

# STATUTES OF THE TURKISH FOOTBALL FEDERATION

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## Definitions

The terms given below denote the following:

CAS/TAS:	Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.
Association:	A football association recognized by and a Member of FIFA.
FIFA:	Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
Football:	The game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
Player:	A football player registered with an Association.
Congress:	The supreme organ of TFF.
Ordinary Courts:	State courts which hear public and private legal disputes.
IFAB:	The International Football Association Board responsible for altering and approving the Laws of the game.
Confederation:	A group of Associations recognized by FIFA and belonging to the same continent (or similar geographic area).
Club:	<b>(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)</b> sport clubs and/or sport joint stock companies established in line with the 7405 numbered Law on Sport Clubs and Sport Federations and registered by TFF to engage in operations on football.
League:	An organisation subordinate to an Association.
TFF:	Turkish Football Federation.
UEFA:	Union des Associations Européennes de Football.
Member:	A legal or real person that has been admitted into membership of TFF by the Congress.
Officials:	All board members, committee members, coaches, referees, assistant referees, coaches, attendants as well as other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at FIFA, a Confederation, Association or Club.
Executive Committee:	The executive organ of TFF (abbreviation EXCO).

## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Article 1 Name, headquarters, legal form and logo

1. The objective of these Statutes is to exclusively regulate the general principles and the procedures of the establishment, organisation, duties and powers of the Turkish Football Association which is a self-governing organisation. These Statutes cover the execution, organisation and development of all football activities in Turkey in accordance with national and international rules.
2. Pursuant to these Statutes, TFF is the sole legal entity authorised to organise and regulate the sport of football at national level and to represent Turkey domestically and internationally for matters relating to football.
3. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.6.2009)** The headquarters of the Turkish Football Federation is in Ankara.
4. The abbreviation of the Turkish Football Federation is TFF.
5. TFF is a Member of FIFA since 1923 and of UEFA since 1962.
6. TFF's logo is as shown in the Annex to these Statutes.

### Article 2 Objectives

1. The objectives of TFF are:
  - a) To organise, regulate and monitor all football activities within Turkey;
  - b) To promote the development and expansion of football throughout the country;
  - c) To ensure the proper implementation of rules set by the governing bodies of FIFA and UEFA and to set up all domestic regulations as well as to represent Turkey abroad on subjects related to football;
  - d) To make any plans, programs, arrangements and agreements related to football activities both domestically and abroad as well as to take the necessary measures to achieve successful results;
  - e) To organise and to regulate its own competitions at all levels and to take all necessary steps to ensure the admission and participation of its national teams and club teams in international competitions;
  - f) To ensure that its own members, clubs, football players, officials, managers, technical directors and coaches, physiotherapists, players' agents, match agents and all other related people comply with the statutes, regulations and directives set forth by FIFA, UEFA and TFF as well as the decisions taken by the competent organs and bodies of these football governing bodies;
  - g) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009)** To fight against violence, match-fixing, illegal performance incentives, racism, doping and any kind of discrimination;
  - h) To conduct and regulate all kinds of football activities, ensure the improvement and promotion of the game of football throughout Turkey, and adopt and carry out all such arrangements and decisions in the light of unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;

- i) To ensure that any and all national and international football rules and regulations in force are applied, and represent Turkey abroad in all football-related matters;
  - j) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** To uphold the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the rules of Fair Play and the Code of Ethics of both FIFA and UEFA;
  - k) To comply with the Laws of the Game as laid down by the International Football Association Board (“IFAB”) as well as any other laws of the game as issued by FIFA and UEFA;
  - l) To abide by the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA and UEFA;
  - m) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** To recognise the jurisdiction of the judicial bodies described in the Statutes of FIFA and UEFA and the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (“CAS”) as specified in the relevant articles of FIFA Statutes and the UEFA Statutes;
  - n) To protect the interests of all parties involved in football;
  - o) To ensure that all illegal methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of football are prevented.
  - p) **(Added by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009.)** To provide both financial and in-kind real support to amateur football sports clubs and federations and disabled sports federations that contain football, with a view to improving the game of football.
2. In order to achieve and implement these aforementioned objectives, TFF shall enact all necessary regulations, directives and agreements, and shall ensure that the competent organs and bodies of TFF take all appropriate decisions to implement these objectives and all such regulations, directives and agreements in accordance with the present Statutes.

### **Article 3          Neutrality and non-discrimination**

1. TFF is neutral in all matters.
2. All kind of discrimination against a country, private person or groups of people is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

### **Article 4          Promoting friendly relations**

1. TFF shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives.
2. Every person and organisation involved in the game of football is obliged to observe the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, UEFA as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of Fair Play.
3. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** Unless explicitly foreseen otherwise in the statutory provisions of the legislation, TFF shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between its members, clubs, referees, players, head coaches and coaches, player representatives, medical staff, match agents in Turkey.

## **Article 5      Players and other football related individuals**

1. The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of TFF in accordance with the current FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
2. Players must be registered in accordance with the corresponding regulations approved by the Executive Committee of TFF.
3. The Executive Committee may further regulate the registration of any other individual taking an active role within football (e.g. head coaches-coaches, medical staff, referees, players' agents and match agents etc.) through TFF Registration regulations.

## **Article 6      Laws of the Game**

TFF and each of its Members play association football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may regulate and alter the Laws of the Game.

## **Article 7      Conduct of members of TFF organs/bodies and Officials**

The members of any TFF organ or body as well as any Official of TFF must observe the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, UEFA and TFF as well as the Code of Ethics of FIFA, if applicable in their activities as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of Fair Play.

## **II. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Article 8      Admission, suspension and expulsion**

1. The Congress shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.
2. Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. Loss of membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards FIFA, UEFA, TFF or other Members of TFF, but leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to TFF.

### **Article 9      Members of TFF**

The Members of TFF are:

- a) Clubs of the Turkish Professional Leagues;
- b) Turkish Amateur Sports Clubs Confederation;
- c) Professional Footballers' Association;
- d) Turkish Football Coaches Association;
- e) Turkish Association of Active Football Referees and Observers;
- f) Disabled sports associations involved in Football;
- g) Individuals who are serving on the Emergency Committee of FIFA or UEFA;
- h) Individuals who served actively on the committees of FIFA or UEFA for a period of at



least 10 years;

- i) Individuals who served as President of the Turkish Football Federation in person;
- j) Other individuals admitted into membership by the Congress.

#### **Article 10      Application Procedure**

1. The procedure for application and the membership conditions are defined in the Regulations governing the affiliation of TFF members approved by the Executive Committee.
2. The Executive Committee may recommend to the Congress either to admit or not to admit an applicant. The applicant may state the reasons for its application to the Congress. The Congress has the full discretion for its decision.
3. A new Member shall acquire membership rights and duties with immediate effect.

#### **Article 11      Admission**

1. Any legal or real person wishing to become a Member of TFF shall apply to the General Secretariat of TFF in writing.
2. The application of any legal person must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
  - a) A copy of the applicant's by-laws, articles of incorporation or such other regulations depending on its legal status;
  - b) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** A declaration signed by the duly authorised representatives of the applicant and stating that the applicant shall always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA, UEFA and TFF and shall recognise the CAS/TAS as specified in their Statutes and shall ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs, Officials and Players;
  - c) A declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game, the Futsal and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game in force;
  - d) A written declaration that the applicant is based and registered in Turkey;
  - e) A declaration that the applicant's legal composition enables it to make decisions independently of any external entity;
  - f) A list of the applicant's duly authorised representatives and authorized signatories and the list of authorized signatures
  - g) A notarised copy of the minutes of the applicant's latest congress;
  - h) A declaration that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of TFF.
3. The application of any real person must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
  - a) A declaration that he/she will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA, UEFA and TFF as well as the FIFA Code of Ethics and will recognise the CAS/TAS as specified in their Statutes;
  - b) Providing written proof to be Turkish citizen;
  - c) Providing written proof having either served as member of the FIFA or UEFA Emergency Committee, served as member of any FIFA or UEFA committee for at least ten years or having served as President of TFF.
4. A legal person admitted to membership shall be represented by only one (1) delegate at the Congress

unless otherwise decided by the Congress.

## **Article 12 Member's rights**

1. The Members of TFF have the following rights:
  - a) to take part in TFF's Congress, to be informed of its agenda in advance, to be called to the Congress within the prescribed period of time and to exercise their voting rights;
  - b) to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Ordinary Congress;
  - c) to be informed of the affairs of TFF through the official bodies of TFF;
  - d) if possible, to take part in competitions, and/or other sports activities organized by TFF;
  - e) to exercise all other rights vested in TFF members by virtue of the Statutes and regulations of TFF.
2. The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

## **Article 13 Member's obligations**

1. The Members of TFF have the following obligations:
  - a) to comply strictly with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, UEFA and TFF and ensure that these are also fully respected by its own members at all times through a mandatory provision to be included in its own statutes or incorporation provisions or any other regulations;
  - b) to ensure that its decision-making bodies are formed through free elections;
  - c) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** to take part in competitions and other sports activities organised by TFF exclusively for clubs affiliated to TFF;
  - ç) to pay its membership subscriptions and the annual fees;
  - d) to comply by the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB and the Laws of the Game of Futsal and Beach Soccer issued by the FIFA and ensure that these are also complied with by its members at all times;
  - e) to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) for international disputes as specified in the relevant provisions of FIFA and UEFA Statutes;
  - f) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** unless explicitly foreseen otherwise in the statutory provisions of the legislation, to apply to the Arbitration Committee for the final resolution of all disputes on the national level arising from or related to the enforcement of TFF Statutes or regulations, and not to take any dispute to any other judicial authority;
  - g) to notify TFF in writing any amendment made to its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its officials or persons who are authorised signatories with the right to sign legally binding agreements with third parties in 3 (three) weeks from the amendment;
  - h) not to build any relations of a sporting nature with any entity that is not recognised by TFF or with any member whose membership has been suspended or terminated;
  - i) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour through a statutory provision;
  - i) to comply with the mandatory provisions specified under this Statute during its membership;

- j) to maintain a registry of their members which must be regularly updated;
  - k) to comply fully with all other obligations arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA (e.g. the FIFA Code of Ethics), UEFA or TFF.
2. Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided in this Statute.

#### **Article 14      Suspension**

1. The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously and repeatedly violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
2. A suspension must be confirmed at the Congress. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.
3. A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights (including the right to vote). Other Members cannot entertain any sporting relation with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
4. Members which do not participate in the sports activities or events organized by TFF for three (3) consecutive years shall be suspended from voting at the Congress until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect and may not be candidate for any function with TFF.

#### **Article 15      Expulsion**

1. The Congress may expel a Member:
  - a) if it fails to fulfil its financial obligations towards TFF; or
  - b) if it seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, UEFA or TFF and has been sanctioned therefore.
2. For an expulsion to be valid, such expulsion must be approved by the Congress. The member in question shall have the right to make a defence statement before the polling.

#### **Article 16      Resignation**

1. Any member may resign from the membership of TFF at the end of the football season. Written notice of resignation must reach the General Secretariat of TFF before the second half of the beginning of that season.
2. The resignation shall not be valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards TFF and other TFF Members.

#### **Article 17      Results of promotion and relegation of TFF members**

1. An amateur club duly registered with TFF and promoted to a professional league, automatically becomes a member of TFF. An amateur club promoted to a professional league must provide the General Secretariat with all documents enumerated in article 11 paragraphs 2 when applying for TFF membership. TFF Executive Committee decides the compatibility of the mentioned documents.

2. A club relegated from a professional league to an amateur league shall not lose its membership to TFF. However, as long as this club belongs to an amateur league, it has no right to be represented at the Congress and therefore loses those rights, which are related to the Congress. This club in question will be represented at the Congress by the Turkish Amateur Sports Clubs Confederation.

#### **Article 18 Status of Clubs and TFF affiliated Unions**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** Clubs or any other unions affiliated to TFF shall be subordinated to and recognized by TFF in accordance with the provisions of this Statute. The statutes and regulations of these members or unions must be approved by the Executive Committee of TFF.
2. The Clubs and TFF affiliated unions shall take all their decisions on any matters regarding their membership independently of any institution or organization. This obligation applies regardless of their organizational structure.
3. No natural or legal person (including the holding companies and the subsidiaries) may administer or control more than one club or group in a way that would jeopardize the integrity of any match or competition.

### **III. HONORARY PRESIDENT**

#### **Article 19 Honoray President**

1. The Congress may bestow the title of Honorary President upon any person who served as President of TFF and provided meritorious service to the game of football.
2. Nominate of Honorary President shall be designated by The Executive Committee.
3. The Honorary President may take part in the Congress and has the right to vote.

### **IV. ORGANISATION**

#### **Article 20 Bodies of TFF**

1. The organisation of TFF shall consist of the following bodies:
  - a) Congress;
  - b) President;
  - c) Executive Committee;
  - d) Emergency Committee;
  - e) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009)** Legal Committees;
  - f) Auditing Committee;
  - g) General Secretary.
2. TFF shall also consist of the following bodies with a consultative and/or administrative role:
  - a) General Secretariat;

- b) Standing and ad-hoc committees.

## A. CONGRESS

### Article 21 Definition and composition of Congress

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** The Congress is the supreme decision-making organ of TFF.
2. Only a Congress that is duly convoked has the authority to take decisions.
3. The Congress may be either an ordinary or an extraordinary Congress.
4. TFF shall conduct the proceedings regarding the Congress in compliance with the Standing orders of the Congress.
5. The Presiding Board shall conduct the proceedings regarding the Congress in compliance with the Standing orders of the Congress.
6. The Executive Committee may invite guests to Congress without the right to vote.
7. The Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in the Congress without the right to vote.

### Article 22 Delegates and votes

1. The Congress is composed of its following delegates at the date of the call:
  - a) The Chairman of and six delegates from every club in the top Turkish Professional football league,
  - b) The Chairman of and one delegate from every club in the Turkish Professional Football League 1,
  - c) The Chairman of every club in the Turkish Professional Football League 2,
  - d) The Chairman of every club in the Turkish Professional Football League 3,
  - e) The Turkish Amateur Sports Clubs Confederation's Chairman and nine delegates appointed by the Executive Committee of the Confederation;
  - f) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** The Chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association and five delegates who, at the most, made it to the A National Team, and who have retired from football,
  - g) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** The Chairman of the Professional Football Coaches' Association and five delegates who served the most time as the head coach of the A National Team,
  - h) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** The Chairman of the Active Football Referees and Observers Association and five delegates who, except for preselection matches, officiated the most number of matches at UEFA Champions League or prior to this league, at equivalent organisations, (the Chairman and the five delegates must be retired.)

- i) The chairman of the disabled sports associations involving football,
  - j) Individuals who served on the Executive Committee of FIFA or UEFA,
  - k) Individuals who served actively on the committees of FIFA or UEFA for a period of at least 10 years;
  - l) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** Former Presidents of the Turkish Football Federation.
2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** Delegates representing TFF-member legal entities, must be appointed or elected by the competent body of the member they are representing. The delegates, if requested at Congress, are obliged to provide proof of this.
  3. Each delegate has only one vote. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
  4. During their terms of office, the members of the Executive Committee, and the General Secretary of TFF may not be elected as delegates of the Congress.
  5. Any individual who is employed by TFF, either on a salary or contract basis, or is paid an attendance allowance, may not be elected as a delegate of the Congress. Any such individual shall be eligible for election as a delegate to the Congress only if he/she has resigned from his/her office at least one year prior to the ordinary or extraordinary Congress meeting at which he/she wishes to be elected as a delegate.
  6. **(This article was removed from the text by the decision of the Congress on 22.06.2023.)**

### **Article 23 Powers of Congress**

1. The Congress has the following authorities:
  - a) to adopt and amend the Statutes of TFF and the Standing Orders of the Congress,
  - b) to elect the chairman, vice-chairman and two members of the Presiding Board of the Congress,
  - c) to elect the President and full and substitute members of both the Executive Committee and the Auditing Committee,
  - ç) to approve the financial reports
  - d) to approve the budget,
  - e) to approve the annual report of the Executive Committee,
  - f) to empower the Executive Committee to amend the budget as and when needed,
  - g) to discharge the President and the Executive Committee,
  - h) to approve the annual audit reports drawn up by the Auditing Committee,
  - ı) to empower the Executive Committee to purchase and sell real properties and to create rights-in-kind thereon,
  - i) to set up commissions during the congress, if needed,
  - j) to decide whether or not to bestow the title of Honorary President,

- k) to admit, suspend or expel a member,
- l) to approve all extra-budgetary expenditures of TFF,
- m) to fulfil the duties assigned by the Law,
- n) to fix the membership dues;
- o) to approve the resignation of a member;
- ö) to revoke the mandate of a member of TFF organs and member of TFF bodies appointed by itself;
- p) to assess the proposals of members in accordance with these Statutes.

2. Elections for the President, Executive Committee and other organs/bodies of TFF may be renewed at any ordinary or extraordinary Congress.

#### **Article 24 Quorum of Congress**

1. In order for the Congress meeting to be held, the absolute majority of the total number of delegates must be present at the meeting.
2. If this quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place 24 hours after the first with at least one third of all delegates present with the same agenda at the same place.
3. If this quorum is not achieved, a third Congress shall take place seven (7) days after the second, at the same time, with the same agenda at the same place, without majority.

#### **Article 25 Decisions of the Congress**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** Unless otherwise stipulated in this Statutes, decisions are taken by an absolute majority of the valid votes cast. Spoiled or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the votes.
2. Any amendment of TFF Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress and the admission, suspension and expulsion of a member shall require the support of at least two-third of the total number of valid votes.
3. A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favour of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.
4. The delegates present at the Congress meeting, may propose for a secret ballot by simple majority.
5. **(Added by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009.)** An action for rescission can be filed against any decision taken at TFF Congress in violation of the national law or TFF Statute before the Court of First Instance, where TFF has its Head-office, within 30 days from the relevant meeting date. The petty sessions procedure shall apply to such cases.

#### **Article 26 Elections**

1. Elections shall be held freely by secret ballot.

2. Election for President shall take place prior to the elections for the Executive Committee and the Auditing Committee.
3. The person who polls the majority of the eligible votes is elected. In the event of a tie, the election shall be repeated.
4. The votes shall be counted per the open counting principle of the Presiding Board.
5. All TFF organs/bodies duly elected by the Congress shall serve for four years. Nevertheless, this duration shall be limited to the term of the Executive Committee.<sup>6</sup> If an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress elects a new member of a TFF organ/body during this period, his/her term shall only cover the remaining term of the related organ/body.
7. The term of a member elected at the Congress shall immediately start after the closing of the Congress where his/her election took place and shall end with the closing of the next elective Congress to be held in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of term of office. Any election during the term of office only covers the remaining period of the ordinary term of office of four years.

#### **Article 27      Ordinary Congress**

1. The Ordinary Congress shall convene on or before 31 July every year while the electoral Congress shall take place every four years within forty-five days following the date, on which the football leagues are registered, at such place and on such date as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.
2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** The agenda, date and place of the Ordinary Congress shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and announced in a nationally circulated daily newspaper and on the official web site of TFF and shall also be notified by TFF in writing to all the delegates at least fifteen days in advance.
3. The written notice shall contain the agenda items, the financial statements, the independent auditors' reports and other relevant documents.

#### **Article 28      Ordinary Congress Agenda**

1. The agenda of the Ordinary Congress shall be drawn up by the Executive Committee of TFF.
2. The Presiding Chairman of the Ordinary Congress shall announce to the Congress the agenda items as stated in the notice of meeting.
3. The Congress shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.
4. It is possible to add items to the agenda that do not violate these Statutes, or to modify the existing items. A written motion by at least one-fifth of the total number of the delegates is mandatory to do this. The motion shall be put to vote, and, if adopted by an absolute majority of the delegates present, it shall be included in the agenda. Such items on the agenda shall be discussed after all the previously announced agenda items have been discussed and decided. However, no motion for election may be included in the agenda.

#### **Article 29      Extraordinary Congress**

1. The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time.



2. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress in 30 days the latest if forty percent of the total number of the delegates makes such a request in writing through a notary public. The delegates making the request must be the duly authorised representatives of the members which they are representing. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened by the Executive Committee within this deadline, the delegates who requested it may apply to FIFA.
3. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** The agenda, date and place of the Extraordinary Congress shall be announced by the Executive Committee in a nationally circulated daily newspaper and on the official web site of TFF and shall also be notified by TFF in writing to all the delegates at least fifteen days in advance.
4. Those requesting an Extraordinary Congress, must specify the items on the agenda.
5. If the agenda of an Extraordinary Congress includes a motion to hold elections, such motion shall require an affirmative vote of at least one more than half of the total number of the delegates. In such case, an electoral Extraordinary Congress shall take place within 30 days.
6. The new President, Executive Committee and Internal Audit Committee elected at that electoral Extraordinary Congress shall hold office until the next electoral Ordinary Congress.
7. The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress may not be altered.

### **Article 30 Amendments to the TFF Statutes and Standing Orders of Congress**

1. Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted by a member in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretariat, and must be signed by at least four (4) other Members.
2. Any proposal to amend the standing orders of the Congress must be submitted by at least one (1) Member in writing with a brief explanation, to the General Secretariat.
3. **(Added by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009.)** TFF Statute or Congress Standing Orders modifications shall be brought into effect upon being published on the Official Gazette.

### **Article 31 Minutes**

1. The Presiding Board shall maintain the minutes of the Congress meetings.
2. The minutes shall be signed by the Presiding Chairman and other members of the Presiding Board at the end of the meeting.
3. The minutes shall be submitted to the General Secretariat of TFF within seven (7) days after the closing of the Congress meeting.

### **Article 32 Effective dates of decisions**

Decisions made at the Congress meeting shall be brought into effect immediately unless the Congress decides otherwise.

## **B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Article 33 Composition of the Executive Committee**

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President of TFF and fourteen members who shall

be elected by the Congress.

2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 25.06.2015)** At its first meeting, the Executive Committee shall elect their Vice-Presidents among its members, with a term of office limited to that of its own. If the position of Vice-President becomes vacant, a new Vice-President shall be elected within a month.
3. The fourteen full members and fourteen substitute members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of the Congress. It is not necessary for a member of the Executive Committee to be a Congress delegate.
4. In case of vacancy due to any reason within the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee elects the replacement out of the duly elected substitutes for the remaining term of office.
5. To be eligible as member of the Executive Committee, an individual must (without an exception):
  - a) be at least 25 years old, and a citizen of the Republic of Turkey;
  - b) not have been suspended due to a violation of TFF statutes or regulations for two years or more, at once or in total, for various violations within the last five (5) years prior to the relevant election;
  - c) not have any financial overdue or debts out of tax or social security obligations;
  - d) not have been imprisoned for a term of more than two (2) years for any crime committed intentionally or convicted of any crime against the security of the State, the Constitutional order or the operation of that order, the national defence or State secrets, or of espionage, embezzlement, malversation, corruption, theft, fraud, forgery, breach of trust, fraudulent bankruptcy, conspiracy in public tenders, fraudulent breach of contractual obligations, laundering of illegally obtained assets, or smuggling, regardless of whether any time limit provided for in Article 53 of the Turkish Penal Code has elapsed.
  - e) Any individual, who was convicted of any one of the moral turpitude crimes listed above, shall not be eligible for to be a member of the Executive Committee even if his/her punishment has been suspended, turned into a fine or pardoned;
  - f) **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** submit a written declaration that he/she will resign from their duties as chairman or executive committee member at the clubs that are TFF members and are in the professional football leagues, before the election, after being elected a member of the Executive Committee.
6. All Executive Committee members may be re-elected.
7. Members of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of any other TFF organs or TFF body, Presiding Board or Congress delegate.
8. In cases where the Congress is to convene in less than six months, Extraordinary Congress shall not convene for the vacancies on the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 34 Meetings of Executive Committee**

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.
2. The invitations of the Executive Committee meetings shall be made by the President. If five (5) members request a meeting, the President must convene it within at least 20 days.

3. The President shall specify the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda.
4. The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.
5. Members absent from three consecutive Executive Committee meetings or from five Executive Committee meetings in total in a year without a valid excuse shall be discharged from their duties. Reasons for not attending an Executive Committee meeting shall be submitted in writing to the President prior to hour of the meeting. The Executive Committee shall decide whether such reason for absence is acceptable or not.
6. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have the right to vote and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Executive Committee.

### **Article 35 Powers of the Executive Committee**

1. The Executive Committee has the following powers:

- a) to register and to certify football teams, to categorise them into leagues and groups, to name leagues, to organise leagues, and to draw up promotion and relegation statutes,
- b) to register the results of matches, to postpone matches, to change the date, time and place of matches, to decide on matches not completed, matches disputed or matches the outcome of which have been influenced externally,
- c) to provide training to, and to take all steps necessary to help improve the professional skills of, managers, trainers, technical staff members, referees, players, healthcare staff members and others involved in the game of football, to lay down the rules and regulations regarding their transfers between clubs, to fix the registration, to fix the license and transfer fees and levies to be collected from football-related activities, to offer certain levels of discounts to those, who prove their membership of grassroots unions through a letter of reference, on such fees and levies and to regulate such discounts,
- ç) to decide exclusively the rules regarding the distribution of revenues generated from the royalty rights of the Turkish football leagues. However, while deciding these rules, it is compulsory that a certain portion of such royalty revenues are distributed to clubs competing in lower leagues.
- d) to decide on applications filed by clubs to establish football branches, and to assess all related activities and undertakings,
- e) to award football clubs, players, club officials, coaches and trainers,
- f) to set salaries, fees and fringe benefits of a maximum of two members of TFF's Emergency Committee, and of the administrative staff in TFF's Headquarters, regional offices and offices abroad, as well as the attendance allowances, compensations and travel and accommodation expenses entitlement of TFF's committees as seen fit,
- g) to build or to make third parties build stadiums, training and healthcare facilities upon the approval of the Congress,
- h) to rent, operate, or to make third parties operate, facilities necessary for TFF's activities and business, and to provide all football-related equipment, materials and other similar supplies,
- ı) to set up and to organize TFF's offices both in Turkey and abroad,

- i) to adopt and to implement all regulations falling within its powers and for any football activity,
- j) to regulate and schedule the broadcasting of football matches by television, radio, the Internet and all other similar technical devices, and to exclusively regulate and audit the commercial and financial rights regarding printed publications and advertisement,
- k) to appoint the chairmen and members of Standing committees as proposed by the President,
- l) to approve new standing committees proposed by the President and to appoint their Chairmen, and members,
- m) to decide on the applications submitted by clubs, players, coaches, trainers, referees, match officials and other parties involved in football which are not falling within the jurisdiction of the Dispute Resolution Committee or the Disciplinary Committees,
- n) to prepare the Congress meetings,
- o) to draw up the budget,
- ö) to approve the decisions of the Referees' Committee, and that might give rise to legal consequences, and may be referred to the Arbitration Committee,
- p) to exercise the powers granted to it by the Congress and perform the tasks assigned to it under the Law concerning TFF, the Statutes of TFF and other related laws,
- r) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 25.06.2015)** to appoint Vice-Presidents,
- s) to ensure that all national and international regulations and all instructions are enforced,
- ş) to ensure that players provide the necessary samples for doping control at the accredited Doping Control Centre in Turkey, and to administer the decisions of the national and international committees regarding the players tested positive,
- t) to authorise the President and a Vice-president to incur certain expenses exceeding the annual budget decided by the Executive Committee annually,
- u) to take steps to prevent violence in sports and to coordinate with the related authorities to that end,
- ü) to appoint or to dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President,
- v) Executive Committee may delegate its powers to some of its members by defining the boundaries of such powers when necessary. These members may convene, take decisions and administer these decisions when needed. It is mandatory for these decisions to be informed and approved by the next Executive Committee.
- y) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** to appoint the Chairmen and full and substitute members of Disciplinary Committees, Arbitration Committee, Club Licensing Committee, Ethics Committee and Dispute Resolution Committee;
- z) **(This article was removed from the text by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011.)**

2. The places of assignment of the administrative units shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

3. The Executive Committee shall draw up and carry out regulations as it may deem proper and necessary

for performing the tasks assigned to it here-above.

#### **Article 36 Decisions of the Executive Committee**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless the absolute majority of its members are present.
2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** The Executive Committee shall take decisions by an absolute majority of the members present. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
3. Members of the Executive Committee must excuse themselves from debates which might cause them to be in a conflict of interests.
4. Decisions must be recorded in the minutes.
5. The decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless there is a decision otherwise.

#### **C. PRESIDENT**

##### **Article 37 President**

1. The President is the legal representative of TFF.
2. The duties and powers of the President are:
  - a) implementing the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee through the General Secretariat,
  - b) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of TFF in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes,
  - c) proposing the appointment and the dismissal of the General Secretary,
  - ç) executing the relationship between TFF and its Members, FIFA, UEFA, political bodies and other national or international organizations,
  - d) carrying out the business of TFF in accordance with the organizational regulations of TFF, the present Statutes and other related provisions,
  - e) supervising the work of the General Secretariat,
  - f) proposing the formation of standing committees and the appointment of the chairman and members of such standing committees to the Executive Committee,
  - g) making expenditures in the name of TFF and delegating this power to the Vice- presidents, the General Secretariat or other staff members, if necessary,
  - h) if necessary, taking part in and chairing the meetings of the standing committees,
  - i) **(This article was removed from the text by the decision of the Congress on 28.07.2021)**
  - j) **(This article was removed from the text by the decision of the Congress on 28.07.2021)**
  - k) **(This article was removed from the text by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)**

- l) performing such other tasks as assigned to the President under the TFF Statutes.
3. The President shall chair the Executive and Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed as chairman.
4. The President shall have the casting vote in the case of a tie at Executive Committee meetings.
5. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** The meetings from which the President is absent, are chaired by the first Vice-President. In the case the first Vice-President is unable to attend the meeting either, the second Vice-President chairs the meeting. In case the second Vice-President is also absent from the meeting, the longest serving member of the Executive Committee chairs the meeting.
6. In the cases of the President's death, resignation or permanent failure to perform his/her duties, under the condition that an election will be held in three months, the first Vice-President, or, in his absence, the second Vice-President, or, in the absence of the Vice-Presidents, a member designated by the Executive Committee among themselves shall act in the President's capacity.

### **Article 38 Candidates for the Office of the President**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** A person wishing to be the candidate for the office of President at the Congress, must submit a written application to TFF General Secretariat not later than seven (7) days prior to the date of relevant Congress. Provided that the original documents confirming the satisfaction of the requirements provided in paragraph three of this article and the written proposal issued with the original signatures of minimum 5 of the members indicated in article 9 of the Statutes for candidacy for the office of the president (for legal entities, with a resolution adopted by the competent body) are submitted along with the application letter, all candidates for President applying in the mentioned time limit shall be announced on the official website of TFF six (6) days prior to the date of the relevant Congress. Nevertheless, each member shall be entitled to nominate one candidate for the office of the president.
2. Furthermore candidates for the office of President must present a letter of nomination signed by at least one-fifth of the delegates to the Presiding Board of the Congress. However, each delegate can only propose only one nominee.
3. To be eligible as TFF President, an individual must:
  - a) be a Turkish citizen and at the age of at least 25,
  - b) have not been suspended for a term of two years in total within the last five years prior to the relevant election,
  - c) not have any overdue or debts out of tax or social security obligations,
  - d) not have been imprisoned for a term of more than two (2) years for any crime committed intentionally or convicted of any crime against the security of the State, the Constitutional order or the operation of that order, the national defence or State secrets, or of espionage, embezzlement, malversation, corruption, theft, fraud, forgery, breach of trust, fraudulent bankruptcy, conspiracy in public tenders, fraudulent breach of contractual obligations, laundering of illegally obtained assets, or smuggling, regardless of whether any time limit provided for in Article 53 of the Turkish Penal Code has elapsed,
  - e) Any individual, who was convicted of any one of the moral turpitude crimes listed above, shall not be eligible for the office of president even if his/her punishment has been suspended, turned into

a fine or pardoned.

- f) **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** before the election, submit a written declaration that he/she will resign from their duties as chairman or executive committee member at the clubs that are TFF members and are in the professional football leagues after being elected the President of TFF.
4. The election for the President shall take place before the election for the fourteen full and fourteen substitute members of the Executive Committee at the Congress.
  5. The President shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates present at the Congress.
  6. The President shall hold office for a term of four years.

#### **Article 39 Representation and signature**

1. The President is the legal representative of TFF and is entitled to sign on behalf of TFF.
2. The Executive Committee determines the Executive Committee Members and other officials who are entitled to sign on behalf of TFF by taking into account of the organizational structure of TFF.

### **D. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

#### **Article 40 Emergency Committee**

1. The Emergency Committee shall consist of the President of TFF, the Vice-Presidents and two Executive Committee members to be appointed by the Executive Committee. The term of office of the Emergency Committee shall be limited to that of the Executive Committee.
2. The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings.
3. The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee.
4. The General Secretary shall take part in the Emergency Committee's meetings. The Executive Committee may, if it deems necessary, invite consultants and experts to attend any meeting of the Emergency Committee. However, no such consultant or expert shall have right to vote.
5. The decisions passed by the Emergency Committee shall take effect immediately. The decisions passed by the Executive Committee shall be approved by the Executive Committee at the next Executive Committee meeting.
6. In the event that the President is unable to attend a meeting, the meeting shall be chaired by the First Vice-President.

### **E. AUDITING COMMITTEE**

#### **Article 41 Auditing Committee**

1. The Auditing Committee shall consist of five full and five substitute members who must have expert

knowledge in the field of finance and shall be elected by the Congress for an office term of four years. Members of the Auditing Committee shall be eligible for re- election. It is not obligatory for an Auditing Committee member to be a delegate of the Congress.

2. The full members shall elect a Chairman from among themselves.
3. The Auditing Committee shall audit the financial activities of TFF in the name of the Congress in accordance with the regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee and approved by the Congress. The Auditing Committee shall prepare an annual audit report and submit it to the Congress for approval.
4. The Auditing Committee members may perform their duties either collectively or appoint one auditor from among themselves to conduct the necessary examinations and audit on certain subject matters and accordingly draw up an audit report which shall be signed by all the members of the Auditing Committee and presented as a joint report.
5. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** Decisions of the Auditing Committee shall be adopted by an absolute majority vote of its members. A member dissenting from a decision so adopted, shall provide the Congress a report stating the reasons for his dissenting vote.
6. An annual audit report shall contain income and expense statements, balance sheets and other financial statements regarding TFF's annual activities. They shall also provide an opinion on whether the financial resources available have been used efficiently, cost-effectively and productively, whether expenditures have been incurred in connection with TFF's activities, and whether financial decisions and transactions have been carried out for their intended purposes and programmes.
7. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** The Auditing Committee shall send its report to the Congress delegates at least fifteen days prior to the Congress meeting.

## F. STANDING COMMITTEES

### Article 42 Standing Committees

1. The standing committees of TFF are:
  - a) Referees' Committee,
  - b) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.6.2009)** Committee of Match Delegates,
  - c) Medical Committee,
  - d) International Relations Committee,
  - e) Committee of Social Responsibility and Fair Play,
  - f) Other Standing Committees.
2. The number of members, composition, procedures, of all Standing Committees are duly defined in the specific terms of references adopted by the Executive Committee taking into account the nature and characteristics of the service it shall provide.
3. Each chairman shall represent his own standing committee. The standing committees shall conduct business in compliance with the relevant organisation regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.
4. Each chairman shall exercise the fixing of the dates of meetings, performing all tasks regarding its



business and reporting back to the Executive Committee by means of the General Secretary.

5. All opinions, proposals and reports of these committees shall be of a consultative nature and shall not be put into effect unless approved by the President or the Executive Committee.
6. Each committee may propose amendments at any regulations to the Executive Committee regarding its field of activity.
7. The term of office of each standing committee shall be limited to that of the Executive Committee.

**Article 43 (Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.6.2009) Referees' Committee**

1. The Referees' Committee shall consist of one chairman and eight (8) members.
2. The members of the Referees' Committee must be appointed from among referees who retired at least one year before the date of their appointment to the Committee. Not more than 3 (three) members of the Committee, including the Chairman, may be appointed from among individuals who has experience in the field of sports but who have not served as referee.
3. The Committee is independent on its duty. No member of the Referees' Committee shall be replaced unless he has resigned or is deemed to have resigned duly.
4. The Referees' Committee shall be responsible for appointing the referees and observers for any official or friendly matches within the authority of TFF to be played between member clubs, for deciding on the disputes regarding the Laws of the Game as specified by IFAB, establishing local referees' committees in cities and districts, through cooperation with Football Development Centre, providing training to referees and observers, categorizing referees, and performing such other tasks as may be assigned to it under the present Statutes and other relevant regulations.

**Article 44 (Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.6.2009) Committee of Match Delegates,**

1. The Committee of Match Delegates shall consist of one chairman and six (6) members who have vast, reliable knowledge and experience in sports.
2. This Committee is fully independent at its decisions. No member of the Referees' Committee shall be replaced unless he has resigned or is deemed to have resigned duly.
3. The Committee of Match Delegates shall be responsible for assigning delegates for official and friendly matches, categorizing delegates, training delegates in collaboration with the Football Development Centre and performing such other tasks as may be assigned to it under relevant regulations.

**Article 45 Medical Committee**

1. The Medical Committee shall consist of members holding medical degree and take all necessary steps to protect the good health of players.
2. The Anti-doping Sub-committee is the subsidiary of the Medical Committee.

**Article 46 International Relations Committee**

The International Relations Committee shall represent and promote Turkish football abroad and provide assistance in the improvement of TFF's international relations.

**Article 47 Social Responsibility and Fair Play Committee**

The Fair Play and Social Responsibility Committee shall deal with everything related to the promotion of the rules of Fair Play and the principles of integrity and sportsmanship as well as the creation of social

responsibility conscious.

#### **Article 48 Ad-hoc Committees**

The Executive Committee may, if necessary, create ad-hoc committees for special duties and for a limited period of time. The Executive Committee appoints Ad-hoc Committees members and decides on the scope of tasks.

### **G. GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

#### **Article 49 General Secretariat and Administrative Units**

1. The General secretariat is the administrative body and carries out all the administrative work of TFF under the responsibility of the General Secretary.
2. The General Secretariat consists of several administrative units approved by the Executive Committee.
3. The administrative units shall be responsible for ensuring that the services and activities of TFF are carried out in accordance with the Law, TFF Statutes, and relevant regulations and decisions.
4. The members of the General secretariat fulfil their given tasks in the best manner and in line with the objectives set.

#### **Article 50 General Secretary**

1. The General Secretary is the chief executive of the General Secretariat and responsible before the Executive Committee.
2. The General Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Committee upon the proposal of the President of TFF.
3. The General Secretary shall be responsible for:
  - a) carrying out decisions adopted by the Congress and Executive Committee in compliance with the President's directives,
  - b) organising the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee, the Emergency committee and the standing committees,
  - c) attending, or, in his absence, appointing a proxy to attend, the Congress, the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Emergency Committee and the standing committees as well as the ones of the ad-hoc committees without the right to vote,
  - ç) ensuring that the minutes for the meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the standing committees are properly compiled,
  - d) managing and keeping the accounts of TFF properly,
  - e) carrying out the correspondence of TFF,
  - f) handling relations with members, committees, FIFA and UEFA,
  - g) proposing recruitment of managerial staff to the Executive Committee,

- h) organizing the structure of TFF according to the directives given by the Executive Committee.
4. The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any other statutory organ/body of TFF.

#### **Article 51 Domestic Organisation of TFF**

1. TFF forms its domestic organization by appointing voluntary football representatives in provinces, as may be decided by the Executive Committee, or setting up regional TFF directorates or liaison offices, consisting of adequate number of employees.
2. These representatives shall perform the duties assigned to them by TFF, report to TFF all material events and incidents that occur in their respective geographical areas of responsibility, and carry out such other tasks assigned to them to help improve football.

#### **Article 52 TFF's Offices Abroad**

The Executive Committee may decide to open TFF offices with adequate number of employees in such countries as it may deem fit and subject the prior approval of FIFA and the respective Association.

#### **Article 53 Right of Disposal**

1. TFF shall be entitled to acquire or otherwise, purchase, sell, rent, lease let and manage such movable and immovable assets, which it may deem necessary for or conducive to attaining its objectives, or create liens or any other types of limited rights-in-kind on any such asset in accordance with its budgetary guidelines and these Statutes.
2. TFF shall also be entitled to accept donations and establish or invest in economic enterprises and companies of any kind.

### **H. LEGAL COMMITTEES**

#### **Article 54 (Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.6.2009) Legal Committees**

1. The Legal Committees of TFF are as follows:
  - a) Dispute Resolution Committee;
  - b) Disciplinary Committees;
  - c) Club Licensing Committee;
  - d) Ethics Committee;
  - e) Arbitration Committee
2. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The term of office of the president and members elected to the Legal Committees shall be 4 years, independently from the term of office of the Executive Committee. Even if the 4-year term expires, the president and members of the Legal Committee shall continue their duties until the newly elected President and members of the Legal Committee take office.

Unless the president and members resign or are deemed withdrawn, no new members shall be elected in their place. In case the membership becomes vacant for any reason, the Executive Committee shall make election among substitute members. Substitute members elected in line with this paragraph shall serve for the remaining term of office.

In the event that all of the permanent and substitute members of the Legal Committees are vacant or the number of members falls below the minimum number of member, new members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve for the remaining period of the vacant board membership.

The rules and procedures governing the work of each of these committees shall be stipulated by the Club Licensing Regulations, Football Disciplinary Regulations, Arbitration Committee Regulations, Dispute Resolution Committee Regulations, Ethics Committee Regulations and other related regulations.

3. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 28.07.2021)** Decision given by the Legal Committees of TFF regarding the management and discipline of football shall be final and binding. Following these decisions, if they are not appealed before the Arbitration Committee in seven days after the decision has been official notified to the parties and/or regulations and directives have been promulgated, then the decision in question shall be final for all parties involved. Appealing against decision regarding the management and discipline of football before any court of law is strictly prohibited.
4. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 28.07.2021)** a- All members of the Legal Committees shall be impartial and independent in their duties. Committees shall be obliged to maintain their impartiality and independence during their duties. Any organ, authority, institution or person shall not give orders or instructions, advise or suggest to the Legal Committees in the exercise of jurisdiction. During their duties, none of members of the Legal Committees shall work for any member or club affiliated with the TFF, nor shall take part in the TFF Executive Board or any other permanent or temporary committee or the General Secretariat. All members of the Legal Committees shall be bound by the law, TFF Statute, regulations and instructions.

b- Members of the Legal Committees shall disclose any relationship and interest that may lead to a conflict of interest in the context of their future activities before taking office.

A conflict of interest is the situation in which any possible advantage is obtained for the adherents of these rules themselves, the members of the boards or the concerned parties.

c- If a conflict of interest arises during the performance of their duties, the members of the Legal Committee shall be obliged to withdraw from the relevant file and immediately notify in writing the board they serve. When a situation that will create a conflict of interest between the members of the Legal Committee with each other or with the people working in other organs of the TFF arises they must resign from their membership by immediately notifying in writing the board they serve.

d- The related parties/situations to occur a conflict of interest (but not limited to the cases listed) are as follows:

Covering individuals working within the TFF and/or member clubs.

- representative and employee;
- spouse and domestic partner;
- individual sharing the same household, regardless of personal relationship;
- other family members with whom they have a close relationship within a third degree;

- persons who gain advantage due to a legal entity, partnership or any fiduciary institution, or who act as directors in these institutions;
- directly or indirectly controls or is a beneficiary of the legal entity, partnership or fiduciary institution;
- performing services on behalf of such an organisation, partnership or fiduciary institution, regardless of the existence of a formal contract.

5. **(Added by the decision of the Congress on 28.07.2021)** Members of the Legal Committee shall not be held responsible for the decisions made within the scope of their duties, except in cases of gross negligence.

6. **(Added by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** Excluding provincial disciplinary committees, the president and members of the Legal Committee shall take office by presenting a written declaration that they are not subject to any condition that could prevent them from fulfilling their duties impartially and independently and taking an oath before the members of the Executive Committee that they shall perform their duties impartially and independently within maximum one week as from the date of the decision made in relation to their appointment by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 55      Dispute Resolution Committee**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** Dispute Resolution Committee shall consist of one (1) Chairman, six (6) full members and six (6) substitute members to be elected by the Executive Committee. Committee members must be legal experts.

Board members shall not be a member of clubs that are subject to the jurisdiction of TFF Legal Committees, or shareholders, directors and audit board members of affiliate companies of these clubs.

2. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The term of office of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be 4 years, independently from the term of office of the Executive Committee. The members shall elect a vice chairman and a rapporteur among themselves.

3. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** Individuals serving on the Executive Committee, Auditing Committee and other committees and standing committees of TFF, or actively serving at clubs (including those serving on the elected or appointed committees of professional clubs), and professional players, technical staff, medical staff, intermediaries and match agents may not serve as a member of the Dispute Resolution Committee.

4. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The Committee shall be impartial and independent in their duties. No member shall be replaced unless he/she has resigned or is deemed to have resigned duly. For vacancies opening due to death, resignation and other causes, Executive Committee shall make election among substitute members for the vacant membership. The substitute members appointed hereunder, serve for the remaining term of office.

5. The meeting quorum of the committee shall be five. Decisions are passed with the absolute majority vote of the members present at the meeting. In case of equality votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

#### **Article 56    (Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019) Duties and Powers of the Dispute Resolution Committee**

1. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall review and resolve all kinds of football related disputes arising from a contractual relationship between and among clubs, players, coaches and intermediaries to the extent that the jurisdiction of the Dispute Resolution Committee is recognized by the parties. Nevertheless, the Dispute Resolution Committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction over disputes related to sporting sanctions and training compensation.
2. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall, if the prevailing party has an attorney, order an attorney's fee equal to the attorney's fee in practice for cases heard at the Courts of First Instance based on the official tariffs.
3. Matters regarding the operational procedures and principles of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be governed by regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 57      Disciplinary Committees**

1. Disciplinary Committees shall consists of:
  - a) The Provincial Disciplinary Committees;
  - b) The Amateur Football Disciplinary Committee;
  - c) The Professional Football Disciplinary Committee.
2. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** Chairmen and members of Disciplinary Committees shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Board members shall not be a member of clubs that are subject to the jurisdiction of TFF Legal Committees, or shareholders, directors and audit board members of affiliate companies of these clubs.

3. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** Excluding provincial disciplinary committees, chairmen and members of Disciplinary Committees shall take office by presenting a written declaration that they are not subject to any condition that could prevent them from fulfilling their duties impartially and independently and taking an oath before the members of the Executive Committee that they shall perform their duties impartially and independently within maximum one week as from the date of the decision made in relation to their appointment by the Executive Committee.
4. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** Professional Football Disciplinary Committee shall be comprised of one (1) Chairman, six (6) full and six (6) substitute members. The meeting quorum for Professional Football Disciplinary Committee shall be five. Decisions shall be made with the majority of members present at the meeting. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the casting vote. Amateur Football Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a President and six members, Provincial Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a president and minimum two and maximum four members according to the sportive activities of the provinces. Substitute members shall be appointed to the committees as much as the full members.
5. **(Amended with the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** Full and substitute members shall have to hold a bachelor's or associate degree. The Chairman, vice chairman and rapporteur must hold a faculty of law degree. Furthermore, the full and substitute members to be appointed to the Amateur Football Disciplinary Committee and Professional Football Disciplinary Committee must be legal experts.

6. (Amended with the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022) The term of office of the Disciplinary Committees shall be 4 years, independently from the term of office of the Executive Committee.
7. (This article was removed from the text by the decision of the Congress on 28.07.2021)

#### **Article 58      Disciplinary Measures**

1. All disciplinary infringements and unsportsmanlike behaviours committed by clubs and individuals during football matches and organizations and the disciplinary measures that shall be imposed on such clubs and individuals shall be regulated in TFF Disciplinary regulations approved by TFF Executive Committee in accordance with the generally accepted national and international practices and the Disciplinary Regulations of FIFA and UEFA.
2. Disciplinary Committees shall review and decide on all disciplinary infringements and unsportsmanlike behaviours committed by clubs or individuals.
3. The disciplinary measures that shall be imposed for such disciplinary infringements and unsportsmanlike behaviours are primarily:
  - 1) For real and legal persons:
    - a) Warning;
    - b) Reprimand;
    - c) Fine;
    - d) Return of awards.
  - 2) For real persons:
    - a) Warning;
    - b) Expulsion;
    - c) Ban from the competition;
    - d) Ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
    - e) Ban from the stadium;
    - f) Deprivation of rights (ban from all football-related activities);
    - g) Suspension of license.
  - 3) For legal persons:
    - a) Transfer ban;
    - b) Playing a match behind closed doors;
    - c) Playing on a neutral field;
    - d) Field closure (ban on playing on a particular field);
    - e) Ban on accepting spectators to a certain tribune or a section;
    - f) Annulment of the result of the match;
    - g) Expulsion;
    - h) Awarding a match by default;

- i) Deduction of points;
- j) Relegation to a lower league.

#### **Article 59 Club Licensing Committee**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** The Club Licensing Committee shall, based on the information and documents submitted by the clubs applying for a license, and on TFF club licensing regulations, decide whether or not to grant the applying club a license, to revoke its license, and to enforce the penal measures as foreseen in club licensing regulations.
2. The Club Licensing Committee bases its assessments on sporting, infrastructure, personnel and administrative, legal and financial criteria.
3. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The Club Licensing Committee, shall consist of seven (7) full and seven (7) substitute members including one Chairman and one Vice-Chairman, appointed by the Executive Committee. The Club Licensing Committee
  - a) One member must be a legal expert with a minimum five (5) years of professional experience,
  - b) One member must be a chartered accountant who is authorized in accordance with the Law on Independent Accountants, Certified Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants,
  - c) Two members must be independent auditors who are authorized in accordance with the Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority pursuant to the Statutory Decree no. 660,
  - d) One member must be an independent accountant and certified public accountant pursuant to the Law on Independent Accountants, Certified Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants,
  - e) Two members must be university graduates with a minimum five (5) years of professional experience in business management or economics.
4. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The Club Licensing Committee shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, independently from the term of office of the Executive Committee.
5. No member of the Club Licensing Committee may be replaced unless he/she resigns or is deemed to have withdrawn.
6. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** Quorum of Club Licensing Committee is five. Decisions shall be passed with the support of the absolute majority of the members present.
7. The members of the Club Licensing Committee may not be a Delegate of the Congress or serve on other TFF organs or bodies during their membership. The members of the Club Licensing Committee may be reassigned.
8. Matters regarding the operational procedures and principles of the Club Licensing Committee shall be governed by regulations drawn up by the TFF Executive Committee.

#### **Article 60 Ethics Committee**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The Ethics Committee shall consist of a Chairman, and four (4) full and four (4) substitute members elected by the decision of the Executive Committee of TFF. All members must be legal experts. The Ethics Committee carried out the legal audits necessary to safeguard the ethical values and the brand value of the Turkish football, and to



protect its reputation from damages.

2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The Ethics Committee shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, independently from the term of office of the Executive Committee.
3. No member of the Ethics Committee may be replaced unless he/she resigns or is deemed to have withdrawn.
4. Quorum of Ethics Committee is three. Decisions shall be passed with the support of the simple majority of the members present.
5. The members of the Ethics Committee may not be a Delegate of the Congress or serve on other TFF organs or bodies during their membership. The members of the Ethics Committee may be reassigned.
6. Matters regarding the operational procedures and principles of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee of TFF.

#### **Article 61      Arbitration Committee**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The Arbitration Committee shall consist of one Chairman, six (6) full and six (6) substitute members to be elected among legal experts with minimum ten years of professional experience by the Executive Committee .

Board members shall not be a member of clubs that are subject to the jurisdiction of TFF Legal Committees, or shareholders, directors and audit board members of affiliate companies of these clubs.

Chairman and members of the Arbitration Committee shall take office by presenting a written declaration that they are not subject to any condition that could prevent them from fulfilling their duties impartially and independently and taking an oath before the members of the Executive Committee that they shall perform their duties impartially and independently within maximum one week as from the date of the decision made in relation to their appointment by the Executive Committee.

2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The term of office of the Arbitration Committee shall be 4 years, independently from the term of office of the Executive Committee. The members shall elect a vice chairman and a rapporteur among themselves.
3. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** Members of the Arbitration Committee may not hold office in other committees and boards of TFF, or otherwise at TFF members or other legal entities directly affiliated to those members during their term of office. Individuals serving on the committees of sports federations or clubs, or individuals who were given a penalty over six months under the disciplinary rules, may not serve as a member of the Arbitration Committee.
4. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** Members of the Arbitration Committee shall be obliged to fulfil their duties completely impartially and independently and in compliance with the rules provided in TFF Statutes and the regulation. No body, authority, department or person may give orders and instructions or otherwise make suggestions and advice in relation to the duties of the Arbitration Committee. No member shall be replaced unless he/she has resigned or is deemed to have resigned duly. For vacancies opening due to death, resignation and other causes, the Executive Committee shall make election among substitute members for the vacant membership. The substitute members appointed hereunder, serve for the remaining term of office. The substitute members elected hereunder, serve for the remaining term of office.

5. Quorum of the committee is five. Decisions are passed with the support of at least the absolute majority of the members present. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
6. The Arbitration Committee shall request insight, information and documents, and collects the necessary evidence regarding the matters it hears. Under its discretion, it may summon and hear the related parties.
7. The Arbitration Committee shall operate in accordance with provisions herein, the regulations of FIFA and UEFA, and the related provisions of laws concerning procedural rules, and after concluding its assessment, it shall decide whether to partially or completely accept the claim or reject or accept after alteration.
8. The decisions shall be enforced by the President of the Federation and the General Secretary.
9. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The operational procedures and principles of the Arbitration Committee as well as the procedures and principles regarding applications to the Arbitration Committee and review and decision on the applications shall be governed by the Regulations issued by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 62 Duties and Powers of the Arbitration Committee**

1. The Arbitration Committee shall review and make its final decision on the disputes listed below upon the request of the relevant parties:
  - a) Decisions passed by the Executive Committee in relation to disputes that arose between TFF and clubs, referees, players, coaches, trainers, players' agents, healthcare staff members and other officials,
  - b) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** Decisions passed by the Amateur and Professional Football Disciplinary Committees,
  - c) Decisions passed by the Dispute Resolution Committee,
  - d) Decisions passed by the Club Licensing Committee,
  - e) Decisions passed by the Ethics Committee,
  - f) Decisions with legal implications, passed by the other committees which have the power to pass final decisions under the Regulations and Statutes of the Turkish Football Federation,
  - g) Regulations issued by the Executive Committee.
2. Parties wishing to appeal to the Arbitration Committee regarding the aforementioned matters, must submit its written application in seven days following the notification of the decision to it, or the announcement of the regulation.
3. Decisions passed by the Arbitration Committee shall be final and binding. These decisions are not subject to the approval of administrative or judicial authorities, and may not be appealed before them.

#### **Article 63 (Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.6.2009) Jurisdiction of Legal Committees**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** TFF, its members, clubs, referees, players, coaches, trainers, players' agents, match agents, healthcare personnel and other officials may not take disputes over administration and discipline of football to a judicial authority other than the legal

committees.

2. Disputes over jurisdiction are resolved by the legal bodies of FIFA, UEFA or TFF.
3. TFF shall have jurisdiction over national disputes, while FIFA shall have jurisdiction over international disputes.

#### **Article 64 Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS/TAS)**

1. In accordance with the FIFA and UEFA Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding FIFA or UEFA decision shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS/TAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. However, CAS/TAS may not hear appeals against suspensions enforced under the relevant provisions of the Statutes of FIFA and UEFA, or the decisions passed by the Arbitration Committee which is independent and duly established by TFF.
2. TFF shall ensure its full compliance and that of its Members, Players, Officials and match agents and players' agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA or UEFA body as well as CAS/TAS.

### **V. FINANCE**

#### **Article 65 Financial Period and Budget of TFF**

1. The financial period of TFF shall begin on June 1 and end on May 31 of every year
2. The budget of TFF shall be prepared by the Executive Committee depending on the financial period involved and submitted to the Congress and shall be effective upon approval.
3. Revenues, expenses and activities of TFF, the funds to be allocated to such activities, staff remunerations, expenses of committees and other overhead costs shall be specified in the budget on a balance sheet basis and in accordance with the budgetary basis drawn up by the Executive Committee.
4. The President of TFF shall be entitled to perform such cash collections and incur such expenses as described in the Law concerning TFF and the present Statute in accordance with the related budgetary rules.
5. TFF shall set aside reserve funds in order to guarantee its future operations.

#### **Article 66 Revenues**

1. TFF revenues arise from:
  - a) **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009)** 15% royalty collected from clubs in relation to football betting games and fixed-odds betting games.
  - b) Application fees and fines,
  - c) 10% of the proceeds received by clubs from match broadcasts on TV, radio, the Internet or via any other similar data carrier and from any contract they have signed with any media company. However, this rate shall be 1% in the case of proceeds generated from a contract regarding the broadcasting of a friendly match or a preparatory match.
  - d) Sponsorship revenues,
  - e) Net proceeds from official and friendly National Team matches, remaining after all legally required

deductions, as well as those proceeds derived from such matches broadcast on TV, radio, the Internet or via any other similar data carrier,

f) Registration, visa, transfer, subscription, etc. fees,

g) proceeds derived from TFF's fixed assets and from other activities such as the transfer, assignment, sale and lease of its real properties,

h) Income from all kinds of economic enterprises and corporations, whether established or invested in by TFF,

ı) Interest receipts,

ı) Donations and grants,

ı) Others.

#### **Article 67 Expenditures**

1. TFF shall be entitled to incur any and all expenses in line with the legislations and the budgetary principles, in order to fulfil its duties.
2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** In every budget year, TFF distributes 15% of its total annual revenue to second and third league member clubs for projects submitted by them to TFF and approved by the Executive Committee until 1 April, and another 15% thereof to related committees, organizations, institutions and clubs for infrastructural, training, sports facility or football development projects which must be related to the game of football submitted by them to TFF and approved by the Executive Committee until 1 April, in return for a contribution from such parties, provided only that such decisions are adopted in accordance with TFF's regulations regarding resource utilization and approved by the Congress.
3. The Federation may determine the scope or nature of such projects beforehand.
4. Extra-budget expenses by the Federation shall be subject to the approval of the Congress.
5. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The expenses payable for sports facilities which have been transferred or leased or on which usufruct rights have been created for a definite period for the benefit of clubs or public institutions under a protocol by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Youth and Sports, and expenses payable under a protocol for training and sports facility projects in return for benefiting services of Ministry personnel.

#### **Article 68 (Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009) Independent Audit**

1. The financial condition and profit/loss statements of TFF shall be audited annually by an independent auditor that has audit experience in the international sports industry.
2. All audit reports shall be disclosed to the public after they are reviewed by the Congress.
3. A copy of the audit report shall be distributed to the Congress delegates prior to the date of the Congress in accordance with the related provisions of these Statutes.
4. An audit firm shall not provide audit services to TFF for more than five consecutive years.

#### **Article 69      Membership Dues**

1. The annual membership fee is due on 1 July.
2. The subscription fee for any new member shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the close of the Congress at which they are admitted.
3. The Congress shall fix the amount of the subscription fee on the proposal of TFF Executive Committee. Membership dues are the same for every member.

#### **Article 70      (Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009) Clearance and the priority of the receivables of TFF**

1. TFF may debit any Member's account to settle claims.
2. A fine imposed by TFF on a Member club in accordance with Article 15 of Law No. 5894 shall first be deducted from the sums due by TFF to such Member club.

#### **Article 71      Levies**

Any TFF member may demand from its own members a levy to be paid for matches. Such levy is subject to the approval of TFF Executive Committee.

### **VI. COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS**

#### **Article 72      Competitions**

1. TFF may organize and hold any and all types of competitions within Turkey. TFF organises the following competitions:
  - a) Super League
  - b) 1<sup>st</sup> League, 2<sup>nd</sup> League and 3<sup>rd</sup> League Championships
  - c) Amateur League competitions;
  - d) National Cup competitions;
  - e) Youth competitions for different age groups;
  - f) Women's football competitions;
  - g) Disable competitions.
  - h) Futsal competitions
  - i) Beach football competitions,
  - j) Regional competitions,
  - k) Veterans' competitions.
2. Competitions shall be held considering the international calendar and the league promotion and relegation principles determined by FIFA.
3. The Executive Committee may organize new competitions and adopt for each competition the appropriate competition regulations.

### **Article 73 Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights**

TFF is the exclusive owner of all the brands, logos, including all the rights to use them, and all other similar intellectual and industrial property rights that TFF is or will be using. The existence of these rights shall not prejudice the right of TFF to have them registered with the Turkish Patent Institute and any International Patent Office in the name of TFF.

### **Article 74 Authorization for Broadcasting**

1. The Executive Committee of TFF shall be exclusively entitled to grant the right to broadcast matches on television, radio, the Internet and all other similar sound and data carriers, and to organize and plan such broadcasts.
2. **(Added by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009.)** This power encompasses particularly the marketing of TFF's broadcasting rights centrally and the distribution of the resulting proceeds to Member clubs in such manner as may be decided by the relevant bodies of TFF.
3. When exercising this power, the Executive Committee shall prioritize the interests of the Turkish football, the clubs and TFF.
4. Encrypted broadcasting of national competitions is prohibited.
5. Mobile rights shall be regulated exclusively by the Executive Committee of TFF.
6. Any agreement signed between a club and a broadcasting company shall be subject to TFF's supervision and approval. Any such agreement not approved by TFF shall not be binding on TFF. No competition shall be broadcast on TV, radio, the Internet and all other similar sound and data carriers, unless the required license has been obtained from TFF.
7. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** The rules and procedures governing the cooperation among the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Provincial Directorates and Provincial Offices regarding the broadcasting of competitions shall be laid down in a Protocol Regarding the Utilisation of Sports Facilities and Services of Personnel.
8. The rules and procedures regarding the broadcasting of matches, and the rights that may be given to and the sanctions that may be imposed on broadcasting companies and clubs shall be specified in the Broadcasting Regulations to be drawn up by the Executive Committee.
9. TFF shall be entitled to draw up specifications, hold tenders and sign agreements on behalf of clubs with regard to licenses for broadcasting league matches on TV and radio. TFF may consult with the Clubs' Union regarding the broadcasting rights of the Super League.
10. The tender for broadcasting rights shall be held not earlier than one year and not later than six months prior to the expiry of the existing broadcasting license.

### **Article 75 Club Licensing System**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The participation of a professional club in the national and UEFA club competitions is subject to a licence granted by the competent TFF organs.
2. For TFF competitions, the licensing process, the competent bodies as well as the set of licensing criteria are described in TFF Club Licensing Regulations issued by the Executive Committee.

3. For UEFA club competitions the corresponding UEFA regulations apply.

#### **Article 76      Structure and Registration of Clubs**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** All clubs shall be registered with TFF in accordance with the terms of the “Regulation on Football Clubs Registration” laid down by the Executive Committee of TFF.
2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** All clubs shall provide TFF with their profit or loss statements, financial statements as well as their budgets for the succeeding accounting period and annual General Meeting minutes, as approved by their annual General Meeting, within thirty (30) days following the date of such General Meeting. If a club fails to fulfil this obligation or provides incomplete or misleading information in this respect, it shall be given a warning and the rights of its officials shall be suspended.
3. If the club fails to fulfil its said obligation within thirty (30) days from the date of the warning, then it shall be sanctioned with a deduction of points. If the club fails again to fulfil its said obligation within the additional period of thirty (30) days, then it shall be relegated.
4. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** TFF shall be entitled to inspect any such financial accounts provided by clubs. Any club which is found to be in the lack of financial strength required to meet its financial obligations shall be taken to the Disciplinary Committee and sanctioned with a warning, a fine, points reduction or relegation. The officials of the club shall also be banned from all football related activities.
5. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** A club engaged in football may transfer its football branch to any joint-stock company established in accordance with the related laws and regulations. A club that has restructured itself into a business corporation may not transfer its registration to any other city. Promotion, strengthening and interests of football shall be prioritized in such cases.
6. No natural person or legal entity (including holding companies and subsidiaries) shall manage or have control over more than one club in any manner that would jeopardize the integrity of any match or competition.
7. TFF Executive Committee sets up the corresponding regulations also covering merger of two or more clubs, the transfer of headquarters as well as the change of name of clubs under the authority of TFF.

### **VII. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS**

#### **Article 77      International matches and competitions**

1. The authority for organizing international competitions and organizations between National teams and between leagues or club teams belongs solely to FIFA and UEFA according to the related provisions. No competition or organization may take place without the prior permission of FIFA or UEFA.
2. TFF shall comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

#### **Article 78      Contacts**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** Teams affiliated to TFF and players registered at TFF may not play matches or have sporting contacts with any team or players affiliated to Federations that are not members of FIFA or provisional members of a Confederation without receiving prior written consent from FIFA.
2. The same applies for suspended or expelled FIFA and UEFA members.

#### **Article 79 Approval**

**(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 29.06.2011)** TFF affiliate clubs, all other club communities, may under normal circumstances not be a member of another federation or take part in the competitions or tournaments held in the country of another federation without the prior approval of TFF, other related federation, FIFA and UEFA.

### **VIII. FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 80 Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure**

1. The Executive Committee shall make the final decision on matters not provided for herein and in events of force majeure.
2. While making a decision, TFF shall take into account the rules of the FIFA and UEFA, and the principles of rights and justice.

#### **Article 81 Use of Facilities and Services of Staff**

1. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** TFF may use, and allow others to use, sports facilities and services of staff members of the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Youth and Sports by signing an agreement and a protocol with the Ministry to that end.
2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)** The Provincial and District Sports Directorates shall carry out the determination of the number of people and protocol organization regarding the use of the protocol tribune in the sports facilities transferred, rented or on which usufruct rights have been created for a definite period under an agreement to clubs or public organizations or institutions by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Youth and Sports. At national team competitions, TFF shall arrange the protocol tribune and VIP areas in line with the related principles of FIFA and UEFA.
3. **(Revoked by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009.)**

#### **Article 82 (Added by the decision of the Congress on 12.06.2009.) Leave**

1. Any referee, match delegate, observer or a TFF Committee member, who holds a public office and is assigned to a match which will be played on a business day or at weekend, shall be deemed to have official permission to be absent from his public duty throughout such assignment, provided that his supervisor has been informed thereof.
2. The time period of such assignment shall be fixed under the related regulations of TFF.

#### **Article 83 Tax Exemption**

Proceeds obtained from matches and competitions organised in Turkey under the control of FIFA, UEFA and TFF and under this Statutes as well as all other revenues of TFF shall be exempt from taxes, duties



and charges of any nature.

#### **Article 84 Entry into force**

1. These Statutes were adopted at the Congress, which was held in Ankara on 03 June 2008 pursuant to paragraph f) of Article 2 of Law No. 3813 as amended by Law No. 5719, in accordance with the statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA and UEFA and on the basis of the authority granted under paragraph c) of Article 6 of the same Law. However, the present Statutes shall come into force only if the law that will replace Law No. 3813 Concerning the Establishment and Duties of the Turkish Football Federation has been passed.
2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 01.06.2019)** The Statutes shall be published on the web site of TFF in accordance with the decision of the Congress.

#### **Article 85 Execution**

1. This Statute is executed by TFF.

### **IX. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 86 Constitutional meeting for TFF Statutes and TFF Membership**

1. The delegates present at the Congress in Ankara of 3 June 2008 participated in the meeting where decision to base TFF membership on the Statutes herein.
2. This Congress was convoked according to the Law No. 3813 dated 17/06/1992 which was amended by the Law No.5719 dated 04/12/2007.

#### **Article 87 Terms of office of elected members of TFF organs and bodies**

1. TFF President, members of TFF Executive Committee, the Auditing Committee, the legal committees under the previous Law. 3813 which was amended by the Law 5719 and who have been elected before 3 June 2008 shall continue their mandate until the term of office expires.
2. **(Amended by the decision of the Congress on 12.6.2009)** The Referees' Committee, the Committee of Delegates and other committees established hereunder shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of TFF in forty-five (45) days after these Statutes have been brought into effect. The term of office of these committees shall be limited to that of the Executive Committee of TFF.

#### **Article 88 Membership Application**

The members entitled to attend TFF Congress held in Ankara on 3 June 2008, and the members gaining membership one this Statute has been brought into effect, shall submit the documents specified under Article 11 herein to TFF General Secretariat in one (1) month after the Statutes of TFF have been brought into effect for final admission into TFF membership.

**Temporary Article 1: (Revoked by the decision of the Congress on 25.06.2015.)**

**Temporary Article 2: (Amended by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)**

1. The term of office for the members of the first degree legal committees and Arbitration Committee, which are currently on duty on the date the amendments made in Articles 55, 57 and 61 of this Statutes enter into

force, shall be concluded four years after the date which these committees take office.

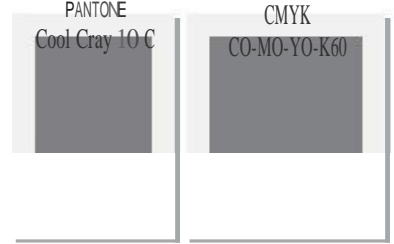
**Temporary Article 3: (Revoked by the decision of the Congress on 16.06.2022)**



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