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Por medio de la presente, la RFEF desea comunicar a todos sus afiliados el contenido de la Circular N.º 07/2026 de la UEFA.

A través de esta Circular, UEFA informa sobre la publicación de la nueva edición de los Estatutos de UEFA y las Reglas de Procedimiento del Congreso de UEFA. La nueva edición de estas normas entró en vigor el pasado 12 de febrero de 2026.

Se adjunta el texto íntegro de la citada Circular de la UEFA, así como la nueva edición del texto, a fin de que sea debidamente conocida por los afiliados a la RFEF.

En caso de cualquier consulta, les rogamos que se pongan en contacto con la Asesoría Jurídica de la RFEF a través de los medios habituales, cuyos miembros se encuentran a disposición de los estamentos del fútbol español para resolver aquellas dudas que dicha novedad pudiera generar.

Lo que se comunica para el general conocimiento y a los efectos oportunos.

Las Rozas de Madrid, a 19 de febrero de 2026.

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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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UEFA Statutes (Edition 2026), Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress (Edition 2026)

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to enclose a PDF version of the *UEFA Statutes (Edition 2026)* and of the *Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress (Edition 2026)* containing the amendments which were approved by the 50th Ordinary UEFA Congress on 12 February 2026 in Brussels and which will come into force on 1 July 2026, with the exception to the following statutory provisions: Definition No. 11 in the Definition of terms (I), Art. 13, para. 2, lit. g, Art. 19, para. 3, Art. 21, para. 1, lit. c and para. 2, Art. 22, para. 1 and para. 1bis, and Art. 69, para. 4 and para. 5, which immediately came into force on the date of the Congress, i.e. 12 February 2026.

For a summary of these amendments, we refer you to the relevant enclosure of our circular letter No. 01/2026, dated 13 January 2026.

Yours faithfully,

UEFA

Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosure

- PDF version of the UEFA Statutes (Edition 2026), including the Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress (Edition 2026)

cc (with enclosure)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- UEFA honorary members
- FIFA, Zurich



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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.
- EFC 9. EFC: European Football Clubs.
- EL 10. EL: European Leagues.
- FIFPRO Europe 11. FIFPRO Europe: the Fédération Internationale des Footballeurs Professionnels – Division Europe.

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Legal Form and Headquarters

Article 1

- Legal Form ¹ 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 ² 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 ¹ 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

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

Relationship with the Stakeholders in European Football

Article 3^{bis}

- Relationship with the Stakeholders in European Football ¹ 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.
- UEFA Convention on the Future of European Football and platforms of engagement ² The UEFA Convention on the Future of European Football gathers representatives of the various stakeholders of European football. Its role is to provide recommendations to UEFA on fundamental football-related topics. It is convened by the Administration. UEFA may also establish bilateral platforms of engagement with its stakeholders. Details on the composition, tasks and work of the Convention and platforms of engagement are set out in terms of reference drawn up by the Executive Committee.

Official Languages

Article 4

- Official Languages ¹ The official languages of UEFA shall be English, French and German.
- Congress ² The official languages of Congress shall be English, French, German and Russian.
- Official Documents, Records ³ 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 ¹ 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 ² 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 ¹ A national football association that wishes to become a member of UEFA shall submit a written application for admission.

Power ² The Congress shall have the power in its discretion to accept or refuse an application for membership.

Provisional Admission ³ 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 ⁴ 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 ¹ 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, to the extent provided for in these Statutes and regulations made under them;
- d) to propose candidates for the appointment of the Chairs 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.

Exception ² A Member Association placed under a normalisation committee by FIFA shall not have the right to (i) vote at the Congress, (ii) draw up proposals for the agenda of the Congress, and (iii) propose candidates for the election of the UEFA President, the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and the European members of the FIFA Council.

Obligations of Member Associations

Article 7^{bis}

Fair Play,
Statutes, Laws
of the Game

¹ 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

² 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

³ 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

⁴ 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

⁵ 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

⁶ 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

⁷ 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 discriminatory behaviour.

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

Article 8

Withdrawal ¹ 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 ² If a Member Association is dissolved, its membership of UEFA shall terminate at the same time.

Exclusion ³ A Member Association may be excluded from UEFA, upon proposal of the Executive Committee, if it has:

- a) failed to settle its financial obligations towards UEFA;
- b) seriously breached these Statutes or a regulation or decision made under them;
- c) lost its qualifying status as a representative national football association;
- d) 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 ⁴ 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 ¹ 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 ^{1bis} 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 ² 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

¹ 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

² 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

³ 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

¹ The Congress shall be the supreme controlling Organ of UEFA.

Decisions

² Only a duly convened Congress shall have the power to make decisions.

Ordinary Congress: Powers, Notice, Agenda

Article 13

Frequency

¹ 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

- ² Matters within the power of Congress shall be the:
- a) approval of the agenda at the start of the Congress;
 - b) appointment of the scrutineers and of three delegates to verify the minutes of Congress;
 - c) approval of the President's and Executive Committee's report;

- d) approval 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, ratification of the members of the Executive Committee elected by the EFC, the EL and FIFPRO Europe, and ratification of the members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice and the Governance and Compliance Committee;
- h) election of the European members of the FIFA Council;
- i) appointment 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, the Organs for the Administration of Justice or the Governance and Compliance Committee;
- 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

³ 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 date on which 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 ¹ 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 ² 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 ³ 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.

Chair of Congress, Acting Chair, Casting Vote

Article 16

Chair of Congress 1 The President or, in his absence, the first Vice-President shall be Chair 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 Chair of Congress.

Casting Vote 2 In the event of a tie in any vote, the Chair of Congress shall have a casting vote. In elections, Art. 19 shall apply.

Minutes

Article 17

Minutes 1 Minutes of all business at Congress shall be taken.

Approval 2 The delegates appointed 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 1 Each Member Association shall have one vote which shall be exercised on its behalf by one of its delegates.

Proxy 2 Votes by proxy shall not be permitted.

Open Voting 3 Voting shall be open, unless the Congress decides otherwise.

Majorities 4 Unless otherwise prescribed in these Statutes, a proposal shall be passed if supported by more than half of the valid votes cast. Abstentions shall not be counted. In the event of a tie, the Chair of Congress shall have a casting vote which may be exercised by way of a drawing of lots. 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 and if more than half of the total number of Member Associations are present.

Exceptions ⁵ Suspended Member Associations, Member Associations placed under a normalisation committee by FIFA and national football associations admitted into membership on a provisional basis shall not have the right to vote.

Elections

Article 19

Procedure ¹ In respect of elections:

- a) 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.
- b) if, in the first ballot, more candidates obtain an absolute majority (i.e. more than half of the valid votes cast) than there are seats available, the candidates with the most votes among those with an absolute majority shall be elected.
- c) if not all seats can be filled in the first ballot because of a tie among candidates with an absolute majority, those candidates who can be elected in accordance with lit. b) above are elected in the first round and all the others who obtained an absolute majority (i.e. more than half of the valid votes cast) in the first ballot shall enter a second ballot.
- d) if no candidate obtains an absolute majority in the first ballot or not all seats can be filled in accordance with lit. c) above, there shall be a second ballot, in which the person(s) supported by a simple majority (i.e. most votes) shall be elected.
- e) 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 (i.e. most votes) shall be elected.
- f) in the event of a tie in the third ballot, election shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

Secret Ballot ² 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 ³ 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 scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The other eight members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress (including at least one female) shall be elected during the calendar year following the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the EFC shall be ratified by the Congress during the same calendar year as the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The members of the Executive Committee to be elected by the EL and by FIFPRO Europe shall be ratified by the Congress during the calendar year following the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.

Election of
European
members of
FIFA Council

⁴ 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 scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship. The other five members of the FIFA Council (including at least one female) shall be elected during the calendar year following the scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.

Other

⁵ 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

¹ The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a) the President,
- b) sixteen other members (including at least two female members) elected by a Congress, and
- c) two members elected by the EFC, one member elected by the EL and one member elected by FIFPRO Europe, all ratified by the Congress and 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

² The Executive Committee shall not include more than one representative of the same Member Association. This rule does not apply to any female member of the Executive Committee nor to the members of the Executive Committee elected by the EFC, the EL and FIFPRO Europe. The members of the Executive Committee elected by the EFC cannot belong to clubs affiliated to the same Member Association.

Dual
representation

^{2bis} A Member Association may not have a representative on the UEFA Executive Committee and the FIFA Council at the same time, unless this Member Association is represented on these two bodies by different individuals. This rule does not apply to the

President, any female member of the Executive Committee and the FIFA Vice-President representing the four British associations.

Conditions ³ Each candidate for a seat on the Executive Committee to be elected by the Congress, except for the President and any female member, shall hold an active office of president or vice-president within his Member Association from the date on which the candidature is submitted to the UEFA Administration up to and including the date of the election. If this condition is no longer met during his term of office, he may continue to hold his position as Executive Committee member for the remainder of his term of office, unless his Member Association requests UEFA for him to be removed from office; if, during her term of office, a female member can no longer be considered as representing her Member Association, that Member Association may request UEFA for her to be removed from office; in both cases, the position as Executive Committee member becomes vacant.

President ^{3bis} A candidacy for the office of UEFA President shall be valid only if supported by at least three Member Associations.

Vice-Presidents ⁴ The Executive Committee shall elect a first Vice-President and four other Vice-Presidents from its members, upon proposal of the President. The President may assign specific tasks to each of the Vice-Presidents.

Treasurer ⁵ The Executive Committee shall appoint a Treasurer (whether from its members or not), upon proposal of the President, and with the same status as a Vice-President.

Eligibility check ⁶ Candidates for a seat on the Executive Committee shall be subject to an eligibility check carried out in accordance with the rules laid down in the Regulations governing the Implementation of the UEFA Statutes.

Term of Office

Article 22

Term, Re-election ¹ The term of office of the President and members of the Executive Committee elected by a Congress shall be four years. Eight members (including at least one female), 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 EFC, the EL and FIFPRO Europe shall be four years. With the exception of Art. 22, para. 1bis below, 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.

Number of terms of EFC, EL and FIFPRO Europe members ^{1bis} The total number of terms that the members of the Executive Committee elected by the EFC, the EL and FIFPRO Europe may serve shall be determined by those organisations themselves. In the absence of any limits of the number of terms within the legal

framework of those organisations, the limits under Art. 22, para. 1 above shall apply.

Start and End ^{1^{ter}} 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.

Vacancies ² If a vacancy occurs, a replacement for the remaining term of office shall be elected or ratified, if possible, by the next Ordinary Congress. 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 ¹ 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 ² 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 ¹ The Executive Committee shall have the following non-transferable and irrevocable duties:

- a) overall control of UEFA and the issuing of necessary instructions;
- b) definition of the organisational structure;
- c) form and supervision of the book-keeping;
- d) appointment of the members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice as well as the members of the Governance and Compliance Committee and other Committees and the issue of their terms of reference;
- e) appointment of the General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary(-ies) upon proposal of the President;
- f) dismissal of the General Secretary and Deputy General Secretary(-ies) 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(-ies), 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.

² 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

¹ 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

² 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

¹ The Executive Committee shall as a general rule meet four times a year. 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 shall invite the Treasurer (if he is not a member of the Executive Committee) and the European members of the FIFA Council (and may also invite third parties) to attend meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity, i.e. without the right to vote.

Quorum

² 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

³ 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

⁴ Decisions of the Executive Committee shall come into immediate force, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

Voting and Election Procedures, Minutes

Article 27

Majorities

¹ 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 valid votes cast by the voting members present. Abstentions shall not be counted. In the event of a tie in votes, the President shall have the casting vote which may be exercised by way of a drawing of lots. 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 ² Members elected or ratified by a Congress shall be eligible to vote.

Minutes ³ 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 ¹ 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 ² Art. 9, para. 2 shall apply accordingly.

Removal from Office ³ The Executive Committee may remove from office a member of a Committee or expert panel and appoint a replacement for the remaining period of the term of office upon a reasoned request of a Member Association or where it considers that person to have committed a gross dereliction of duty or an act of improper conduct.

Procedures ⁴ 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.

Chair 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 annual budget;
- e) compilation of a written report for presentation to the Ordinary Congress;
- f) submission of regular financial forecast for revenue and expenses;
- g) submission of audited financial statements.

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(-ies) 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 ¹ The Executive Committee shall appoint the General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary(-ies), who shall be employed by UEFA.

Attendance of Meetings ² The General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary(-ies) 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(-ies).

4. Administration of Justice

Organs for the Administration of Justice

Article 32

Organs for the Administration of Justice ¹ 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, Committee or expert panel 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.

Appointment,
Term of Office

² Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a term of four years. The appointed members of the UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice shall be presented to the Congress for ratification.

Jurisdiction

³ 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

¹ The Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body shall consist of a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and the necessary number of other members as determined by the Executive Committee.

Quorum

² 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 Chair, or one of the Vice-Chairs or a member acting as ad hoc Chair, to hear specific cases alone.

Jurisdiction

³ 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 and the UEFA Disciplinary Regulations or regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

Appeals Body

Article 34

Composition

¹ The Appeals Body shall consist of a Chair, two Vice-Chairs and the necessary number of other members as determined by the Executive Committee.

Quorum

² The Appeals Body shall, as a rule, reach decisions in the presence of three of its members. Exceptions may be set out in the UEFA Disciplinary Regulations, which may provide for the Chair, or one of the Vice-Chairs or a member acting as ad hoc Chair, to hear specific cases alone.

Jurisdiction ³ 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^{bis}

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

Jurisdiction ² 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^{ter}

Composition ¹ The Club Financial Control Body is divided into a first instance chamber and an appeals chamber, the composition of which is determined by the Executive Committee.

Quorum ² Each chamber of the Club Financial Control Body shall, as a rule, reach decisions in the presence of at least three of its members. Exceptions may be set out in the Procedural rules governing the UEFA Club Financial Control Body, which may provide for the Chair, or one of the Vice-Chairs or a member acting as ad hoc Chair, to hear specific cases alone.

Jurisdiction ³ The first instance chamber shall have jurisdiction to decide on issues specified in the applicable regulations as adopted by the Executive Committee. The appeals chamber shall have jurisdiction to hear appeals against decisions of the first instance chamber to the extent provided for 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^{quater}

Conditions ¹ Each candidate for a seat on the FIFA Council to be elected by the UEFA Congress, except for the President and any female member, shall hold an active office of president or vice-president within his Member Association from the date on which the candidature is submitted to the UEFA Administration up to and including the date of the election. If this condition is no longer met during his term of office, he may continue to hold his position as FIFA Council member for the remainder of his term of office, unless

his Member Association requests UEFA for him to be removed from office; if, during her term of office, a female member can no longer be considered as representing her Member Association, that Member Association may request UEFA for her to be removed from office; in both cases, the position as FIFA Council member becomes vacant.

Dual representation

² A Member Association may not have a representative on the FIFA Council and the UEFA Executive Committee at the same time, unless this Member Association is represented on these two bodies by different individuals. This rule does not apply to the President, any female member of the FIFA Council and the FIFA Vice-President representing the four British associations.

European solidarity

³ Upon election by Congress, every European member of the FIFA Council undertakes to act faithfully, loyally and independently, in the best interests of UEFA and the promotion and development of European football.

VII. GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE, OTHER COMMITTEES, EXPERT PANELS, WORKING GROUPS

Governance and Compliance Committee

Article 35

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 seven members of the Governance and Compliance Committee, four of them from different Member Associations and the other three to be independent. The Chair of the Governance and Compliance Committee and two Vice-Chairs 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 scheduled 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^{bis}

Committees

The list of Committees shall be determined by the Executive Committee as deemed necessary.

Composition

Article 36

- Term of Office ¹ Based on proposals submitted by the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint the Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs 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 scheduled final round of the UEFA European Football Championship.
- Number of Members ² The Executive Committee shall determine the number of members of each Committee.

Obligations

Article 37

- Representation ¹ The Chair shall represent his Committee. In consultation with the Administration, the Chair 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 ² Each Committee may set up a bureau.
- Powers ³ Committees shall advise the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may delegate certain of its duties to a Committee.
- Terms of Reference ⁴ The Executive Committee shall draw up terms of reference for the work of each Committee.

Expert Panels and Working Groups

Article 38

- Appointment, Duties ¹ 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 ² The members of the expert panels shall be appointed for a duration of four years.
- Terms of Reference ³ If necessary, terms of reference may be drawn up.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

Administration

Article 39

- Duties ¹ Under the direction of the General Secretary, the Administration shall conduct UEFA's business.
- ² 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
- ¹ Under the supervision of the General Secretary, the Directors shall conduct specific aspects of UEFA's business.
 - ² The General Secretary shall govern their duties.

Appointment, Employment, Meetings

Article 41

- Appointment, Employment
- ¹ After consultation with the President, the General Secretary shall appoint Directors, who shall be employed by UEFA.
- Attendance of Meetings
- ² 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
- ¹ 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
- ² 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 ³ Competition regulations shall govern the minimum levies for a match in the competition concerned.
- Deadline for Payment ⁴ Levies shall be remitted to UEFA within 60 days of the match.
- Liability ⁵ 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 ¹ The Auditing Body shall be an auditing company which is independent of UEFA. It shall be appointed by the Ordinary Congress for the financial year immediately following the Congress. It shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- Report ² 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 ¹ 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.

² 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 ¹ 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 ² The Executive Committee may issue regulations governing the implementation of these rights.

XI. COMPETITIONS

Competitions

Article 49

Jurisdiction ¹ To ensure the good functioning and the protection of the overall interests of European football, UEFA shall have the sole jurisdiction to organise or authorise international competitions in UEFA's territory or the participation of Member Associations, or affiliated leagues or clubs in competitions outside of UEFA's territory. FIFA's competitions shall not be affected by this provision.

² 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 Conference League

- UEFA Super Cup
- UEFA Youth League
- UEFA Futsal Champions League
- UEFA Women's Champions League
- UEFA Women's Europa Cup

Other
Competitions,
Abolition

c) The Executive Committee shall decide whether to create other UEFA competitions, as well as whether to abolish current UEFA competitions.

Approval on
UEFA's Territory

³ 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, the UEFA Authorisation Rules governing International Club Competitions and any additional implementing rules adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee.

Approval
outside of
UEFA's Territory

⁴ A Member Association, or its affiliated leagues and clubs, may only play or organise international matches, competitions or tournaments outside UEFA's territory with the prior approval of UEFA and the relevant Member Association in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing International Matches, the UEFA Authorisation Rules governing International Club Competitions and any additional implementing rules adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee. FIFA's competitions shall not be affected by this provision.

Competition Regulations

Article 50

Conditions of
Participation

¹ The Executive Committee shall draw up regulations governing the conditions of participation in and the staging of UEFA competitions. These regulations shall ensure that the participation in UEFA competitions is based on sporting merit. The Executive Committee shall also draw up regulations that set out a clear and transparent bidding procedure for the finals and final phases of UEFA competitions.

Club Licensing
and Financial
Sustainability
System

^{1bis} The Executive Committee shall also define a club licensing and financial sustainability system and in particular:

- a) the minimum criteria to be fulfilled by clubs in order to be admitted to UEFA competitions;
- b) the requirements to be fulfilled by clubs admitted to UEFA competitions;
- c) the club licensing and club monitoring process;
- d) the minimum requirements to be observed by the licensors and their decision-making bodies.

Entry

² It shall be a condition of entry into UEFA competitions that each Member Association and/or club affiliated to a Member Association agrees to comply with these Statutes, and regulations and decisions of competent Organs made under them.

Non Admission ³ 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.

Combinations or Alliances

Article 51

Combinations or Alliances Any combination or alliance relating directly or indirectly to the organisation of an international competition between UEFA Member Associations or between leagues or clubs affiliated, directly or indirectly, to different UEFA Member Associations may only be formed with the prior approval of UEFA.

Principle of Promotion and Relegation

Article 51^{bis}

Principle ¹ A club's entitlement to take part in a domestic league championship shall depend 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 ² 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 Alterations ³ Member Associations shall take the necessary measures to ensure that clubs do not alter their legal form, their legal group structure or their identity, to the detriment of the integrity of a club competition; and/or to the detriment of the club's history and legacy; and/or to circumvent sporting merit principles and/or to improperly obtain a licence.

Jurisdiction ⁴ Concerning the application of this article, each Member Association is responsible for deciding national issues, which may not be delegated to the leagues. UEFA may act on its own initiative to protect the principle of promotion and relegation, in particular to ensure sporting merit for the qualification to UEFA competitions. UEFA is also responsible for deciding issues within UEFA's territory involving more than one Member Association. FIFA is responsible for deciding international issues involving more than one Confederation.

XII. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Disciplinary Jurisdiction

Article 52

Unsports-
manlike
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

¹ 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) playing of matches behind closed doors,
- h) full or partial stadium closure,
- i) playing of a match in a third country,
- j) the withholding of revenues from a UEFA competition,
- k) the prohibition on registering new players in UEFA competitions,
- l) a restriction on the number of players that a club may register for participation in UEFA competitions,
- m) disqualification from competitions in progress and/or exclusion from future competitions,
- n) the withdrawal of a title or award,
- o) the withdrawal of a licence.

Further
Disciplinary
Measures

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

Community
Football Service

³ 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

¹ 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

² Further disciplinary measures against individuals may be defined in regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.

Community
Football Service

³ 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

¹ The Organs for the Administration of Justice shall have the power to impose disciplinary measures and issue directives.

Accumulation,
Combination

² More than one disciplinary measure, together with more than one directive, may be imposed in relation to a particular matter.

Directives

³ 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 ¹ 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 ² Each Member Association shall ensure that its leagues, clubs, players and officials acknowledge and accept these obligations.

Participation in a UEFA Competition ³ 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 ¹ 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 ² 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 ¹ 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 ² Only parties directly affected by a decision may appeal to the CAS.
- Time Limit for Appeal ³ The time limit for appeal to the CAS shall be 10 days from the receipt of the decision in question.
- Internal Procedures ⁴ An appeal before the CAS may only be brought after UEFA's internal procedures and remedies have been exhausted.
- Suspensory Effect ⁵ 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 ⁶ The CAS shall not take into account facts or evidence which the parties 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 ⁷ 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

¹ The obligation to submit to arbitration before CAS is foreseen in the present Statutes in particular to ensure the uniform handling of disputes under these Statutes and any other UEFA rules and regulations, to enable the consistent interpretation and application of these Statutes and any other UEFA rules and regulations, and in the interest of safeguarding an equal treatment of all stakeholders in European football.

Excluded Jurisdiction ^{1bis} 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 and Applicable Law ² Moreover, proceedings before the CAS shall take place in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration of the CAS. In the merits, CAS shall primarily apply the UEFA Statutes, rules and regulations and, subsidiarily, Swiss law. In addition, in accordance with applicable rules, any party before CAS shall be entitled to raise mandatory provisions of foreign law, which may include European Union public policy laws. The seat of arbitration for proceedings before the CAS shall be Lausanne (Switzerland)

or Dublin (Ireland), as determined by the applicable UEFA rules and regulations.

Finality of CAS awards

³ CAS awards shall be final and binding to the exclusion of jurisdiction of any ordinary court or any other court of arbitration. This is without prejudice to the right to file an appeal against a CAS award in accordance with applicable rules and the right to challenge the enforcement or recognition of a CAS award on grounds of public policy (which may include European Union public policy laws) in accordance with any applicable national or European Union procedural laws or the right to file a case before a competent competition authority.

XIV. CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

Governing Law and Legal Forum

Article 64

Swiss Law

¹ These Statutes shall be governed in all respects by Swiss law.

Legal Forum

² 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

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

Assets

² 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

³ 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

¹ Art. 5 does not apply to the following Member Associations: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Faroe Islands and Gibraltar.

² Terms of office started or 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.

³ Art. 21, para. 2bis, and Art. 34^{quater}, para. 2, do not apply to the members of the UEFA Executive Committee and European members of the FIFA Council in office on 20 April 2021.

⁴ By exception to Art. 19, para. 3, and Art. 22, para. 1, the member of the Executive Committee elected by FIFPRO Europe shall be ratified for the first time at the UEFA ordinary Congress in February 2026 and the term of office shall last until the 2029 UEFA electoral Congress.

⁵ Terms of office of members of the Executive Committee elected by the EFC, the EL and FIFPRO Europe started or served before 12 February 2026 shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the term limits set out in Art. 22.

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, on 26 February 2018 in Bratislava, on 3 March 2020 in Amsterdam, on 20 April 2021 in Montreux, on 8 February 2024 in Paris and on 12 February 2026 in Brussels. The current version of these Statutes comes into force on 1 July 2026 with the exception to the new definition no. 11 in the Definition of terms (I.), Art. 13, para. 2, lit. g, Art. 19, para. 3, Art. 21, para. 1, lit. c and para. 2, Art. 22, para. 1 and para. 1bis, and Art. 69, para. 4 and para. 5, which come into force on 12 February 2026.

Brussels, 12 February 2026

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, Czechia, Denmark, England, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Northern Ireland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, Wales.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE UEFA CONGRESS

Chair of the Congress

Article 1

¹ 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 Chair.

² The Chair 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.

³ The Chair 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 scrutineers, together with the General Secretary and the Deputy General Secretary(-ies), shall form the Congress Bureau.

Agenda

Article 3

¹ The agenda shall be approved at the start of the Congress.

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

³ 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

¹ Each agenda item shall be introduced with a brief report:

- a) by the Chair 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.

² The item shall then be opened to the floor for general discussion.

Permission to Take the Floor

Article 5

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ The Chair may set a time limit for speakers.

Motion on a Point of Order

Article 6

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

² 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.

³ The Chair 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

¹ Voting shall be open, unless the Congress decides otherwise.

² Voting shall be by show of hands (voting card).

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

⁴ No one shall be forced to vote.

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

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

⁷ 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.

⁸ Proposals which are unopposed shall be taken as adopted.

⁹ The Chair shall satisfy himself as to, and announce, the result of the vote.

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

Elections

Article 9

¹ 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.

² If more ballot papers are handed in than were distributed, the election shall be null and void and shall be repeated forthwith.

³ In respect of elections:

- a) 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.
- b) if, in the first ballot, more candidates obtain an absolute majority (i.e. more than half of the valid votes cast) than there are seats available, the candidates with the most votes among those with an absolute majority shall be elected.
- c) if not all seats can be filled in the first ballot because of a tie among candidates with an absolute majority, those candidates who can be elected in accordance with lit. b) above are elected in the first round and all the others who obtained an absolute majority (i.e. more than half of the valid votes cast) in the first ballot shall enter a second ballot.
- d) if no candidate obtains an absolute majority in the first ballot or not all seats can be filled in accordance with lit. c) above, there shall be a second ballot, in which the person(s) supported by a simple majority (i.e. most votes) shall be elected.
- e) 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 (i.e. most votes) shall be elected.
- f) in the event of a tie in the third ballot, election shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

⁴ Only valid ballot papers handed in shall be counted for the calculation of the absolute majority mentioned in para. 3 above.

⁵ Blank or spoiled ballot papers shall be ignored in the counting of the valid votes cast. If two or more votes for one candidate are on the same ballot paper, neither shall be valid.

⁶ Before announcing the results, the Chair shall announce the number of ballot papers distributed, the number of ballot papers received, any abstention or invalid ballot papers and the relevant majority for a candidate to be elected.

⁷ 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

¹ Each Member Association shall have one vote.

² A Member Association may be represented at the Congress by a maximum of three delegates, who cannot at the same time be a member of the UEFA Executive Committee or of the FIFA Council.

³ 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, on 5 April 2017 in Helsinki, on 3 March 2020 in Amsterdam, on 8 February 2024 in Paris and on 12 February 2026 in Brussels. The current version of these Rules of Procedure of the UEFA Congress comes into force on 1 July 2026.

Brussels, 12 February 2026

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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

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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 (other than for the female position) 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.

Eligibility check and electoral committee

Article 4^{bis}

¹ Candidates for a seat on the Executive Committee, including for the position of President, female member and members representing the ECA and EL, shall be subject to an eligibility check to be carried out by an electoral committee composed of the chair of the UEFA Governance and Compliance Committee and two other members of this Committee (one of whom to be independent) appointed by the chair on a case by case basis so as to avoid any actual or potential conflict of interest.

² Candidates for a seat on the Executive Committee are required, when submitting their respective candidacies, to complete and sign an eligibility questionnaire prepared for that purpose by the UEFA administration and return it to the latter, along with a criminal record certificate and a copy of their valid passport.

³ Upon receipt of a candidature, the UEFA administration shall forward it without delay to the chair of the Governance and Compliance Committee, so that the eligibility checks can be carried out by the electoral committee to be set up by the chair for that purpose. Exceptionally, with regards to the submission of the criminal record certificate, the chair of the Governance and Compliance Committee may, upon request of a candidate, grant an extension to the deadline (set for the submission of candidatures), provided that a criminal record certificate request was made within the set deadline and that such certificate will be available before the election.

⁴ The electoral committee shall pass a decision on the eligibility of a candidate within 21 days of receipt of the required documents and any additional information it deems necessary for the candidate to provide.

⁵ The electoral committee shall decide on the eligibility of candidates by simple majority of its members, with no abstention being allowed. Decisions passed by the electoral committee on the eligibility of candidates shall be final, subject to Articles 62 and 63 of the UEFA Statutes.

⁶ The UEFA administration shall immediately notify candidates of the decision taken by the electoral committee on their eligibility.

⁷ If the chair of the UEFA Governance and Compliance Committee is prevented from performing his above-mentioned duties due to a conflict of interest or for any other reason, he shall be replaced by the first vice-chair of this Committee and, if the latter is in the same situation, he is replaced by the second vice-chair of this Committee.

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, upon proposal of

the President, appoint 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.

Appointment of the Chairs and Members of the Organs for the Administration of Justice, as well as the Chairs and Members of Committees

Article 6

The Member Associations shall submit proposals in writing to the UEFA Administration for the appointment of the Chairs 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. The ECA, the EL and the UEFA Administration may also propose candidates for the UEFA's Organs for the Administration of Justice for appointment by the UEFA Executive Committee.

3. UEFA Treasurer

Article 6^{bis}

¹ The UEFA Treasurer assists the UEFA administration with the financial management of UEFA and chairs the Finance Committee.

² The UEFA Treasurer shall have relevant experience and qualifications (e.g. be a chartered accountant or have a background in finance, banking, or business) to be appointed by the Executive Committee, upon proposal of the President.

³ The UEFA Treasurer is appointed by the Executive Committee, upon proposal of the President, for a four-year term after the electoral Congress held during the calendar year preceding the final round of the scheduled UEFA European Football Championship.

⁴ If the UEFA Treasurer is not a member of the Executive Committee, he is subject to an eligibility check; in such a case, Article 4^{bis} applies *mutatis mutandis*.

⁵ The further specific rights and duties of the UEFA Treasurer are defined by contract.

4. 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, on 24 May 2018, on 18 June 2020, and on 22 May 2024. The current version of these Regulations comes into force on 1 July 2024.

Dublin, 22 May 2024

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