sup> An appeal shall not have any suspensory effect as a stay of execution of a disciplinary sanction, subject to the power of the CAS to order that any disciplinary sanction be stayed pending the arbitration.

Scope of Review <sup>6</sup> The CAS shall not take into account facts or evidence which the appellant could have submitted to an internal UEFA body by acting with the diligence required under the circumstances, but failed or chose not to do so.

Doping-related decisions <sup>7</sup> Appeals to the CAS against UEFA doping-related decisions may be subject to specific rules adopted by the Executive Committee in line with the World Anti-Doping Code.

## Common Provisions

### Article 63

Excluded Jurisdiction <sup>1</sup> The CAS is not competent to deal with:

- a) matters related to the application of a purely sporting rule, such as the Laws of the Game or the technical modalities of a competition;
- b) decisions through which a natural person is suspended for a period of up to two matches or up to one month;
- c) awards issued by an independent and impartial court of arbitration in a dispute of national dimension arising from the application of the statutes or regulations of an association.

Procedure <sup>2</sup> Moreover, proceedings before the CAS shall take place in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS.

## XIV. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

### Governing Law and Legal Forum

#### Article 64

Swiss Law <sup>1</sup> These Statutes shall be governed in all respects by Swiss law.

Legal Forum <sup>2</sup> The legal forum shall be the headquarters of UEFA. Lausanne (Switzerland) shall be the legal forum for all cases which, in accordance with these Statutes, come under the jurisdiction of CAS.

## **Matters not Covered in the Statutes**

### **Article 65**

Executive  
Committee

The Executive Committee shall have the power to decide on all matters not covered in these Statutes, such decisions to be made in accordance with relevant FIFA regulations. If no such regulations exist, the Executive Committee shall decide according to right and justice.

## **Dissolution of UEFA**

### **Article 66**

4/5 Majority

<sup>1</sup> A four-fifths majority of all Member Associations shall be required to dissolve UEFA.

Assets

<sup>2</sup> A four-fifths majority of all Member Associations shall be required for any decision as to the distribution of the assets of UEFA on dissolution. Without a decision as to such distribution, any resolution to dissolve UEFA shall have no effect.

Division of  
Assets

<sup>3</sup> The assets of UEFA shall not under any circumstances be divided among the members and any resolution to this effect shall have no effect.

## **Equal Status of Men and Women**

### **Article 67**

Equal Status

In these Statutes, the use of the masculine form shall be interpreted also to refer to the feminine.

## **Authoritative Version**

### **Article 68**

Authoritative  
Version

In the event of any discrepancy in interpretation between the official languages of UEFA in the wording of these Statutes, the English version shall be authoritative.

## **Exceptional and Transitional Provisions**

### **Article 69**

<sup>1</sup> Art. 5 does not apply to the following member associations: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Faroe Islands and Gibraltar.

<sup>2</sup> The age limit set out in Art. 22, para. 2, and Art. 36, para. 2, of these Statutes does not apply to the President of UEFA, the 13 members of the Executive Committee and the Committee members in office on 11 October 2001.

<sup>3</sup> Terms of office served before 1 July 2017 shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the term limits set out in Art. 22, para. 1.

<sup>4</sup> By exception to Art. 19, para. 3, and Art. 22, para. 1, the member of the Executive Committee elected by the EPFL shall be

ratified for the first time at the UEFA ordinary Congress in February 2018 and his term of office shall last until the 2021 UEFA electoral Congress.

<sup>5</sup> By exception to Art. 45, para. 2, the appointment of the two independent members of the Governance and Compliance Committee by the Executive Committee shall be made for the first time after the 2017 UEFA electoral Congress and their term of office shall last until 30 June 2019.

## **XV. COMING INTO FORCE OF THE STATUTES**

### **Coming into Force**

#### Article 70

Coming into  
Force

These Statutes were originally adopted at the UEFA Congress on 24 September 1997 in Helsinki and came into force on 24 December 1997. They were subsequently amended by the UEFA Congress on 30 June and 1 July 2000 in Luxembourg, on 11 October 2001 in Prague, on 25 April 2002 in Stockholm, on 27 March 2003 in Rome, on 22/23 April 2004 in Limassol, on 21 April 2005 in Tallinn, on 23 March 2006 in Budapest, on 25/26 January 2007 in Düsseldorf, on 28 May 2007 in Zurich, on 25 March 2010 in Tel Aviv, on 22 March 2012 in Istanbul, on 27 March 2014 in Astana, on 25 February 2016 in Zurich, on 3 May 2016 in Budapest, on 5 April 2017 in Helsinki, on 20 September 2017 in Geneva and on 26 February 2018 in Bratislava. The current version of these Statutes comes into force on 26 February 2018.

Bratislava, 26 February 2018

For the UEFA Congress:

The President:  
*Aleksander Čeferin*

The General Secretary:  
*Theodore Theodoridis*

Considered and approved on behalf of the Member Associations by:

[signatures of Member Associations]

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, F.Y.R. of Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Wales.

# **RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE UEFA CONGRESS**

## **Chairman of the Congress**

### **Article 1**

<sup>1</sup> The President or, in his absence, the first Vice-President shall chair the Congress. If the first Vice-President is not present either, another Vice-President designated for that purpose by the Executive Committee shall chair the Congress. If no Vice-President is present, the Congress shall elect a member of the Executive Committee as Chairman.

<sup>2</sup> The Chairman shall ensure that the rules of procedure are observed. He shall open, conduct and close the Congress. He shall give speakers permission to take the floor.

<sup>3</sup> The Chairman shall keep order at the Congress. He may take the following measures against Congress participants who disrupt the proceedings:

- a) call to order;
- b) reprimand;
- c) exclusion from the Congress.

## **Congress Bureau**

### **Article 2**

The tellers, together with the General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary, shall form the Congress Bureau.

## **Agenda**

### **Article 3**

<sup>1</sup> The agenda shall be approved at the start of the Congress.

<sup>2</sup> The agenda may be amended at any time if supported by two-thirds or more of the Member Associations present.

<sup>3</sup> The Congress may not consider a proposal to amend the Statutes unless it is included as an item of business on the agenda sent out with the notice of Congress.

## **Discussion**

### **Article 4**

<sup>1</sup> Each agenda item shall be introduced with a brief report:

- a) by the Chairman or a member of the Executive Committee;
- b) by a representative designated for that purpose by a Committee;
- c) by the Member Association which had the item in question placed on the agenda.

<sup>2</sup> The item shall then be opened to the floor for general discussion.

## **Permission to Take the Floor**

### **Article 5**

<sup>1</sup> Delegates shall be given permission to take the floor in the order that requests have been made to do so. A speaker may not take the floor unless

and until he has been given permission to do so. A speaker shall speak from the place designated for that purpose.

<sup>2</sup> A speaker may only be given the floor for a second time on the same matter when all other Congress participants who have requested to take the floor have had a chance to speak on the matter in question.

<sup>3</sup> The Chairman may set a time limit for speakers.

### **Motion on a Point of Order**

#### **Article 6**

<sup>1</sup> A motion on a point of order shall be dealt with forthwith. Any other discussion shall be immediately suspended.

<sup>2</sup> If a motion on a point of order is adopted, only Congress participants who requested to do so before the vote shall be given the floor.

<sup>3</sup> The Chairman shall decide when to close the discussion unless more than half of the Member Associations present and voting decide on a vote to do otherwise.

### **Motions, Motions to Amend an Agenda Item and Motions to Delete an Agenda Item**

#### **Article 7**

All motions, motions to amend, and motions to delete an agenda item shall be made in writing.

### **Votes**

#### **Article 8**

<sup>1</sup> Voting shall be open, unless the Congress decides otherwise.

<sup>2</sup> Voting shall be by show of hands (voting card).

<sup>3</sup> A vote may be taken by roll call, if 10 or more Member Associations present and eligible to vote so request.

<sup>4</sup> No one shall be forced to vote.

<sup>5</sup> Before each vote, the Chairman, or a person designated by him for the purpose, shall read the proposal and explain the voting procedure to the Congress.

<sup>6</sup> Proposals shall normally be voted on in the order in which they are introduced in the discussion.

<sup>7</sup> A proposal to amend a proposed amendment shall be voted on before the proposed amendment. A proposed amendment shall be voted on before the original proposal.

<sup>8</sup> Proposals which are unopposed shall be taken as adopted.

<sup>9</sup> The Chairman shall satisfy himself as to, and announce, the result of the vote.

<sup>10</sup> No one shall be given the floor during a vote or until the result of a vote has been announced.

## **Elections**

### **Article 9**

<sup>1</sup> Elections shall take place by written secret ballot. If the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacant positions, the Congress may decide to proceed otherwise. The Congress Bureau shall distribute, count and verify the ballot papers.

<sup>2</sup> Before the votes are counted, the Chairman shall announce the number of ballot papers distributed.

<sup>3</sup> If more ballot papers are handed in than were distributed, the election shall be null and void and shall be repeated forthwith.

<sup>4</sup> In the first ballot, a person shall be elected if supported by an absolute majority (i.e. more than half) of the valid votes cast. If no election is made, there shall be a second ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority (i.e. most votes) shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the second ballot, there shall be a third ballot, in which the person supported by a simple majority shall be elected. In the event of a tie in the third ballot, election shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

<sup>5</sup> Only valid ballot papers handed in shall be counted for the calculation of the absolute majority mentioned in para. 4 above.

<sup>6</sup> Blank or spoiled ballot papers shall be ignored in the counting of votes. If two or more votes for one candidate are on the same ballot paper, neither shall be valid.

<sup>7</sup> The Chairman shall announce the result.

<sup>8</sup> The ballot papers cast, counted and verified shall be placed by the Congress Bureau in envelopes prepared for that purpose, which shall be immediately sealed. The UEFA Administration shall keep the sealed envelopes and destroy them 100 days after the close of the Congress.

## **Interpreters**

### **Article 10**

The UEFA Administration shall be responsible for simultaneous translation into the official languages of the Congress. Qualified interpreters shall be used for the purpose.

## **Minutes**

### **Article 11**

The UEFA Administration shall be responsible for taking minutes of the business conducted at the Congress.

## **Representation**

### **Article 12**

<sup>1</sup> Each Member Association shall have one vote.

<sup>2</sup> A Member Association may be represented at the Congress by a maximum of three delegates.

<sup>3</sup> Delegates' travel expenses shall be borne by the Member Association concerned. However, their accommodation expenses shall be covered by UEFA.



## Coming into Force

### Article 13

These Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress were originally adopted by the UEFA Congress on 24 September 1997 in Helsinki and came into force on 24 December 1997. They were subsequently amended by the UEFA Congress on 30 June and 1 July 2000 in Luxembourg, on 11 October 2001 in Prague, on 28 May 2007 in Zurich, on 22 March 2012 in Istanbul, on 27 March 2014 in Astana and on 5 April 2017 in Helsinki. The current version of these Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress comes into force on 1 July 2017.

Helsinki, 5 April 2017

For the UEFA Congress:

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*Theodore Theodoridis*

# REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UEFA STATUTES

## 1. Application for Admission to UEFA

### Article 1

A national football association that wishes to become a member of UEFA shall submit a written application to the UEFA Administration. If the UEFA Executive Committee considers, on a prima facie basis, that the application fulfils the admission criteria set out in Art. 5, para. 1, of the Statutes, the application is submitted to the UEFA Congress for decision.

### Article 2

The UEFA Executive Committee may provisionally admit a national football association into membership. A national football association admitted on a provisional basis shall have the same rights and obligations as a Member Association, subject to Art. 18, para. 5 of the Statutes.

The application for admission must include the following:

- a) the statutes and regulations of the association;
- b) a declaration whereby the association submitting the application undertakes to observe UEFA's Statutes, regulations and decisions at all times;
- c) documents giving information about the internal organisation of the association submitting the application, as well as the competitions staged by the association;
- d) names of the members of all association organs.

### Article 3

Provisional admission shall continue until the next UEFA Congress, which shall decide whether to admit or not as a Member Association a national football association that has been admitted provisionally.

## 2. Elections

### **Election of the President and Members of the UEFA Executive Committee and European Members of the FIFA Council**

### Article 4

<sup>1</sup> Candidates for the position of President of UEFA shall be proposed in writing to the UEFA Administration at least three months before the date set for the opening of the Congress. The Executive Committee may shorten this deadline if circumstances so require.

<sup>2</sup> Candidates for positions on the UEFA Executive Committee shall be proposed in writing to the UEFA Administration at least two months before the date set for the opening of the UEFA Congress. The Executive Committee may shorten this deadline if circumstances so require.

<sup>3</sup> Each of the four British associations (i.e. England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) may propose a candidate from its own association for the position of the single FIFA Vice-Presidency which is reserved to them, but which is elected by the UEFA Congress. They may not propose any candidate for either

of the two other FIFA Vice-Presidents to be elected by the UEFA Congress, nor may they propose any other candidate to be elected by the UEFA Congress as an ordinary member of the FIFA Council. All UEFA member associations, including the four British ones, are entitled to vote in all the above-mentioned elections.

### **Election of European Vice-Presidents and Members of the FIFA Council**

#### Article 5

If a Vice-President or a person elected to the FIFA Council vacates the position during his term of office, the UEFA Executive Committee shall elect a replacement for the remaining period until the next UEFA Congress. Any such replacement may not take over the office of Vice-President of FIFA.

### **Election of the Chairmen and Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice, as well as the Chairmen and Members of Committees**

#### Article 6

The Member Associations shall submit proposals in writing to the UEFA Administration for the election of the Chairmen and members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and Committees. The UEFA Administration shall set an appropriate deadline for the submission of proposals.

## **3. Coming into Force**

#### Article 7

These Regulations were approved by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting of 5 December 1997 in Geneva and came into force on 24 December 1997. They were revised on 7 July 2000, on 25/26 January 2007, on 12 December 2013, on 11 December 2015, on 2 May 2016 and on 24 May 2018.

Kyiv, 24 May 2018

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