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PREAMBLE

We, the Football lovers of the Republic of Liberia; acknowledging our devout gratitude to God for our existence as a people, and relying on His Devine guidance for our survival as an entity; and,

Realizing our natural, inherent and inalienable rights to establish an organization for the purpose of promoting unity, peace, good sportsmanship in terms of football and to advance ourselves in said area; and

Having resolved to co-exist with various sporting institutions to practice brotherly and sisterly love, tolerance and understanding as a people and being fully mindful of our obligations to promote football in Liberia; and,

Do hereby solemnly make, establish, proclaim and publish this Statute for the governance of the Liberian Football Association which shall be in total confirmative with the CAF Statute Article 7 and FIFA Statute Art. 13.



DEFINITIONS

The terms given below denote the following:

1. **LFA:** Liberia Football Association
2. **FIFA:** Federation International Football Association
3. **CAF:** Confederation of African
4. **WAFU:** West African Football Union
5. **Member:** A football entity/institution that has been admitted into membership of LFA by the Congress.
6. **Officials:** Every board member, committee member, referee and assistant referee, coach trainer and any other person responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters in LFA, a Confederation, Association, League or Club as well as all other persons obliged to comply with the FIFA Statutes (except Players and intermediaries).
7. **League:** Sporting events organized and conducted by the LFA
8. **Executive Committee:** The Executives body of LFA.
9. **Association Football:** Refers to the game controlled by LFA and organized in accordance with the laws of the game.
10. **Congress:** The supreme body of LFA.
11. **Club:** A member of the LFA that is itself a member of FIFA.
12. **Team:** The football playing body of a club registered and associating with the LFA.
13. **Sub-Association:** Football governing bodies of the LFA represented in each County.
14. **Sub-Committee:** The football governing body in the designated communities of each County under the supervision of the sub-associations.
15. **County:** The largest political sub-divisions of the Republic of Liberia.
16. **Region:** The division of the country in groups for organizing football.
17. **Confederation:** A group of associations' recognized by FIFA that belong to the same continent or within the same geographic region.
18. **Player:** Any football player licensed by the LFA.
19. **Association:** A football association recognized by LFA. It is a member of LFA, unless a different meaning is evident from the context.
20. **IFAB:** The International Football Association Board.
21. **Ordinary Court:** ordinary courts refer to the courts and legal bodies of the Republic of Liberia which hear public and private legal disputes.
22. **Arbitration Tribunal:** Is a legal body that adjudicates matters and acting instead of an Ordinary Court.
23. **CAS:** Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.



CHAPTER 1 TITLE, MEMBERSHIP AND HEADQUARTERS

Article 1

The National Football governing entity shall be known and styled as the Liberia Football Association hereinafter referred to as the LFA.

Article 2

- 2.1 The LFA is an independent and private national football entity founded as per legislative enactment in 1936. It has perpetual existence and shall consist of all football clubs and institutions in Liberia that have membership with the LFA.
- 2.2 In addition, the LFA is a member of FIFA, CAF and WAFU and shall remain so at all relevant times of its existence.

Article 3

The flag of the LFA reflects its logo against a white background.

The Logo of the LFA contains a flag of Liberia in vertical form with a ball in the middle of the flag. Liberia is written both above and beneath the ball in the middle.

Further, the flag, emblem, logo and abbreviation are legally registered with the National Achieves and the Ministry Commerce, Intellectual property division.

Article 4

The headquarters of the LFA shall be in the Capital City of the Republic of Liberia with the following address:

LIBERIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (LFA)

Antoinette Tubman Stadium, (ATS)

UN Drive/Lynch street

P.O. BOX 10-1066

1000-Monrovia, Liberia

CHAPTER 2 OBJECTIVES & DUTIES

Article 5

The objectives and duties of the LFA are:

- A. To develop and promote football at all levels nationally and internationally, without any form of Discrimination;
- B. To protect the interest of its members against acts that might jeopardize the integrity of matches and competitions;
- C. To foster friendly relationship among County sub-associations and other member associations as well as players;
- D. To organize competitions, tournaments, and such other matches as may be deemed desirable;
- E. The LFA shall draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement. The LFA shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between members, clubs and players of the LFA;



- F. To promote integrity, ethics and fair play with a view to preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardize the integrity of matches, or competitions, Players, Officials and Members or give rise to abuse of Association Football;
- G. To respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of the LFA, WAFU, CAF, and FIFA as well as the laws of the game and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
- H. To maintain relations with FIFA, CAF, WAFU, SCSA and all other sporting organizations nationally and internationally;
- I. To organized technical programs for coaches, referees, administrators, medics and other skilled Personnel necessary for the development of Football in Liberia;
- J. To fight against doping, and to take the necessary measures to combat the use of prohibited substances in order to protect the health of footballers and the credibility of the competitions;
- K. To publish periodically a bulletin for circulation to member associations, the press and public giving information about the activities of the LFA;
- L. To create football regions throughout Liberia on the basis of proximity and necessity;
- M. To manage the national teams of the Republic of Liberia and regulate football clubs in the Country;

CHAPTER 3

NEUTRALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION AND STANCE AGAINST RACISM

Article 6

LFA is neutral in matters of politics and religion.

Discrimination of any kind against a Country, private person or group of people on account of race, skin color, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, Wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

Article 7

The LFA shall divide the Republic of Liberia into four distinct football regions referred to as:

North Western Region: Grand Cape Mount, Bomi, Gbarpolu and Montserrado Counties;

North Central Region: Bong, Nimba and Lofa Counties;

South Eastern Region: Sinoe, Maryland, Grand Kru, River Gee and Grand Gedeh Counties;
and,

South Central Region: Margibi, Grand Bassa and River-Cess Counties

Article 8

The Executive Committee shall consider the above regions when grouping teams for competitions or Tournaments organized by the LFA.

Article 9

The Sub-Associations within these regions of the Country shall engage in activities for the development of football in their respective localities.



CHAPTER 5 LAWS OF THE GAME

Article 10

10.1 The LFA and each of its Members shall play association football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board (IFAB). Only the IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.

10.2 LFA and each of its Members shall play Beach Soccer and Futsal in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by FIFA. Only FIFA may lay down and alter the Beach Soccer and Futsal Laws of the Game.

CHAPTER 6 PLAYERS

Article 11

The status of players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of the LFA in accordance with the current FIFA regulations for the status and transfer of players. Players shall be registered in accordance with the regulations of the LFA.

CHAPTER 7 CONDUCT OF BODIES AND OFFICIALS

Article 12

The bodies, officials and members of the LFA must observe the statutes, regulations, directives decisions, Code of Conducts and code of ethics of FIFA, CAF, WAFU and the LFA in their activities. The Executive Committee shall draw up the code of ethics for its governance.

CHAPTER 8 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Article 13

The Official Language of the Congress shall be English. In the event of any divergence between the interpretations of texts in different languages, the text written in English shall be regarded as authoritative.

CHAPTER 9 REQUEST AND PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE LFA

Article 14

14.1 Any legal person, club or institution interested in becoming a member of the LFA must make a written request to Congress through the Secretariat of LFA for consideration and approval. The applicant must state the reason(s) for its application. The procedure for admission shall be regulated by special regulations approved by the Executive Committee.

14.2 The Executive Committee shall request the Congress either to admit or not to admit an applicant. The applicant may state the reasons for its application at the Congress.

Article 15

The new member shall acquire membership rights and duties at the close of the Congress in which it has been admitted. Its delegates are eligible to vote and to be elected at the next Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress of the LFA.

CHAPTER 10 REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Article 16

The following mandatory items must accompany the application for membership to the LFA:

A. A copy of its valid statutes and regulations;



- B. A declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of LFA, FIFA, CAF, and WAFU and to 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 in force;
- D. A declaration that it recognizes the Board of Arbitration of the LFA and the Court of Arbitration for Sports in Lausanne as specified in these statutes;
- E. A declaration that it will honor all official match schedules of the LFA where applicable;
- F. A submission of a copy of the minutes of its last congress or constitutional meeting;
- G. A declaration to the effect that the legal existence of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions independent of any external entity;
- H. Payment of the first-year annual membership subscription as prescribed in the Rules and Regulations of the LFA;
- I. Submit the list of its Officials specifying those who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
- J. A declaration that it undertakes to organize or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of the LFA;

CHAPTER 11 ADMISSION

Article 17

- 17.1. The Congress shall decide on the admission of clubs and organizations into the membership of the LFA.
- 17.2. Admission may only be granted if the applicant fulfils the requirements of the LFA

CHAPTER 12, MEMBERS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article 18

- 18.1 The Members of the LFA are:
 - 1. First division Clubs
 - 2. Second division Clubs
 - 3. Women upper league division Clubs
 - 4. Sub-Associations of the fifteen (15) Counties of Liberia
 - 5. Liberia National Old-Timers Association (LONA)
 - 6. Bankers Sport Association of Liberia (BASAAL)
 - 7. Academicals (ISSA & Varsity)
 - 8. Coaches' Association
 - 9. Referees' Association
 - 10. Beach Soccer Association

Provisional Members

- 1. Sports Medics Association of Liberia (SMAL)
- 2. National Players Association, (NPA)
- 3. Six Beach Soccer Clubs
- 4. Four (4) Regions (North Western Region, North Central Region, South Eastern Region and South-Central Region)
- 5.



18.2 Only one sub-association shall be recognized in each County of the Republic of Liberia regardless of its size and football activities.

18.3 Members of the LFA shall have the following obligations:

- A. To comply fully with the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of LFA, FIFA, CAF and WAFU at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
- B. To take part in competitions, if applicable, and all football activities organized by the LFA;
- C. To manage their affairs independently and ensure that their own affairs are not influenced by any third parties;
- D. To pay their membership subscriptions regularly;
- E. To respect the Laws of the game as laid down by IFAB and to ensure that these laws are also respected by their members as will more appropriately be reflected in their bi-laws;
- F. To comply fully with all other duties arising from these Statutes directives, decisions and other Regulations of FIFA, CAF, WAFU and the LFA;
- G. To communicate with the LFA any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its officials or persons who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
- H. Not to maintain any relations of a sporting and or football nature with entities that are not recognized or with members of the LFA that have been suspended or expelled; to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision at all times; to observe the mandatory items which are compulsory for the admission and specified in the LFA Statutes; to administer a registry of members which shall be updated.
- I. To ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
- J. To adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF, WAFU or LFA shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the appropriate Arbitration Tribunal of FIFA, CAF, WAFU or LFA and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is strictly prohibited;
- K. To observe the mandatory items specified under article 18.3 for the duration of their affiliation

Article 19

Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any member may lead to sanctions provided for in these statutes.

Article 20

Clubs, sub-associations or any other legal person being a member of LFA shall be subordinate to, and must be recognized by the LFA. These Statutes define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these Clubs, sub-associations and any other member of LFA. Their statutes and regulations must be approved by the Executive Committee of LFA.

Article 21

The affiliated clubs, members, sub-associations and groups of the LFA shall take all decisions on any matters regarding their membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of their corporate structure. In any case, no natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries shall exercise control over more than one club or group whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardized.



MEMBERS' RIGHTS

Article 22

- 22.1 The members of the LFA shall have the following rights:
- A. To take part in the Congress of LFA and to know its agenda in advance, and to exercise their voting rights;
 - B. To draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
 - C. To nominate candidates for all bodies of the LFA including the President to be elected;
 - D. To be informed of the affairs of the LFA through the official bodies of the LFA;
 - E. To take part in competitions and/or other sports activities organized by the LFA where applicable;
 - F. To exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and Regulations of the LFA;
 - G. The right to benefit from all extended development, technical, and financial assistance programs provided the LFA;
 - H. To ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
- 22.2 The exercises of these rights are subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

CHAPTER 14 SUSPENSION

Article 23

Congress shall have the responsibility for suspending a member of the LFA. The Executive Committee may however suspend a member that seriously violates its obligations as a member with immediate effect.

Article 24

The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime. A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by a 2/3 majority of the delegates present and entitled to vote. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.

Article 25

A suspended member shall lose its membership rights. Other members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.

Article 26

Members that do not participate in the sports activities of the LFA for one year shall be suspended from voting at the Congress and their representatives shall not be elected or appointed until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.

CHAPTER 15 EXPULSION

Article 27

A member of the LFA may forfeit its membership:

- A. Through the non-payment of dues within the time allowed in each case or as may be stipulated in the regulations of LFA;
- B. For serious infringement of the Statutes, Regulations, directives or decision of the LFA, FIFA, CAF and WAFU.



- C. If it brings a dispute to an Ordinary Court, except in cases where FIFA, CAF or the LFA regulations or binding legal provisions specifically provide for or stipulate recourse to Ordinary Courts.
- D. The expulsion of a member of the LFA can only be adopted by the Congress by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the members present and entitled to vote at the Congress is necessary for an expulsion to be valid.



CHAPTER 16 RESIGNATION

Article 28

A member may resign from the LFA with effect from the end of a calendar year. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat no later than three months to the end of the calendar year in which the resignation is intended. The resignation is not valid until the member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards the LFA and the other Members of the LFA.

CHAPTER 17 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Article 29

The Congress may bestow the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member upon any persons for meritorious service to football. The Executive Committee shall make these nominations. The Honorary President or Honorary Member may take part in the Congress. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

CHAPTER 18 LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE, JUDICIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

Article 30

- 30.1 That Congress is the supreme and legislative body.
- 30.2 The Executive Committee shall be the Executive body.
- 30.3 The General Secretariat of LFA shall be the Administrative body.
- 30.4 Whereas, the Disciplinary, Ethics and Appeal Committees shall constitute the judicial bodies of The LFA
- 30.5 Electoral Committee and the Election Appeals Committee organize and supervise the election
- 30.6 Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its duties. Their duties, composition and functions are defined in the LFA Statutes and/or special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.
- 30.7 The Club Licensing Bodies are the First Instance Body (FIB) and the Appeals Body (AB).
- 30.8 Further, the bodies of the LFA shall be either elected or appointed by the LFA itself without external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in the LFA Statutes.

CHAPTER 19 THE CONGRESS

Article 31

- 31.1 Congress is the meeting at which all of the members of the LFA regularly convene; it represents the interest of all the members of the LFA. Only a congress that is duly convened has the authority to make decisions and that the congress may be ordinary or extraordinary.
- 31.2 A Congress may be an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.
- 31.3 The President shall conduct the Congress business in compliance with the Congress Rules, as promulgated by the Executive Committee.

Article 32

- 32.1 The Congress shall be the supreme governing body of the LFA. Its decisions shall have binding force and effect on all authorities, institutions and members of the LFA.
- 32.2 The Congress is composed of delegates from member associations and affiliates whose statuses are current with the LFA



Article 33 DELEGATES AND VOTES

- 33.1 The Congress is composed of 48 delegates. The number of delegates is allocated as follows:
- a) For each of the 14 first division clubs, 1 delegate
 - b) For each of the 16 second division clubs, 1 delegate
 - c) For each of the 12 clubs of the women's Upper League division, 1 delegate.
 - d) For the Liberia National Old-Timers Association (LONA), 1 delegate
 - e) For the Bankers Sport Association of Liberia (BASAAL), 1 delegate
 - f) For the Academicals (ISSA & Varsity), 1 delegate
 - g) For the Coaches' Association, 1 delegate
 - h) For the Referees' Association, 1 delegate
 - i) For the Beach Soccer Association, 1 delegate
- 33.2 Delegates must belong to the member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that member. The delegates shall be chairman or vice-chairman or president or vice-president or secretary general of the respective member they must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.
- 33.3 Each delegate of the same category of Member has an equal number of votes in the Congress. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- 33.4 The Executive Committee, the General Secretary and Sub-Association of counties shall take part in the congress without voting rights. During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates for their association.
- 33.5 The names of the delegates must be served the secretariat two weeks before the opening of Congress.

Article 34 ORDINARY CONGRESS

- 34.1 The ordinary congress shall be held every year.
- 34.2 The Congress may appoint observers who take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote.
- 34.3 The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date. The members shall be notified in writing at least 60 days in advance.
- 34.4 The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least 15 days before the date of the Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the President's activity report, the financial statements and the auditors' report and any other relevant documents.

Article 35 Agenda

- 35.1 The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive Committee and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing with a brief explanation at least 45 days before the date of the Congress.
- 35.2 The following items shall be included in the agenda for deliberations:
- A. Rollcall
 - B. The opening address of the President;
 - C. Appointment of Scrutinizer
 - D. Confirmation of minutes of the preceding general assembly
 - E. The President's activities report
 - F. Presentation and approval of the financial report



- G. Auditor's report
- H. Budget covering the next fiscal year
- I. Consideration of proposal of amendment of the Statutes and Regulations of the LFA
- J. Admission of new member(s) if necessary
- K. Discussion on the suspension or expulsion of a member(s)
- L. Deliberation on membership fees
- M. Appointment of an independent external auditing firm (if applicable)
- N. Voting on proposals presented by a member
- O. Election of President, Vice Presidents & Executive members of LFA if necessary
- P. Electing the judicial and electoral bodies and the audit and compliance committee on the proposal of the Executive Committee
- Q. Discussion on dismissal of a person or body (if applicable)
- R. Adjournment
- 35.3 Only matters placed on the agenda shall be considered for discussion. However, upon agreement of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and eligible to vote, such agenda can be altered or amended.

Article 36 EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

- 36.1 At the written request of more than 50% of the delegates representing the Members or when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, an Extraordinary Congress shall be called. The agenda of the extraordinary congress shall not be altered.
- 36.2 The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held within 30 days of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened, the Members who requested it may request assistance from CAF or FIFA.
- 36.3 The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least 15 Days before the date of an Extraordinary Congress.
- 36.4 When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, it must draw up the agenda. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened upon the request of Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members.

Article 37 MINUTES

The Secretary General shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the congress. The minutes shall



be checked by those members designated and finally shall be approved at the next congress. Congress shall be presided over by the President of the LFA in compliance with the standing orders of the Congress.

Article 38 DECISION OF THE CONGRESS

- 38.1 Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes, a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast is sufficient for a decision to be valid. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order. Voting by proxy or correspondence shall not be allowed.
- 38.2 The number of valid votes counted shall decide the majority. Spoiled or blank voting slips, or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in the calculating the majority.

Article 39 ELECTION

- 39.1 Election at LFA shall be done every four years by secret ballot unless the number of candidates is equal to the number of vacancies. The election may be conducted by acclamation.
- 39.2 All Elections within LFA shall controlled and governed by the Elections committee be in accordance with the Statutes and Electoral Code of LFA.
- 39.3 For the President, the Vice-Presidents, and the female member to be elected, the absolute majority (50 + 1) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite ballot, a simple majority of the votes recorded is sufficient. If there are more than two candidates for one available position, the candidate that obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated as from the second ballot until only two candidates are left.
- 39.4 For the election of the other members of the Executive Committee, the candidates who receive the most votes in respect of the free seats shall be elected.

Article 40 QUORUM

Decisions passed by the Congress shall only be valid if a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates who are entitled to vote are represented. If a quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place 24 hours thereafter. A quorum is not required for the second meeting unless an item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of the LFA, the election of the President, the vice-presidents and members of the Executive Committee, the suspension of one of a number or members of the LFA, the expulsion of a member of the LFA or the dissolving of LFA.

Article 41

During the term of office of an Executive Committee member, a member may not appoint him as



delegate to Congress;

Article 42 EFFECTIVE DATES OF DECISIONS

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect for the members at the close of the Congress unless the Congress fixes another date for a specific decision to take effect.

Article 43 AREAS OF AUTHORITY

The authority and duties of Congress are as follows:

- A. Adopting or amending the Statutes;
- B. Appointing 3 members to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
- C. Electing the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Women representative and the other Nine (9) members of the Executive Committee;
- D. Electing the judicial and electoral bodies and the audit and compliance committee on the proposal of the Executive Committee;
- E. Appointing of scrutineers;
- F. Approving the financial statements;
- G. Approving the budget;
- H. Approving the President's activity report;
- I. Appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
- J. Deciding, upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, whether to bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member;
- K. Admitting, suspending or expelling a Member;
- L. Revoking the mandate of one or a number of Members of a body of LFA;
- M. Dissolving LFA;
- N. Passing decision at a request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes;

CHAPTER 20 AMENDMENT TO THE STATUTES

Article 44

- 44.1 The Congress is responsible for amending the Statutes.
- 44.2 Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the Secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee. A Proposal submitted by a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least 5 other delegates representing the Members.
- 44.3 For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid, a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members eligible to vote must be present.



- 44.4 A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if 2/3 of the delegates representing the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

CHAPTER 21 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 45 COMPOSITIONS, ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 45.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of 13 members, at least one of them shall be female: Amended at the 26th Ordinary Elective Congress (**The Executive Committee shall consist of 15 members to include a 3rd Vice President preferably a female**)

- 1.1 President;
- 2.1 **First Vice-president,**
- 3.1 **Second Vice-president,**
- 4.0 **3rd Vice President (preferably a Female)**
- 5.1. Female member, and
- 6.9 Other members.

- 45.2 The President shall be elected by the congress for a period of four years. His/her term of office shall begin after the end of the congress at which he/she was elected. No person may serve as President for more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not). Previous terms served as Vice President or as a member of the Executive Committee shall not be considered in determining the term limits of the President

I. The Vice-presidents shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years. Their term of office shall begin after end of the congress at which they were elected. No person may serve as Vice President for more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not). Previous terms served as a member of the Executive Committee shall not be considered in determining the term limits of the Vice Presidents.

II. The Executive Committee members shall be elected by Congress for a period of four years. Their term of office shall begin after end of the congress at which they were elected. No person may serve as Executive Committee members for more than three terms of office (whether consecutive or not).

- 45.3 Every candidate in the election of the President, Vice Presidents and Executive Committee members must be proposed by members in the following order:

- I. President – Nomination by one (1) member. II
Vice Presidents- Nomination by one (1) member
- III. Executive Committee Members-Nomination by one (1) member.

They may be re-elected if qualified as per Article 45.2 (I and II). Upon been elected into office, every member of the Executive Committee undertakes, and accepts responsibility, to be faithfully, loyally and independently act in the best interests of the LFA and the promotion and development of football at all levels.

- 45.4 The President, Vice Presidents and member of the Executive Committee shall not be younger than 25 years. A candidate for the office of the President, Vice Presidents and Executive Committee members must have



played an active role in football (e.g. as former player, former referee, former coach, medic and an official within the LFA etc.) for two years of the last five years before been proposed as a candidate for elections. The President, Vice Presidents and Executive Committee members shall have minimum qualification of high school diploma. They shall not have been found guilty of criminal offence. They shall have the Liberian Nationality and shall have residency within the territory.

- 45.5 Candidatures must be sent to the General Secretariat of the LFA. The official list of candidates must be passed to the members along with the agenda for the congress at which the President, Vice Presidents and Executive Committee members will be elected.

Article 46

Any member of the Executive, the Emergency or Standing Committee must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk or possibility of conflict of interest.

Article 47 VACANCY

- 47.1 If a position or up to 50% of the positions of the Executive Committee (President, Vice-presidents and other members) become vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill the position(s) in question until the next Congress, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of mandate.
- 47.2 The positions of the Vice-presidents and other members of the Executive Committee will be considered vacant in case of death, resignation, of permanent disability or if the Vice-presidents and other members of the Executive Committee do not participate in 4 consecutive regular meetings.
- 47.3 If 50% or more of the positions of the Executive Committee become vacant, the remaining Executive Committee members shall convene an Extraordinary Congress in order to elect the replacements for the remaining term of mandate within the prescribed period of time.

Article 48 DECISIONS

- 48.1 For the validity of deliberations, the presence of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the membership shall be required. In case a quorum is not reached, a minimum of five members shall form a quorum the following day.
- 48.2 All resolutions of the Executive committee shall be adopted by a majority (more than 50%) of the members present and entitled to vote. In case of equal votes, the President of the meeting shall have a casting vote. No vote shall be permitted by proxy or by letter.
- 48.3 The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 48.4 The decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.
- 48.5 Decisions and deliberations by the Executive Committee shall be confidential. Only the President or acting President is entitled to disclose all decisions and deliberations of the Executive Committee meetings, unless decided otherwise.
- 48.6 Decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall be binding and shall take immediate effect unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise. The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.



Article 49 MEETINGS

- 49.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at least twelve (12) times every year. The President shall convene the Executive Committee meeting. If 6 members of the Executive Committee request a meeting, the President shall convene it within 7 days.
- 49.2 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 voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Executive Committee.
- 49.3 The President shall compile the agenda of the Executive Committee. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Executive Committee must submit the points they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the general secretariat at least 14 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least seven days before the meeting.
- 49.4 The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.

Article 50 POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes.
2. The Executive Committee shall appoint or dismiss the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the standing committees on the proposition of the President;
3. The Executive Committee shall reshuffle or replace the chairman, deputy chairman, or member of any standing committee on the proposition of the President.
4. On the proposal of the President, the Executive Committee may decide to set up ad-hoc committees', if necessary, at any time.
5. The Executive Committee shall appoint or dismiss the Secretary General on the proposal of the President. The Secretary General shall attend the meetings of all the committee *sex officio*.
6. The Executive Committee shall approve the Organization Regulations of the LFA
7. The Executive Committee shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of LFA
8. The Executive Committee shall propose the independent auditors to the Congress
9. The Executive Committee shall decide the place and dates of the number of teams participating in the competitions of LFA
10. The Executive Committee shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff
11. The Executive Committee shall approve regulations stipulating how the LFA shall be organized internally
12. The Executive Committee shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application



13. The Executive Committee may dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of LFA provisionally until the next Congress
14. The Executive Committee may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of the LFA or third parties.



Article 51

A member of the Executive Committee shall not be a member of the judicial bodies of the LFA.

CHAPTER 22 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Article 52

- 52.1 The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee.
- 52.2 The Emergency Committee shall be composed of five (5) members to include: The President, the two Vice Presidents and Chairpersons of the Committees on Finance and Competition. The Emergency Committee shall have full Executive power to deal with all matters requiring immediate decisions between meetings of the Executive Committee.
- 52.3 If meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period, decisions may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The President shall notify the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.
- 52.4 The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If the President is unable to attend, the first Vice-president shall deputize. The Executive Committee at its next meeting shall ratify all decisions taken by the Emergency Committee. If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the vice-president(s) available shall deputize.

CHAPTER 23 DISMISSAL OF A PERSON OR BODY

Article 53

The Congress may dismiss a person or body. The Executive Committee may place the dismissal of a person or body on the agenda for the Congress. The Executive Committee may also dismiss a person or body provisionally. Any Executive Committee member may submit a proposal to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda of the Executive Committee or Congress.

Article 54

The motion for dismissal must be justified. It will be sent to the Members of Congress along with the agenda.

Article 55

If the motion for dismissal is upheld, the Congress or Executive Committee shall reach a decision by means of secret ballot. For the motion to be passed, a majority of two-thirds of the valid votes is required.

Article 56

The member dismissed (provisionally) must be relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.

CHAPTER 24 THE PRESIDENT

Article 57

- 57.1 The President shall do the following:
1. Legal Representative of the LFA at conferences and meetings were necessary for the smooth running of the LFA;



2. Implement the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee through the general secretariat;
 3. In specific cases, the President may delegate some of his powers explicitly stated to one of the members of the Executive Committee or the Secretary General, as dictated by established methods of management.
 4. Ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of the LFA in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
 5. Supervising the work of the general secretariat;
 6. Coordinate relations between the LFA and its members, FIFA, CAF, WAFU, political bodies and other organizations.
 7. Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.
 8. The president shall preside over the Congress, the Executive Committee and Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he/she has been appointed Chairperson.
 9. The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.
- 57.2 If the President is absent or unavailable, the first Vice President shall act as President. In the absence of the first Vice President or his/her failure to perform, the second Vice-President, shall act or as a last resort, the longest serving Executive Committee member.
- 57.3 The position of the President will be considered vacant in case of death, resignation, of permanent disability or if the President does not participate in 12 consecutive regular meetings. If the position of the President becomes vacant, the first Vice-President shall deputize until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new President of the remaining term of mandate.
- 57.4 The President represents the LFA legally and is entitled to sign for and on behalf of the LFA. The Executive Committee may set up internal organizational regulations regarding the joint Signature of officers, in particular, in case of the President's absence and concerning all- important business of the LFA.
- 57.5 Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organization regulations of the LFA provisionally. Any Executive Committee member may submit a proposal to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda of the Executive Committee or Congress.
- 57.6 Coordinate relations between the LFA and its members, FIFA, CAF, WAFU, political bodies and other organizations.
- 57.7 The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.

CHAPTER 25

ELECTIONS

Article 58

- 58.1 The President, Vice Presidents and Members of the Executive Committee shall not be younger than 25 years. A candidate for the office of the President, Vice Presidents and Executive Committee members must have played an active role in football (e.g. as former player, former referee, former coach, medic and an official within the LFA etc.) for two years of the last five years before been proposed as a candidate for elections. The President, Vice Presidents and Executive Committee members shall have minimum



qualification of high school diploma. They shall not have been found guilty of criminal offence. They shall have the Liberian Nationality and shall have residency within the territory.

58.2 Each Member shall support one (1) Candidate only for each given position on the Executive Committee, i.e. President, Vice Presidents, Female Member and other Member”.

The President shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years. His/her mandate shall begin after the end of the Congress which has elected him/her. A President may be re-elected.

58.4 The conditions to be observed during a candidature for the office of President are stipulated in the Regulations Governing Candidatures for the Office of President. These regulations shall be issued by the Executive Committee.

58.5 Candidates for the LFA elections shall pay the following fees:

President -	--	-	-	US\$ 1,000.00
Vice Presidents	-	-	-	US\$ 750.00
Executive Committee Members			-	US\$ 500.00

**CHAPTER 26
GENERAL SECRETARY**

Article 59 GENERAL SECRETARY

59.1 The General Secretary shall be appointed or dismissed by the Executive Committee on proposal of the President. He shall head the Secretariat of the LFA.

59.2 He shall be appointed on the basis of an agreement governed by private law and shall have the necessary professional qualification.

59.3 He shall be supervised by the President.

59.4 He shall be responsible for:

- A. Implementing decisions passed by the Congress and Executive Committee in compliance with the President’s directives;
- B. Attending the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the standing and ad-hoc committees;
- C. Organizing the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee and other bodies;
- D. Compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and standing and ad-hoc committees;
- E. Managing and keeping the accounts of the LFA properly;
- F. The correspondence of LFA;
- G. Relations with the Members, committees, FIFA, CAF and WAFU;
- H. Organizing the general secretariat;
- I. The appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat;
- J. Proposing managerial staff to the President. The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of the LFA.

59.5 The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of LFA.



Article 60 GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The secretariat of the LFA shall carry out all the administrative work of the LFA under the direction of the General Secretary and the members of the General Secretariat are bound by the internal organizational regulations of the LFA and shall fulfill the given tasks in the best manner.

CHAPTER 27 STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 61

61.1 The members of each standing committee shall be designated by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President of LFA. The chairmen, deputy chairmen and the members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of four years. Members may be reappointed and may also be relieved of their duties at any time by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President.

61.2 The Standing Committees of the LFA shall be:

- A. Finance Committee
- B. Audit and Compliance Committee
- C. Competition Committee
- D. Technical and Youth Development Committee
- E. Committee for Women's football
- F. Referees' Committee
- G. Medical Committee
- H. Committee on Security and Fair Play
- I. Legal Committee
- J. Players' Status Committee
- K. Futsal and Beach Football Committee
- L. Marketing and sponsorship Committee.
- M. Media and Communication Committee;

1. The chairperson of the standing committees shall be members of the Executive Committee with the exception for the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Legal Committee.

61.2 The chairman of the Legal Committee shall take part in the Executive Committee meetings



Without voting rights.

Article 63

The members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President of the LFA.

Article 64

Each chairperson shall represent his committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant Organization regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

Article 65

Each chairperson shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report to the Executive Committee. Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

Article 66

The functions or duties of the various Standing Committees shall be as follows:

Article 67 FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advise the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyze the budget of LFA and the financial statements prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 5 members.

Article 68 COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

68.1 The Composition of the Competition Committee shall include a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. The other members of the Committee shall be eminent individuals of the society who are interested in the development of football.

68.2 The Competitions Committee shall be responsible for organizing and controlling all matches or competitions of the LFA, in accordance with the regulation governing them.

Article 69 TECHNICAL AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This committee shall also have a Chairperson who shall be Executive Committee member. The other members of the Committee shall be eminent individuals of the society who are interested in the development of football. Its duties shall be:

- A. To develop programs geared towards the method of training teams, improving the qualification of Coaches, Instructors and Trainers. This Committee shall prepare training programs through seminars and course for improving Referees, Administrators, Medics and Coaches.
- B. To be responsible for all training and staff development programs for local and international organizations. It shall recommend to the Executive Committee individual for grants, scholarships and seminars for the development of football in Liberia.



- C. To formulate and compliment training programs for youth football development of LFA. It shall, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint a management committee for each national youth team.
- D. To program and coordinate at all football activities at the various levels of your school system including vocation land collegial competitions.

Article 70 COMMITTEE ON WOMEN’S FOOTBALL

The composition of this committee shall include a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. The other members of the Committee shall be eminent individuals of the society who are interested in the development of football. This Committee shall deal with the development, promotion and growth of Women football; and shall be responsible for the training of the national women football team(s). All training should be coordinated with the technical committee.

Article 71 REFEREE COMMITTEE

- 71.1 The Chairperson and co-chairperson of the Referee Committee shall be former FIFA referees. The Referee Committee shall consist of members of the Referee Corp. The Referee Committee shall meet once a month to review the Match Commissioners’ report on referees for decisions and further assignment making.
- 71.2 The duties of the Referee Committee shall include:
 - A. To designate referees for national and international matches; except for those international competitions whererefereesaredesignatedbytheorganizingbodiesofthosecompetitions.
 - B. To nominate and recommend list of referees to the Executive Committee for participation in national and international competitions.
 - C. To organized and conduct seminars, courses and other training programs in collaboration with the Technical Committee for the general improvement of referees.
 - D. To form a panel of lecturers who, as when necessary, shall take part in referee courses and seminars organized by LFA and other football governing bodies. E. To implement the laws of the game.



Article 72 MEDIA & COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE (M&C)

- 72.1 The Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the Media & Communication Committee shall be Executive Committee Members. The other members of the Committee shall be eminent individuals of the society who are interested in the development of football.
- 72.2 The M&C Committee shall collaborate its activities with the Secretariat of the LFA. Its duties shall include:
- A. The M&C Committee shall ensure the maintenance of relationship with other Media institutions locally and internationally in ensuring that LFA activities are known.
 - B. The M&C Committee shall publish a Quarterly bulletin and other reports, memorandum and news cutting as may from time to time be necessary.
 - C. The M&C Committee shall grant accreditation to Media institutions to attend LFA's programs, i.e., Congress, Press Conferences, Matches, etc.

Article 72A. MARKETING AND SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE (M&S)

72A.1 The Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the Marketing & Sponsorship Committee shall be Executive Committee Members. The other members of the Committee shall be eminent individuals of the society who are interested in the development of football

72A.2 The M&S Committee shall collaborate its activities with the Secretariat of the LFA. Its duties shall include:

- A. M&S Committee shall be responsible for the development and implementation of policies relating to marketing of artifact, advertisement and souvenir for the LFA.
- B. Sustenance of programs of the LFA including commercial sponsorship of the National Football Teams.

Article 73 MEDICAL COMMITTEE

The Medical Committee shall have a membership of seven (7) persons including a Chairman and a Co-Chairman. The Medical Committee shall also consist of the President of the Sports Medics Association, Liberia National Red Cross and other members who must all be Physicians. Its duties are:

- A. To act as a consultative organ to the Executive Committee for all problems concerning medicine, physiology and hygiene.
- B. To undertake studies concerning sports medical services for football with specific references to physical preparation, treatment of minor injuries, diet and nourishment.
- C. To prepare instructions and render services at local and international matches.
- D. To introduce anti-doping control measures and test players against drugs use during LFA matches.
- E. To form a group of specialists who may be invited to take part in courses or meetings organized by the LFA.



Article 74 COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND FAIR PLAY

There shall be seven (7) members of the Security and Fair Play Committee two of whom shall be Chairperson and Co-Chairperson. The other members of the Committee shall be eminent individuals of the society who are interested in the development of football. The Committee shall be responsible to:

- A. Examine all issue related to security within the vicinity of the football grounds.
- B. Find means of re-enforcing security during matches or programs held under LFA.
- C. Deal with questions concerning Fair Play and propose measures aim at promoting Fair Play.

Article 75 LEGAL COMMITTEE

- 75.1 The Legal Committee shall comprise legal experts who are interested in the development and promotion of football in the Country. The membership shall not be less than three including a Chairman and a Co-chairman. The Legal Committee shall analyze basic legal issues relating to football and the evolution of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations of FIFA, CAF, WAFU, LFA and the Member Associations.
- 75.2 The Legal Committee shall also advice the LFA on any legal matter that involves the LFA or that may come to its attention.
- 75.3 The Legal Committee shall ensure that the LFA Statutes must at all times be in confirmative with the obligations for members in the CAF and FIFA Statutes.

Article 76 AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

- 76.1 The Audit and Compliance Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the financial statements, the consolidated financial statement and the external auditors' report.
- 76.2 It shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in monitoring the Association's financial and compliance matters and issue and monitor compliance with the relevant regulations of LFA.
- 76.3 Details on the Audit and Compliance Committee's responsibilities, its internal cooperation and other procedural matters are stipulated in the relevant regulations of the Association.
- 76.4 It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and five members proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Congress for four years.
- 76.5 If the chairman, the deputy chairperson or the deputy chairperson or a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee permanently ceases to perform his official function during his term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Congress.

Article 77 PLAYERS' STATUS COMMITTEE

- 77.1 The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and determine the status of Players for various competitions of the LFA. The Executive Committee may draw up special regulations governing the Players' Status Committee's powers of jurisdiction.



77.2 The Players' Status Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and other members. Players' status disputes involving LFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents shall be settled by an Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 78 FUTSAL AND BEACH FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

The Futsal and beach football committee shall organize futsal and beach football competitions and deal with all matters relating to futsal and beach football. It shall consist of a chairman, a deputy chairman and 5 members.

Article 79 AD-HOC COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee may, if necessary, create ad-hoc committees for special duties and a limited period. The Executive Committee shall appoint a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and the members. The duties and function are defined in special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee. In addition to the special regulations drawn, the Ad-hoc committee shall report directly to the Executive Committee. The Ad-Hoc Committees shall recommend, on request, coaches and trainers to fill vacant post in staff of member associations and the national team.

Article 80 JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

- 80.1 There shall be three committees under this body and they are as follows:
- a. Disciplinary Committee
 - b. Ethics Committee
 - c. Appeals Committee
- 80.2 The responsibilities and functions of these bodies shall be stipulated in the LFA Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics.
- 80.3 The decision-making powers of other committees remain unaffected.
- 80.4 The members of the judicial bodies may not belong to any other body of LFA at the same time.
- 80.5 The judicial bodies are to be composed in such a way that the members, together, have the knowledge, abilities and specialist experience that is necessary for the due completion of their tasks. The chairpersons of the judicial bodies shall be qualified to practice law. The term of office shall be 4 years. The members may be re-elected or relieved of their duties at any time, although they may only be relieved of their duties by the Congress.
- 80.6 The chairperson, deputy chairperson and other members of the judicial bodies shall be elected by the Congress upon proposal of the Executive Committee and shall not be member of the Executive Committee or of a standing committee.
- 80.7 If the chairman, the deputy chairman or a member of a judicial body permanently ceases to perform his/her official function during his/her term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Congress.



Article 81 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 81.1 The function of the Disciplinary Committee shall be governed by the LFA Disciplinary Code. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone.
- 81.2 The Disciplinary Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the LFA Disciplinary Code on Members, Clubs, Officials, Players and match and players' agents.
- 81.3 These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.
- 81.4 The Executive Committee shall issue the Disciplinary Code of LFA

Article 82: ETHICS COMMITTEE

- 82.1 The function of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the LFA Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone.
- 82.2 The Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, the LFA Code of Ethics on Officials, Players and match and players' agents.
- 82.3 The Executive Committee shall issue the Code of Ethics of LFA.

Article 83 APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 83.1 The Appeal Committee shall consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and the number of members deemed necessary. The chairman and deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications.
- 83.2 The function of this body shall be governed by the LFA Disciplinary Code and the LFA Ethics Code. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of LFA and the Ethics Code of LFA.
- 83.3 The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee and the Ethics Committee that are not declared final by the relevant LFA regulations.
- 83.4 Decisions pronounced by the Appeal Committee shall be binding on all participants. This provision is subject to appeals lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

CHAPTER 29 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Article 84

The disciplinary measures are primarily:

A. For natural and legal persons:

1. Warning;
2. Reprimand;
3. Fine;
4. Return of a ward.



B. For natural persons:

1. Caution;
2. Expulsion;
3. Match suspension;
4. Ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes 'bench;
5. Ban from entering a stadium;
6. Ban on taking part in any football-related activity;
7. Social work

C. For legal persons:

1. Transfer ban;
2. Playing a match without spectators;
3. Playing a match on neutral territory;
4. Ban on playing in a particular stadium;
5. Annulment of the result of the match;
6. Expulsion from a competition;
7. Forfeit;
8. Deduction of points;
9. Relegation to a lower division;
10. Replaying a match

**CHAPTER 30
JURISDICTION**

Article 85 ARBITRATION

- 85.1 LFA shall create an independent Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all internal national disputes between LFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and player's agents and all the decisions taken on any of the aforementioned issues that are not declared final and binding. The Executive Committee shall draw up special regulations regarding the composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this Arbitration Tribunal.
- 85.2 As long as within the territory of Liberia no Arbitration Tribunal has been installed and recognized by the Congress of LFA, any dispute of national dimension shall be referred to the **National Dispute Resolution Council** and may only be referred in the last instance to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 85.3 The **National Dispute Resolution Council, (NDRC)** shall be an independent body set up by the Executive Committee and approved by Congress to serve as the catalyst for solving any internal disputes that arises between members of the LFA as the last internal dispute settlement.



Article 86 JURISDICTION

- 86.1 LFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and player's agents will not take any dispute to Ordinary Courts unless specifically provided for in these Statutes and CAF and FIFA regulations. Any disagreement shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of LFA, CAF, FIFA, or CAS.
- 86.2 LFA shall have jurisdiction on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to LFA. FIFA shall have jurisdiction on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to different Associations and/or Confederations.

CHAPTER 31

COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

Article 87

In accordance with the relevant FIFA Statutes provisions, any appeal against a final and binding LFA decision shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. CAS shall not, however, hear appeals on violations of the Laws of the Game, suspensions of up to four matches or up to three months, or decisions passed by an independent and duly constituted Arbitration Tribunal of an Association or Confederation.

Article 88

The LFA shall ensure its full compliance and that of its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA/CAF body or CAS.

CHAPTER 32 FISCAL YEAR

Article 89

The fiscal year of the LFA shall commence from January 1 every year to December 31. The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of the LFA with its subsidiaries as December 31.

Article 90

The revenue and expenses of the LFA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. The LFA's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.

CHAPTER 33 REVENUE

Article 91

The revenue of the LFA arises specifically from:

- A. Members' annual subscriptions;
(Membership dues- 1st division – US\$200.00, 2nd division – US\$150.00 and Upper Women division – US\$100.00)
- B. Receipts generated by the marketing rights to which the LFA is entitled;
- C. Fines imposed by the authorized bodies;
- D. FAP received from FIFA



- E. Grants received from different organizations
- F. Other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by the LFA.

CHAPTER 34 EXPENSES

Article 92

The Association bears the following expenses:

- A. The expenses stipulated in the budget;
- B. Other expenses approved by the Congress and expenses that the Executive Committee is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority;
- C. All other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by the Association.

Article 93 INDEPENDENT AND EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The independent and external auditors appointed by the Congress shall audit the accounts approved by the Finance Committee in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the Congress. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years. This mandate may be renewed.

Article 94 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

- 94.1 Membership subscriptions are due at the beginning of the calendar year.
- 94.2 The Executive Committee shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every year on the recommendation of the President. It shall be the same for every Member. It shall not be more than USD 500.

CHAPTER 35 SETTLEMENT

Article 95

The LFA may debit any Member's assets to settle claims.

CHAPTER 36 LEVIES

Article 96

The LFA may demand that a levy be paid by its Members for matches.



CHAPTER 37 ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITION AND MATCHES

Article 97

- 97.1 The Executive Committee shall organize the National, Knock-Out and Super Cup Competitions. The Winners of the National Championship and Knock-Out Competitions shall represent Liberia in Regional and Continental Inter-Club Competitions.
- 97.2 The LFA shall assist all such qualifiers in the preparation of their respective engagements. Any club wishing to engage in inter-club tournament or friendly matches in or out of Liberia shall seek the permission of the LFA. The LFA shall lead all football delegation out of Liberia.
- 97.3 The Executive Committee may delegate to LFA's subordinate Leagues the authority to organize competitions by means of a proper and comprehensive agreement. The competitions organized by the Leagues shall not interfere with those competitions organized by LFA Competitions organized by LFA shall take priority.

Article 98

The LFA shall also organize, with the support of the Government of Liberia and the Counties, the "Annual County Football Meet".

Article 99

A Club, which engages in an international competition and withdraws from said Competition shall pay all fines and undergo other penalties stipulated in the Regulations of that Competition.

CHAPTER 38 CLUB LICENSING

Article 100

- 100.1 The Executive Committee of LFA shall set up regulations regarding a club licensing system governing the participation of Clubs in competitions of LFA in compliance with the minimum requirements of the club licensing system as set up by CAF in conformity with the FIFA Club Licensing Regulations.
- 100.2 The objective of the Club licensing system is to safeguard the credibility and integrity of Club competitions, to improve the level of professionalism of LFA, to promote sporting values in accordance with the principles of fair play as well as safe and secure match environments and to promote transparency in the finances, ownership and control of Clubs.
- 100.3 LFA will proceed to the granting of licenses to the clubs according to the club licensing system setting the minimum requirements adopted by CAF for the granting of licenses.
- 100.4 The said club licensing system includes in particular:



- (a) The minimum criteria to be met by clubs in order to be allowed to take part in CAF competitions;
- (b) The procedure for granting the license to the clubs;
- (c) The minimal requirements to be applied by the licensor.
- (d)

CHAPTER 39 RIGHTS

Article 101

The Association and its Members are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law. The Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilized and draw up special regulations to this end. The Executive Committee shall alone decide whether these rights shall be utilized exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

CHAPTER 40 AUTHORIZATION

Article 102

The Association and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorizing the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects.

CHAPTER 41 CONTACTS

Article 103

The LFA shall not play matches or make sporting contacts with Associations that are not members of CAF or FIFA or with provisional members of other Confederation without the approval of FIFA.

CHAPTER 42 INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article 104

The authority for organizing international matches and competitions between Association teams and between Leagues and/or Club teams lies solely with FIFA. No match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of the FIFA Executive Committee. In addition, permission from the relevant Confederation may be required in accordance with the FIFA regulations. The Association is bound to comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.



CHAPTER 43

UNFORESEEN CONTIGENCIES AND FORCE Article 105 MAJEURE

The Executive Committee shall have the final decision on any matters not provided for in these Statutes or in cases of force majeure.

CHAPTER 44

APPROVAL

Article 106

Any member of the LFA cannot belong to another Member Association or participate in competitions on the territory of another Member Association without the authorization of LFA and the other Association and of FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

CHAPTER 45

DISSOLUTION

Article 107

- 107.1 Any decision relating to the dissolution of the LFA requires a majority of two-thirds of all of the Members of the LFA, which must be obtained at a Congress specially convened for the purpose.
- 107.2 If the LFA is dissolved, its assets shall be transferred to the Ministry of Youth and Sports. It shall hold these assets in trust as “bonus pater familiae” until the LFA are re-established. The final Congress may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of two-thirds of the quorum.
- 107.3 Clubs or any other group of clubs that are affiliated with the LFA cannot belong to another Association or participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the Authorization of the LFA and the other Association and of CAF or FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

CHAPTER 47

ENFORCEMENT

Article 108


These Statutes were adopted at the Extraordinary Congress held at the **ANTOINETTE TUBMAN STADIUM (ATS) IN MONROVIA, LIBERIA** on July 21, 2018 and take effect at the **END** of said Congress.

- Amended on 20 November 2021 at the Extraordinary Congress held at the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex in Paynesville, Liberia.
- Amended on 22 April 2022 at the Ordinary (Elective) Congress held at the Samuel Kanyon Doe Sports Complex in Paynesville, Liberia
- Amended at the 27th Ordinary Congress held at the LFA newly constructed headquarters at Swankamore Community, SKD Boulevard Road, Congo Town on Saturday, 13 May 2023

ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LFA

Date: **July 23, 2018**


Isaac T. Montgomery
GENERAL SECRETARY


Mustapha Ishola Raji
PRESIDENT



ANNEXE Transitory Provision

The Members of LFA shall fulfil all the requirements of art. 16 of these statutes by the Extraordinary Congress of 2018 subject to suspension.