



SAFA STATUTES

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SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

NOTING:

- that the first organized formation of football at National level was established in 1892;
- that the fragmentation in South African sport in general and football in particular, was caused by the policies of racial discrimination and apartheid;
- that the policies of racial discrimination and apartheid based on the ideology of white supremacy over people of colour created a situation of independent existence of the various football organizations against the wishes of the majority of the football family in the country.

ACKNOWLEDGING

- the meaningful role played by heroes and heroines of our struggle against racialism and ethnicity, and the role of non-racial organizations in particular in their attempts to unify football in South Africa.

REALISING

- the urgent need to fulfill the historic task of unifying the different football organizations in preparation for a united, democratic, indivisible and non-racial South Africa.
- the need to defend the democratic gains and to transform South African football to be in line with democratic values underpinning the South African Constitution and to be world class.

RECOGNISING a non-racial society in which: -

- all people shall be equal before the law;
- there is no oppressive interference with the rights of individuals;
- athletes/players compete equally and fairly in football;
- all shall have access to relevant, compulsory and equal education, adequate residential and recreational facilities in general and adequate housing in particular and have a universal franchise system determined by the will of the people;
- people enjoy the principles of democracy, accountability and transparency;
- all people enjoy freedom of association, freedom of movement, freedom of domicile, freedom to ownership of land, freedom to participate fully in the economy of the country and share in its wealth and live in peace, harmony and comfort.

CONFIRMING the philosophy of non-racialism to be the guiding principle in the organization and in our endeavour to enhance unity, peace and harmony in sport in our country;

- that since unification of national football structures on 23 March 1991 and re-admission to CAF and FIFA one National Football governing body was constituted;
- that the National Football Federation is part of South Africa having a new constitution which entrenches norms and values of the civilized world and a Bill of Rights;
- that the aforementioned social conditions were and still are the fundamental requirements for the entry of South African sport into the international sporting community in general, and in respect of football in particular to the FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE de FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (FIFA) and Confederation Africaine de Football (CAF), Confederation of Southern African Football Associations (COSAFA) and South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC)

RESOLVING to constitute the Members of the SOUTH AFRICAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION, SOUTH AFRICAN SOCCER FEDERATION, FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA and the SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION into an indissoluble single organization under the SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION and under the constitution hereby established to promote and control Association Football in SOUTH AFRICA and to give effect to the ideas set out in this preamble.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

DEFINITIONS

In this Statute, the Rules and Regulations, unless the context indicates otherwise,

Arbitration Tribunal: means an Arbitration Tribunal referred to in Article 71 and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) referred to in Article 73.

Absolute majority: means more than half of the entire Membership that is eligible and entitled to vote;

Annual Congress: means the Annual Congress contemplated in Article 27

Associate Member: means an associate Member contemplated by Article 10.2;

Association Football: means the game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game;

CAF: means the Confederation Africaine de Football;

CAF Statutes or **Statutes of CAF:** includes the statutes, rules and regulations of CAF;

CAS (TAS): Court of Arbitration for Sport (Tribunal Arbitral du Sport) in Lausanne (Switzerland) referred to in Article 73;

Chief Executive Officer: means the Chief Executive Officer or General Secretary contemplated by Article 66;

Club: means a Member of the Leagues affiliated to a Member or associate Member of SAFA;

Close of business: means by no later than 17h00 on weekdays (Mondays to Fridays) excluding weekends and public holidays;

Confederation: means a group of Associations recognized by FIFA;

Constitution: means these Articles of Association;

Congress: means the supreme governing and legislative body of SAFA;

Constitution of the Republic: means the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996 as amended from time to time;

COSAFSA: means the Confederation of Southern African Football Associations;

LFA: means a Local Football Association contemplated by Article 10.1.3;

Electoral Code: means the SAFA Electoral Code referred to in Article 25.12 the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference;

Electoral Committee: means the Committee referred to in Articles 25.10 – 25.12;

Executive office in SAFA: means the positions of President, Vice-Presidents, or Member of the SAFA Council;

FIFA: means the Federation Internationale de Football Association;

FIFA Statutes or Statutes of FIFA: means the statutes, rules and regulations of FIFA;

Foreign company: means a company registered outside the Republic of South Africa or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such a company or companies or a company deemed to be a foreign company in terms of the laws of the Republic of South Africa;

General Secretariat: shall mean the administrative structure of SAFA under the Chief Executive Officer as contemplated in Article 19.5;

IFAB: means the International Football Association Board;

Intermediary: a natural or legal person who, for a fee or free of charge, represents players and/or clubs in negotiations with a view to concluding an employment contract or represents clubs in negotiations with a view to concluding a transfer agreement.

League Members of the SAFA Council: means the 3Members of the SAFA Council nominated by the League and elected by Congress in terms of Article 32.1.4;

League Vice-President: means the chairperson of the League appointed in terms of Article 32.1.2;

Management Board: means the Management Board contemplated by Article 40;

Match Agent: means agents who arrange matches between teams belonging to different or the same confederations in possession of a license issued by FIFA;

Member: means a Regional Member, the Special Member or Associate Member;

Member in good standing: means a Member which has complied with all obligations imposed upon Members by the Statutes;

National Association: means a national football association affiliated to FIFA;

SAFA Council: means the SAFA Council contemplated by Article 32;

Office-bearer: means the President, a Vice-President or any other Member of the SAFA Council;

Officials: means any elected or appointed individual (including foreign nationals) who is affiliated to a Member, an Associate Member or the League and includes all SAFA Council Members, committee Members, coaches, referees and attendants as well as any other person responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at the League or Club, SAFA, CAF and FIFA ;

Ordinary Vice-President: means a Vice-President other than the League Vice-President;

Ordinary Courts: means courts of law established in terms of the laws of the Republic of South Africa and the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa;

Player: means any amateur or professional football player registered with SAFA through its Members;

Provincial Structure: means a group of Members recognized by SAFA that belong to the same geopolitical province as defined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Regional Member: means a Regional Member contemplated by Article 10.1.1;

Regulations: means Regulations made in terms of the SAFA Statutes;

Rules: means Rules made in terms of the SAFA Statutes;

S.A.S.C.O.C.: means the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee;

SAFA: means the South African Football Association;

Simple Majority: means more than half of the eligible Members who are present in a meeting, and who are entitled to vote;

Special Member: means the National Soccer League or The League (incorporating Premier Soccer League);

Standing Orders: means the set of rules used to conduct the business of a meeting using commonly accepted procedure as contemplated in the *Standing Orders for SAFA Meetings*;

Statutes: means these Articles of Association;

The League: means a Special Member of and subordinate to SAFA which is an Association of Professional Football Clubs that comprise the Special Member as contemplated by Article 10.3.

NAME, HEADQUARTERS, LEGAL FORM

ARTICLE 1

- 1.1 The Association hereby constituted shall be known as the South African Football Association and hereinafter referred to as "SAFA".
- 1.2 In this Statute, the Association is referred to as "SAFA".
- 1.3 The flag of SAFA shall consist of SAFA colours being Black, Gold and White with Green, and the emblem shall be a portrayal of a football, partly overlaid with a sphere depicting the map of South Africa.
- 1.4 The logo of SAFA shall consist of a portrayal of a football partly overlaid with a sphere depicting the map of South Africa.
- 1.5 The flag, logo and abbreviation are legally registered in accordance with the Copyright and Trademarks laws of the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.6 The area of jurisdiction of SAFA shall be throughout the Republic of South Africa.
- 1.7 The headquarters of SAFA shall be in Johannesburg at SAFA House, 76 Nasrec Road, Nasrec Extension 3, or any other address that may be chosen by the Association from time to time.
- 1.8 It is recorded that the founders of SAFA were the Soccer Association of South Africa and its professional wing, The National Soccer League; the South African Soccer Federation and its professional wing, The Federation Professional League; the South African National Football Association and its professional wing, the National Professional Soccer League, and the Football Association of South Africa.
- 1.9 The date of incorporation of SAFA is 23 March 1991.
- 1.10 SAFA is a private organization of an associative nature incorporated in accordance with the laws of the Republic of South Africa and shall be a *universitas* with full legal personality including the rights to sue and be sued in its own name and to hold property in its own name. It is formed for an unlimited period of time.
- 1.11 No Member or office-bearer of SAFA shall have any right to its assets nor incur any liability for its obligations.
- 1.12 It is recorded that SAFA is a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) in accordance with the provisions of Section 30(3) of the Income Tax Act of 1962, as amended.

AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 2

2. SAFA shall have no other objectives save for objectives provided for below and the funds be employed exclusively in the promotion of such objectives and provided further that SAFA's activities shall be limited to the Republic of South Africa. SAFA shall have the following aims and objectives:

- 2.1 to carry on the public benefit activity of administering, developing, coordinating and promoting the game of football in which the participants take part in accordance with the principles as laid down in the statutes of FIFA.
- 2.2 to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control it throughout the territory of South Africa in accordance with the principles of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;
- 2.3 to organize competitions in Association Football in all its forms, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority delegated to the various Members and Leagues of which it is composed;
- 2.4 to draw up regulations and provisions and to ensure their enforcement;
- 2.5 to protect the interests of its Members;
- 2.6 to respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of SAFA, COSAFA, CAF and FIFA as well as the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
- 2.7 to prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of Association Football;
- 2.8 to control and supervise all football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of South Africa;
- 2.9 to manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;
- 2.10 to host competitions at both National and international levels;
- 2.11 to settle disputes arising between Members or bodies or persons connected directly or indirectly with football within the jurisdiction of SAFA;
- 2.12 to raise funds by means of subscriptions, donations and from the carrying on of any business, trade or undertaking consistent with or ancillary to its objects or is calculated directly or indirectly to advance the interests of SAFA
- 2.13 to acquire and develop playing facilities including the construction of stadia;
- 2.14 to distribute monies to its Members for the protection, promotion and advancement of amateur football;
- 2.15 to affiliate to FIFA, CAF, COSAFA and SASCOC;
- 2.16 to do all such things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objective or any one of them;
- 2.17 SAFA shall have the full power and authority to do any act, matter or thing as may be required to give effect to the aims and objectives of SAFA as described herein, including, but not limited to the following powers:-
 - 2.17.1 to engage staff on the basis of a policy of fair employment and equal opportunities;

- 2.17.2 to acquire assets and enter into commitments for the promotion of its aims and objectives;
- 2.17.3 to confer honours and awards on individuals, in recognition of their contribution to football in South Africa;
- 2.17.4 to grant practical and financial assistance to individuals and organisations in order to enable them to promote ideas and concepts consistent with the objects of SAFA;
- 2.17.5 to enter into donor funding arrangements with companies or individuals and to solicit and accept fees, donations, bequests, contributions, and subscriptions for the funds of SAFA, provided however that SAFA shall ensure that no donor will derive any monetary advantage from any monies paid to and on behalf of SAFA;
- 2.17.6 to take, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire premises, equipment, vehicles, furniture and other property or assets, whether movable or immovable which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of SAFA, and in order to provide suitable equipment, accommodation and football facilities;
- 2.17.7 to improve, manage, develop, exchange or lease, mortgage, sell, dispose of, turn to account and grant options, rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with, or any part of the property and rights of SAFA;
- 2.17.8 to subscribe, grant subsidies out of, administer and invest the funds of SAFA in such manner as it may be deemed best to achieve the objects and purposes of SAFA;
- 2.17.9 to enter into such commercial or other transactions in connection with any trade or business of SAFA as may seem desirable for the purpose of SAFA's affairs;
- 2. 17.10 to borrow, or raise money in such a manner as SAFA shall deem fit, and in particular to secure payment of any money borrowed by means of mortgage, pledge, charge or lien to secure and guarantee the due performance by SAFA of any obligation or liability it may undertake;
- 2.17.11 to open and operate banking accounts and to draw, make, accept, endorse, sign, discount, execute, issue cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable instruments;
- 2.17.12 to make rules which shall not be inconsistent with the terms of this Statute. The Rules of SAFA shall have the same force and effect as if they were incorporated in the Articles of the Statutes;
- 2.17.13 to select teams for International and Representative matches at all levels and to arrange tours and to sanction matches in and regulate the transfer of players to and from the Republic of South Africa in terms of the FIFA Regulations;
- 2.17.14 to keep or cause to be kept, true accounts of all receipts, credits, payments, assets and liabilities of SAFA and all other matters necessary for showing the correct financial state of affairs of SAFA. The accounts shall be kept in such books and in such manner as the SAFA Council deems fit and to the satisfaction of the Auditors of SAFA;

- 2.17.15 to appoint auditors to audit annual accounts of SAFA;
- 2.17.16 to inquire into the administrative and/or financial affairs of Members, and, where necessary, to recommend corrective measures in this regard, and if these measures are not implemented to take over the administrative and/or financial affairs of the Member until these are placed on a satisfactory footing;
- 2.17.17 to appoint such sub-committees or commissions upon such terms as it may consider necessary to give effect to its powers;
- 2.17.18 to suspend, fine, terminate the Membership of or otherwise deal with any Member, Local Football Association, Club or individual affiliated to SAFA or any of its Members for infringing the Statutes, regulations, policies, principles or resolutions of SAFA or for engaging in acts of misconduct, improper practices, misdemeanor, acts of defiance, or for bringing SAFA into disrepute.
- 2.17.19 to establish, subscribe or carry on through any subsidiary company any activities which SAFA is authorized to carry on and to make any arrangements whatsoever with such subsidiary company as thought fit;
- 2.17.20 to aid, finance or provide consultative, managerial, administrative, technical and commercial services of all kinds for all or any part of the operations of any company which is a subsidiary company of or otherwise under the control of SAFA or in which SAFA has an interest and to make payments by way of subsidy or otherwise and any other arrangements which may be deemed desirable with respect to any business or operations of or generally with respect to any such company or companies and generally to carry on the business of a holding company

NEUTRALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

ARTICLE 3

- 3.1 SAFA is neutral in matters of politics and religion.
- 3.2 Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

PROMOTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS

ARTICLE 4

- 4.1 SAFA shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives.
- 4.2 Every person and organisation involved in the game of football is obliged to observe the Statutes, Regulations and the principles of fair play as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.
- 4.3 SAFA shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between Members, Clubs, Officials and Players affiliated to Members of SAFA.

PLAYERS

ARTICLE 5

- 5.1 The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the SAFA Council of SAFA in accordance with the current FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players.
- 5.2 Players shall be registered in accordance with the regulations of SAFA. Nothing herein contained shall preclude the League or any Member from registering players of Clubs affiliated to it in accordance with its own Rules which must not be inconsistent with SAFA and FIFA Regulations for Status and Transfer of Players.

LAWS OF THE GAME

ARTICLE 6

6. SAFA and each of its Members administer Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS

ARTICLE 7

7. The Members and Officials of SAFA must observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of CAF and of SAFA in their activities.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 8

- 8.1 The official languages of SAFA shall be all eleven (11) official languages of the Republic of South Africa. Official documents and texts shall be written in one or more of these languages. In the event of any divergence between the interpretation of texts in different languages, the text written in the language approved by Congress shall be regarded as authoritative.
- 8.2 The official language at the Congress shall be English.
- 8.3 Sign language shall be used as a medium of communication.

ADMISSION, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

ARTICLE 9

- 9.1 The Congress shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member, an Associate Member or any official.
- 9.2 Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfils the requirements of SAFA.

9.3 Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. Loss of Membership does not relieve the Member from its financial obligations towards SAFA or other Members of SAFA, but leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to SAFA or its Member.

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 10

10.1.1 The Members of SAFA are the 52 Regional Associations which exist in all South African municipal areas as defined by the Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998, as amended, and as demarcated in line with the provisions of the Municipal Demarcation Act 27 of 1998, as amended, and are the following:

(i) In the Province of Western Cape (Cape Town)

- West Coast (Malmesbury)
- Cape Winelands (Worcester)
- Overberg (Swellendam)
- Eden (George)
- Central Karoo (Beaufort West)
- Cape Town (Cape Town)

(ii) In the Province of Northern Cape (Kimberley)

- Namakwa (Springbok)
- Pixley-ka-Seme (De Aar)
- ZF Mgcawu (Upington)
- John Taolo Gaetswe (Kuruman))
- Frances Baard (Kimberley)

(iii) In the Province of Eastern Cape (Bisho)

- Cacadu (Grahamstown)
- Amathole (King William's town)
- Chris Hani (Queenstown)
- Joe Gqabi (Aliwal North)

- O R Tambo (Mthatha)
 - Alfred Nzo (Mount Ayliff)
 - Nelson Mandela Bay (Port Elizabeth)
 - Buffalo City(East London)
- (iv) In the Province of Free State (Bloemfontein)
- Xhariep (Trompsburg)
 - Mangaung Metropolitan (Bloemfontein)
 - Lejweleputswa (Welkom)
 - Thabo Mofutsanyana (Phuthaditjhaba)
 - Fezile Dabi (Kroonstad)
- (v) In the Province of Kwazulu-Natal (Pietermaritzburg)
- Ugu (Port Shepstone)
 - uMgungundlovu (Pietermaritzburg)
 - uThukela (Ladysmith)
 - uMzinyathi (Dundee)
 - Amajuba (Newcastle)
 - Zululand (Ulundi)
 - uMkhanyakude (Big Five)
 - King Cetshwayo(Richards Bay)
 - iLembe (Kwa Dukuza)
 - Harry Gwala/Sisonke (Ixopo)
 - eThekwini (Durban)
- (vi) In the Province of Mpumalanga (Nelspruit)
- Gert Sibande (Secunda)

- Nkangala (Witbank)
 - Ehlanzeni (Nelspruit)
- (vii) In the Province of Limpopo (Polokwane)
- Mopani (Giyani)
 - Vhembe (Thohoyandou)
 - Capricorn (Polokwane)
 - Waterberg (Modimolle)
 - Sekhukhune (Jane Furse)
- (viii) In the Province of North West (Mahikeng)
- Bojanala (Rustenburg)
 - Ngaka Modiri Molema (Mahikeng)
 - Dr Ruth Segomotso Mompati (Vryburg)
 - Dr Kenneth Kaunda (Klerksdorp)
- (ix) In the Province of Gauteng (Johannesburg)
- Sedibeng (Vereeniging)
 - Johannesburg (Johannesburg)
 - Ekurhuleni (Germiston)
 - Tshwane (Tshwane)
 - West Rand (Randfontein)

10.1.2 Each regional Member must be a representative unit for amateur football within its respective region.

10.1.3 Where the footballing activities of a regional Member are organized at local level, the Statutes of the relevant regional Member shall provide for recognition and representation of the Local Football Associations which are representative units of respective localities in accordance with the relevant boundaries and shall set out the powers of such Local Football Associations.

10.2 Associate Members

10.2.1 The following associations are recognized as Associate Members:

- 10.2.1.1 South African Football Medical Association
- 10.2.1.2 University Sport South Africa (Football)
- 10.2.1.3 South African Football Coaches Association
- 10.2.1.4 South African National Defence Force Football Association
- 10.2.1.5 South African Masters Football Association
- 10.2.1.6 South African Industrial Football League
- 10.2.1.7 South African Deaf Football Association
- 10.2.1.8 South African Intellectually Impaired Football Association
- 10.2.1.9 South African Indoor Football Association
- 10.2.1.10 South African Police Service Football Association

10.2.2 SAFA may confer recognition on an Associate Member provided that such Associate Member has obtained 60% representation within the SAFA Provincial Structures and further provided such Associate Member has been admitted as such by at least 6 out of 9 Provincial Structures. SAFA reserves the right to submit names of such Associate Members to the Annual Congress or Extraordinary Congress for recognition.

10.2.3 SAFA may, by a majority vote taken at Congress or an Extraordinary Congress convened, inter alia, for this purpose, grant associate Membership status to any other association operating at a national level provided that no associate Membership shall be granted to an association with the same aims and objectives as SAFA.

10.2.4 SAFA may, by a two-thirds majority vote taken solely for this purpose, withdraw its recognition of any Associate Member contemplated in Article 10.2.1, in which event the relevant association will cease, forthwith, to be an associate Member of SAFA.

10.2.5 In matters of mutual interest, SAFA and any Members may enter into a written agreement covering issues such as a joint liaison committee, communication, leagues whether national or otherwise, compensation, levies, disputes, referees, coaches and such other matters as deemed necessary from time to time.

10.3 The Special Member

10.3.1 The National Soccer League, incorporating the Premier Division and the National First Division shall be a Special Member and shall hereafter be referred to as "the League" as defined in the FIFA Statutes.

- 10.3.2 Subject to Articles 12, 13 and 17 the rights, powers and obligations of the National Soccer League shall be as set out in this Statutes and in the NSL Handbook (“the Constitution and Rules”) or any amendment thereof approved by SAFA.

REQUEST AND PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ARTICLE 11

- 11.1 The procedure for admission of Members may be regulated by special regulations approved by the SAFA Council of SAFA
- 11.2 The application must be in writing and accompanied by the following mandatory items:
- 11.2.1 a copy of its legally valid statutes and regulations;
 - 11.2.2 a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of SAFA, COSAFA, CAF and FIFA and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs, Officials and Players;
 - 11.2.3 a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force;
 - 11.2.4 a declaration that it recognizes the judicial bodies of SAFA and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as specified in these Statutes;
 - 11.2.5 a declaration that it is located and registered in the Republic of South Africa;
 - 11.2.6 a declaration that it will play all official home matches in the territory of SAFA;
 - 11.2.7 a list of Officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - 11.2.8 a declaration that it undertakes to organize or participate in friendly matches only with the prior written consent of SAFA;
 - 11.2.9 a copy of the minutes of its last congress or constitutional meeting;
- 11.3 This article shall not affect the status of existing Members
- 11.4 The SAFA Council shall request the Congress at its sole discretion either to admit or not to admit an applicant. The applicant may state the reasons for its application to the Congress.
- 11.5 The new Member shall acquire Membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.

MEMBERS’ RIGHTS

ARTICLE 12

- 12.1 The Members of SAFA have the following rights:
- 12.1.1 to take part in the Congress of SAFA, to know its agenda in advance, to be called to attend the Congress within the prescribed time and to exercise their voting rights;
 - 12.1.2 to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
 - 12.1.3 to nominate candidates for all bodies of SAFA to be elected;

- 12.1.4 to be informed of the affairs of SAFA through the official bodies of SAFA;
 - 12.1.5 to take part in competitions and/or other sports activities organised by SAFA;
 - 12.1.6 to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of SAFA.
- 12.2 The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable Regulations.

MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS

ARTICLE 13

- 13.1 The Members of SAFA have the following obligations:
- 13.1.1 to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF and SAFA at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
 - 13.1.2 to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies;
 - 13.1.3 to take part in competitions and other sports activities organised by SAFA;
 - 13.1.4 to pay their Membership subscriptions;
 - 13.1.5 to respect the Laws of the Game as laid down by IFAB and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members through a provision in the Constitution / Statutes of such a Member;
 - 13.1.6 to adopt a clause in its constitution/ Statutes specifying that any dispute requiring adjudication involving itself or one of its Members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of the Member, SAFA, CAF and FIFA shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the appropriate dispute resolution Tribunal of the Member, SAFA, CAF or FIFA and that any recourse to ordinary Courts is prohibited subject to Article 70.5;
 - 13.1.7 to communicate to SAFA any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its Officials or persons who are authorised signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
 - 13.1.8 not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognised by SAFA, FIFA or CAF; or with Members that have been suspended or expelled;
 - 13.1.9 to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play through a statutory provision;
 - 13.1.10 to observe the mandatory items specified under Article 11.2 for the duration of their affiliation;
 - 13.1.11 to administer a register of Members which shall be regularly updated and make such register available to SAFA at all times;
 - 13.1.12 to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, CAF and SAFA.
- 13.2 Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanction provided for in this Statute.

SUSPENSION

ARTICLE 14

- 14.1 Only the Congress may suspend a Member. However, the SAFA Council may suspend a Member that seriously violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the SAFA Council has lifted it in the meantime. Provided that nothing herein contained shall preclude the SAFA Council from suspending any Member pending an investigation or Disciplinary Inquiry.
- 14.2 A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by a simple majority of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.
- 14.3 During the period of suspension, 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.
- 14.4 Members that do not participate in the activities of SAFA for three (3) consecutive years 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.

EXPULSION

ARTICLE 15

- 15.1 The Congress may expel a Member or a person, if:
- 15.1.1 it fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards SAFA;
 - 15.1.2 it seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, CAF or SAFA;
- 15.2 The presence of an absolute majority of eligible Members entitled to vote at the Congress is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a two-third majority of the valid votes cast.

RESIGNATION

ARTICLE 16

- 16.1 A Member may resign from SAFA with effect from the end of the season applicable to the Member. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat no later than three (3) months before the end of the season applicable for that Member.
- 16.2 The resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards SAFA and the other Members of SAFA.

STATUS OF CLUBS, LEAGUES, REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SUBORDINATE STATUS OF MEMBERS AND OTHER GROUPS

ARTICLE 17

- 17.1 The League, Regional Associations, Associate Members or any other groups of Members affiliated to SAFA shall be subordinate to and recognised by SAFA. This Statute defines the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these Members and groups. Their statutes and regulations must be ratified by the Management Board or the SAFA Council of SAFA, as the case may be.
- 17.2 The affiliated clubs and Members of SAFA shall take all decisions on any matters regarding their Membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of their corporate structure.
- 17.3 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 jeopardised.
- 17.4 Members shall be subordinate to SAFA and must comply with this Statute, the Regulations and any directive issued by SAFA.
- 17.5 No amendments to the Statutes, Rules or Regulations of any Member shall be of any force and effect and until the SAFA Council of SAFA has ratified it.
- 17.6 No provision of the Statutes or Rules or Regulations of a Member or any amendment thereof which conflicts with a provision of this Statute, the Statutes of CAF or FIFA shall be of any force and effect until ratified by the Management Board or the SAFA Council, as the case may be.

HONORARY PRESIDENTS AND HONORARY MEMBERS

ARTICLE 18

- 18.1 The Congress may confer the titles of Honorary President or Honorary Member upon a person or persons who has/have rendered meritorious service to SAFA.
- 18.2 The SAFA Council shall make these nominations.
- 18.3 The Honorary President or Honorary Member may attend and participate in Congress. They may participate in the debates but are not entitled to vote.
- 18.4 The Honorary Members shall not be obliged to attend meetings of the SAFA Council.

BODIES OF SAFA

ARTICLE 19

The bodies of SAFA shall be the following:

- 19.1 Congress which is the supreme and legislative body of SAFA.

- 19.2 The SAFA Council which is the executive body of SAFA.
- 19.3 The Management Board contemplated in article 40 below.
- 19.4 Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the SAFA Council in fulfilling its duties. Their duties, composition and function are defined in these Statutes and/or special regulations drawn up by the SAFA Council.
- 19.5 The General Secretariat which is the administrative body of SAFA.
- 19.6 The judicial bodies are the National Disciplinary Committee, the National Appeal Board and the Ethics and Fair Play Committee.
- 19.7 The bodies of SAFA shall be either elected or appointed by SAFA itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in this Statute.
- 19.8 Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) of the Provincial Structure.

SAFA PROVINCIAL STRUCTURE

ARTICLE 19A

19 A (1) Members that belong to the same geopolitical province as defined have formed the following provincial structures, which are recognised by SAFA:

- (a) the Province of the Western Cape;
- (b) the Province of the Northern Cape;
- (c) the Province of the Eastern Cape;
- (d) the Province of the Free State;
- (e) the Province of KwaZulu-Natal;
- (f) the Province of Mpumalanga;
- (g) the Province of Limpopo;
- (h) the Province of North West;
- (i) the Province of Gauteng.

19 A (2) Each provincial structure shall have the following rights and obligations:

- (a) to comply with and enforce compliance with the Statutes, Regulations and decisions of SAFA;
- (b) to work closely with SAFA in every domain so as to achieve the objectives stipulated in Article 2 and to organise provincial competitions;
- (c) to organise its own inter-regional competitions, in compliance with the SAFA National Match calendar;

- (d) to organise its own inter-regional competitions, particularly youth competitions, in compliance with the SAFA National Match calendar;
- (e) to ensure that inter-regional Leagues or any other such groups of clubs or Leagues shall not be formed without its consent, and the approval of SAFA;
- (f) at the request of SAFA, to grant Associate Members applying for Membership the status of an Associate Member. This status shall grant the Associate Member the right to participate in the activities in the provincial structure, and to attend its conferences and meetings;
- (g) to appoint Members of the Provincial Executive Committee (“PEC”) to which they are entitled in compliance with the SAFA Statutes;
- (h) to propose one (1) candidate for the office of the SAFA Council (“SAFA Council”) based on proposals from its Members;
- (i) to nurture relations and co-operation with SAFA actively and constructively for the good of the game through consultative meetings and to discuss and resolve any problems relating to the interests of the provincial structure and SAFA;
- (j) to ensure that the representatives appointed to SAFA bodies or elected to the SAFA Council carry out their activities on these bodies with mutual respect, solidarity, recognition and fair play;
- (k) to set up Committees that work closely with the corresponding Committees of SAFA;
- (l) with the mutual co-operation of SAFA, to take any action considered necessary to develop the game of football in the province concerned such as arranging development programmes, courses, conferences, etc;
- (m) to set up the bodies necessary to fulfill the duties incumbent upon it;
- (n) to procure the funds necessary to fulfill its duties.

19 A (3) The SAFA Council may delegate other duties or powers to the provincial structures. To this end, SAFA may conclude an appropriate agreement with each of the provincial structures concerned.

19 A (4) The provincial structures’ Statutes and Regulations shall be submitted to SAFA for approval.

CONGRESS

ARTICLE 20

Definition and Composition of the Congress

- 20.1 The Congress represents the supreme and legislative authority of SAFA. It is the meeting at which all of the Members of SAFA formally convene. Only a Congress that is properly convened has the authority to make decisions.
- 20.2 A Congress may be an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.
- 20.3 The President shall conduct the Congress business in compliance with the standing orders of the Congress.
- 20.4 The Congress may appoint observers who take part in the Congress without the right to debate or to vote.
- 20.5 The Honorary Presidents or Honorary Members may take part in the Congress. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

DELEGATES AND VOTES

ARTICLE 21

- 21.1 The Congress is composed of a number of delegates allocated as follows:
- 21.1.1 Each Regional Association shall be entitled to three (3) delegates and with four (4) votes. Each Regional Association may either mandate their three (3) delegates to exercise its four (4) votes collectively, alternatively, to abstain from voting.
 - 21.1.2 The League shall be entitled to six (6) delegates and with six (6) votes. The League may either mandate their (6) delegates to exercise its six (6) votes collectively, alternatively, to abstain from voting;
 - 21.1.3 Each Associate Member shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and with one (1) vote each. Each Associate Member may either mandate their two (2) delegates to exercise their one (1) vote collectively, alternatively, to abstain from voting.
- 21.2 Delegates must be accredited by the Member that they represent having been either appointed or elected by that Member. Written proof of appointment or election must be provided upon written request.
- 21.3 Only accredited delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- 21.4 The Members of the SAFA Council may participate in the Congress and are entitled to vote. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude them from eligibility for re-election.
- 21.5 During their terms of office, Members of the SAFA Council may not be appointed as delegates for their regional associations or any other Member of SAFA.

21.6 The Chief Executive Officer may participate in the Congress, but may not vote.

CONGRESS' AREAS OF AUTHORITY

ARTICLE 22

22. The Congress has the following authority:

- 22.1 adopting or amending the Statutes, Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress;
- 22.2 approving the Minutes of the last meeting;
- 22.3 electing the President and Members of the SAFA Council, and to confirm those nominated by the League;
- 22.4 appointing the scrutineers;
- 22.5 approving the SAFA Council report;
- 22.6 appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the SAFA Council;
- 22.7 fixing the Membership subscriptions;
- 22.8 deciding, upon the nomination of the SAFA Council, whether to confer the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member upon any person;
- 22.9 admitting, suspending or expelling a Member, Special Member or Associate Member;
- 22.10 revoking the mandate of one or a number of Members of a body of SAFA;
- 22.11 dissolving SAFA;
- 22.12 passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with this Statute;
- 22.13 approving the annual financial statements.

QUORUM OF THE CONGRESS

ARTICLE 23

- 23.1 A Quorum of the Congress shall be 50% plus 1 of the Members who are in good standing and who are entitled to vote.
- 23.2 In the event of a quorum not being present sixty (60) minutes after a proposed time of commencement of the Congress, the Congress will be postponed the same day until two (2) weeks later, and at such postponed date whoever shall be present shall then constitute a quorum and the Congress will proceed.
- 23.3 A quorum is not required for the second (postponed) meeting unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the SAFA Statutes or the election of the President, the vice-Presidents and any Member of the SAFA Council, the dismissal of one or a number of Members of a body of SAFA, the expulsion of a Member of SAFA or the dissolution of SAFA.

DECISIONS OF THE CONGRESS

ARTICLE 24

- 24.1 Unless otherwise stipulated in these Statutes, a simple majority of the accredited Members in good standing who are entitled to vote is sufficient for a vote to be valid. The number of valid votes counted shall decide the majority. Spoilt or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority.
- 24.2 A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. In the event that voting by 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.

ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 25

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

- 25.1 Subject to the provisions of this Article, the election of office-bearers shall be by vote of Accredited delegates and office-bearers present at a Quadrennial Congress of SAFA.
- 25.2 Any person, except the Chairperson of The League shall be eligible for election as President, or Member of the Council provided that such person is nominated by a Member in good standing and complies with the eligibility provisions of the SAFA Electoral Code.
- 25.3 Each Member and office-bearer present at the elective Congress shall have a vote which shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of Article 21 in any election of office bearers, provided that no delegate shall be entitled to vote unless the Member which he/she represents is a Member in good standing and the vote to be cast represents the duly mandated position of the Member on whose behalf the vote is to be cast.
- 25.4 Any Member in good standing shall be entitled to submit nominations for the position of President and the National List of candidates for election to the SAFA Council.
- 25.5 Only Regional Members in good standing shall be entitled to submit nominations from their Province to the Provincial List of candidates for election.
- 25.6 Sixty (60) days prior to the date of the elective Congress the Chief Executive Officer shall distribute nomination forms to Members per registered post duly certified.
- 25.7 Members shall submit the original nomination forms either by registered post duly certified or by hand duly acknowledged to SAFA's auditor such that they are received at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the elective Congress. The closing date and time shall be specified in a circular distributed by the Chief Executive Officer with the nomination forms.
- 25.8 No nomination form will be accepted by SAFA unless:-
- 25.8.1 the nomination form is signed by the President/Chairperson and the Secretary of the Member submitting the nomination; and

- 25.8.2 the nominee has submitted to the auditors his/her signed acceptance of the nomination on the form provided for this purpose, or in a copy or facsimile thereof, and this signed acceptance has been received by the auditor at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the elective Congress.
- 25.9 The onus shall be on the Member concerned to ensure that nominations and acceptances are received by the auditors on or before the closing date.
- 25.10 Within seven (7) days after the closing date for nominations, the auditor shall submit a list of those persons duly nominated to the Chief Executive Officer who shall forward the list to the SAFA Electoral Committee for approval. The original nomination forms shall be retained by the auditors.
- 25.11 Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of nominations from the auditors, the Chief Executive Officer shall send the list of nominations as received from the auditors and approved by the Electoral Committee to all Members along with the agenda for the elective Congress.
- 25.12 The Chairperson of the Electoral Committee and Members of the Committee will conduct the elections in accordance with the provisions of the SAFA Electoral Code.
- 25.13 Should there be fewer nominations for a post than there are vacancies to be filled, nominations may be made from the floor. In such event no nomination will be accepted unless the nominee in question is present at the elective Congress and indicates his/her willingness to accept nomination.
- 25.14 The first person to be elected shall be the President. Should only one nomination be received the candidate shall be declared duly elected unless delegates drawn from at least four (4) Members request a ballot. In such event, delegates shall vote either "for" or "against" the candidate. Should the candidate not poll a majority of the votes, fresh nominations shall be taken from the floor. Where more than one nomination is received, the election shall take place by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the outgoing President (or if he/she is a candidate, an outgoing Office Bearer nominated for this purpose by the outgoing SAFA Council) shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her deliberative vote.
- 25.15 Following the election of the President, the President shall announce the names of the Chairperson of the League as the fourth SAFA Vice-President and the three (3) Members nominated by the League for election to the Council as contemplated in Article 32.1.5.
- 25.16 Thereafter, thirteen (13) Council Members as provided for under Article 32.1.4 below shall be elected from the National List.
- 25.16.1 Should only thirteen (13) nominations be received and such nominations are in accordance with the provisions of Article 32.1.4, the candidates shall be declared duly elected. Should the National List not comply with the provisions of Article 32.1.4, then an election must be held.
- 25.16.2 The election will be determined by means of a ballot with the thirteen (13) candidates polling the highest number of votes being elected to the position of Council Member and the provisions shall be adhered to.

- 25.16.3 Delegates may vote for a maximum of thirteen (13) candidates, but may vote for fewer than thirteen (13).
- 25.16.4 In the event of a tie, a second round of voting will be held between those candidates who are tied only.
- 25.17 Thereafter the President shall announce the names of the Provincial Candidates nominated by the Provincial Congresses in terms of the respective Provincial Statutes and in compliance with Article 32.1.6 of this Statute.
- 25.18 Should any dispute relating to an election arise during the meeting, the electoral Committee shall rule thereon, and its ruling shall be final and may not be challenged by any candidate, delegate or Member.
- 25.19 Subject to the provisions of this Article, Office Bearers hold office until their successors have been elected at an elective Congress.
- 25.20 Should the office of any Member of the Council become vacant, the remaining Members of the SAFA Council shall have the power to co-opt a Member in his or her place in terms of Article 32.1 of this Statute until the next Quadrennial elective Congress, provided that should the office of the President become vacant, the SAFA Council shall, at its next meeting, elect one of the (3) Ordinary Vice-Presidents, other than the League Vice-President, to act as President until the next Ordinary Congress.
- 25.21 Should the office of any Member of the SAFA Council become vacant, the remaining Members of the SAFA Council shall have the power to co-opt a Member in his place until the next Quadrennial elective Congress provided that should the office of the President become vacant, the SAFA Council shall, at its next meeting, elect one of the three (3) ordinary Vice-Presidents other than the League Vice President to act as President until the next Ordinary Congress.
- 25.22 At any Ordinary Congress which is not an elective Congress, elections will be held to fill offices that are vacant. Candidates for such elections may be nominated only in accordance with the nomination procedures of this Article. In each category of Office Bearer in respect of which there are vacancies, delegates may vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies with the required number of candidates who obtain the highest number of votes in the first round of voting being elected. In the event of a tie, the tie-break mechanisms set out in this Article for the relevant category of Office Bearer will apply.
- 25.23 The President, Council Members, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operations Officer and Chief Finance Officer shall not serve on the Executive body of any Member.

ORDINARY CONGRESS/AND POLICY CONGRESS

ARTICLE 26

- 26.1 The Ordinary Congress shall be held once a year.
- 26.2 The SAFA Council shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least 90 calendar days in advance.

- 26.3 Subject to Article 27.3, the formal convocation shall be made in writing at least thirty (30) calendar days before the date of the Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the SAFA Council's activity report, the financial statements and the auditors' report, the minutes of the last Congress and any other relevant documents.
- 26.4 All delegates of Members in good standing shall be entitled to speak at any General Meeting of SAFA;
- 26.5 The following, if present, shall be entitled to vote:-
- 26.5.1 delegates appointed by each Member in good standing.
- 26.6 Policy Congress shall be held once a year and the provisions set out above for Ordinary Congress shall mutatis mutandis apply.

ORDINARY CONGRESS AGENDA/ AND POLICY CONGRESS

ARTICLE 27

ORDINARY CONGRESS

- 27.1. The Chief Executive Officer shall, by registered post or telefax or email, give all Members at least ninety (90) days advance notice of the date of the Ordinary Congress, which date shall be determined by the SAFA Council and shall ordinarily be a date no later than the end of November.
- 27.2. If, by 30 June in any year, no date for an Ordinary Congress has been fixed by the SAFA Council, any Member may by written notice to the Chief Executive Officer nominate a date for the Ordinary Congress between 100 and 120 days away, and the SAFA Council shall convene the Ordinary Congress for the date nominated in the first such notice s/he receives.
- 27.3 The Chief Executive Officer shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the SAFA Council and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer in writing, with a brief explanation, by close of business at least thirty (30) days before the date of Congress.
- 27.4 Motions to an Ordinary Congress shall be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer of SAFA in writing per registered post and/or telefax or by email by the close of business not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such Ordinary Congress. The Chief Executive Officer of SAFA shall circulate all motions submitted to him/her together with the agenda for the Meeting and the audited financial statements of SAFA to all Members per registered post and/or telefax or by email not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Ordinary Congress.
- 27.5 Members must forward in writing to the Chief Executive Officer the names of the delegates who will represent them at the Annual Congress. Unless such confirmation is received by the Chief Executive Officer at least seven (7) days before the meeting, the delegates in question will not be accredited and will not be entitled to participate in the meeting;
- 27.6 The Ordinary Congress may on good cause shown condone any non-compliance with the time limits set out in this Article.
- 27.7 The following business will be considered at each Annual Congress:-

- 27.7.1 The Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items:
- 27.7.1.1 Declaration that the Ordinary Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of SAFA;
 - 27.7.1.2 Approval of the agenda;
 - 27.7.1.3 An address by the President;
 - 27.7.1.4 Appointment of Members to check the minutes
 - 27.7.1.5 Appointment of scrutineers
 - 27.7.1.6 Suspension or expulsion of Members (if applicable);
 - 27.7.1.7 Dismissal of a Member or a person (if applicable);
 - 27.7.1.8 Approval of the minutes of the preceding Congress;
 - 27.7.1.9 SAFA Council's activity report (containing the activities since the last Congress);
 - 27.7.1.10 Presentation and approval of the consolidated Annual Financial Statements and reports of the Auditors for the previous year.
 - 27.7.1.11 Presentation of the budget
 - 27.7.1.12 Admission for Membership (if applicable);
 - 27.7.1.13 Votes on proposals for amendments to the Statutes, the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress (if applicable);
 - 27.7.1.14 Discussion of items proposed by the SAFA Council of SAFA or the Members of SAFA as contemplated in Article 27.4;
 - 27.7.1.15 Appointment of independent auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the SAFA Council;
 - 27.7.1.16 Election of the President and Members of the SAFA Council (if applicable);
 - 27.7.1.17 any further items proposed by the Members or the SAFA Council (if applicable)
- 27.7.2 The agenda of an Ordinary Congress may be altered, provided two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present at the Congress and eligible to vote, agree to such a motion.
- 27.7.3 The Congress shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.
- 27.8 The Agenda for the Policy Congress shall be determined by the SAFA Council and the provisions regarding notices, motions etc shall mutatis mutandis be those set out for Ordinary Congress.

EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

ARTICLE 28

- 28.1 The SAFA Council may convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time.
- 28.2 The SAFA Council shall convene an Extraordinary Congress if one third (1/3) of the Members of SAFA make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda.

An extraordinary Congress shall be held within three months of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened, the Members who requested it may convene the Congress themselves. As a last resort, the Members may request assistance from FIFA.

- 28.3 The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least 30 calendar days before the date of an Extraordinary Congress.
- 28.4 When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the SAFA Council, 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.
- 28.5 The agenda of the Extraordinary Congress may not be altered.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES, REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE APPLICATION OF THE STATUTES AND THE STANDING ORDERS
OF THE CONGRESS**

ARTICLE 29

- 29.1 The Congress is responsible for amending the Statutes, the *Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes* and the *Standing Orders of the Congress*.
- 29.2 Any proposals for an amendment to the Constitution must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the SAFA Council.
- 29.3 A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted only if two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.
- 29.4 When considering an amendment to the Statutes, regulations and standing orders of the Congress, it shall be competent to adopt an amendment to such amendment.
- 29.5 The text of all amendments to the Statutes shall be forwarded to all Members and submitted to the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service within 30 (thirty) days of it having been approved by Congress.
- 29.6 Any proposal to amend the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the general secretariat by a Member or by the SAFA Council.
- 29.7 A proposal for an amendment to the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress shall be adopted only if a simple majority of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

MINUTES

ARTICLE 30

- 30.1 The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible to oversee the recording and the preparation of the minutes at the Congress. The minutes shall be checked by those Members designated and shall be approved at the next Congress.
- 30.2 The Chief Executive Officer shall distribute the minutes of the Congress within 30 days after the date of the Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF DECISIONS

ARTICLE 31

31. Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect for the Members immediately after the close of the Congress, unless the Congress fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

SAFA COUNCIL

ARTICLE 32

32. Composition
- 32.1 The Council shall consist of the following Members:
- 32.1.1 President;
 - 32.1.2 Vice President, who is the Chairperson of the League;
 - 32.1.3 Three (3) Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be a woman, appointed by the Council from the National List Members as provided for under Article 32.1.4 below;
 - 32.1.4 Thirteen (13) National List Members elected by the SAFA Congress from the National List, at least three (3) of whom shall be women;
 - 32.1.5 Three (3) Members nominated by National Soccer League;
 - 32.1.6 Eighteen (18) Provincial Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons, two (2) per Province, elected in terms of the respective Provincial Statutes.
- 32.2 The President and the Members of the SAFA Council shall be elected by the Congress. Every candidate in the election of the SAFA Council must be proposed by at least one Member or be submitted by the Special Member, as the case may be.
- 32.3 The mandate of the President, Vice-Presidents and Members of the SAFA Council is for four (4) years. They may be re-elected.
- 32.4 The Members of the SAFA Council shall have been active in football, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence and sentenced to a period of imprisonment without the option of a fine and have residency within the territory of the Republic of South Africa.

- 32.5 The official list of candidates must be sent to the Members of SAFA along with the agenda for the Congress at which the SAFA Council will be elected as contemplated in Article 25.11.
- 32.6 A Member of the SAFA Council may not at the same time be a Member of a judicial body of SAFA.
- 32.7 Should a position become vacant, the SAFA Council shall fill that position until the next Ordinary Congress, when a replacement will be elected for the remaining period of the mandate.

MEETINGS OF THE SAFA COUNCIL

ARTICLE 33

- 33.1 The SAFA Council shall meet at least once a quarter.
- 33.2 The Chief Executive Officer shall convene the SAFA Council meetings in consultation with the President. Should 50% of the SAFA Council Members request a meeting, the Chief Executive Officer shall convene it within twenty-one (21) calendar days of such request.
- 33.3 The Chief Executive Officer shall compile the agenda in consultation with the President. Each Member of the SAFA Council is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The Members of the SAFA Council must submit the items they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the Chief Executive Officer at least 14 calendar days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the Members of the SAFA Council at least seven calendar days before the meeting.
- 33.4 The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer shall participate in the meetings of the SAFA Council but shall not have the right to vote.
- 33.5 The meetings of the SAFA Council shall not be held in public. The SAFA Council 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 SAFA Council.
- 33.6 The SAFA Council shall approve a meetings calendar of the various standing and other committees appointed by the SAFA Council.

POWERS OF THE SAFA COUNCIL

ARTICLE 34

- 34.1 The SAFA Council:
- 34.1.1 shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress or are not exclusively reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;
 - 34.1.2 shall prepare and convene the Annual, Policy and Extraordinary Congresses of SAFA;
 - 34.1.3 shall appoint the chairperson, deputy chairperson and Members of the standing committees;

- 34.1.4 shall recommend to the Congress the chairperson, deputy chairperson and Members of the judicial bodies;
- 34.1.5 may decide to set up ad-hoc committees, if necessary at any time;
- 34.1.6 shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
- 34.1.7 shall appoint or dismiss the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operations Officer and Chief Finance Officer based on necessary professional qualifications applicable law and the principles of corporate governance;
- 34.1.8 shall propose the independent auditors to the Congress;
- 34.1.9 shall decide the place and dates of and the number of teams participating in the competitions of SAFA;
- 34.1.10 shall appoint the coaches for the representative teams and other technical staff including Heads of Delegation;
- 34.1.11 shall approve regulations stipulating how SAFA shall be organised internally;
- 34.1.12 shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;
- 34.1.13 may dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of SAFA provisionally until the next Congress;
- 34.1.14 may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of SAFA or third parties;
- 34.1.15 may give strategic direction to the policies of the Association;
- 34.1.16 approves the financial statements;
- 34.1.17 approves the budget;

DECISIONS OF THE SAFA COUNCIL

ARTICLE 35

- 35.1 SAFA Council shall not engage in valid debate unless the absolute majority (50%+1) of its Members are present. Once the SAFA Council meets the quorum at the commencement of the meeting, all decisions taken by the meeting shall be valid and binding.
- 35.2 The SAFA Council shall reach decisions by a simple 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.
- 35.3 Any Member of the SAFA Council must withdraw from the debate and from taking a decision if there is any risk of a conflict of interests.
- 35.4 The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 35.5 The decisions taken by the SAFA Council shall come into effect immediately unless the SAFA Council decides otherwise.

DISMISSAL OF PERSON OR BODY

ARTICLE 36

- 36.1 The Congress may dismiss a person or body. The SAFA Council may place the dismissals of a person or body on the agenda for the Congress. The SAFA Council may also dismiss a person or body provisionally for a period of not longer than three (3) months. SAFA Council or any Member may submit a proposal to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda of the SAFA Council or Congress
- 36.2 The motion for dismissal must be justified in writing and sent to the Members of SAFA along with the agenda.
- 36.3 The person or body in question may attend the Congress and has the right to speak in his/her or its defence.
- 36.4 If the motion for dismissal is upheld, the Congress or SAFA Council 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.
- 36.5 The person or body dismissed (provisionally) must be relieved of his/her or its functions with immediate effect.

PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 37

- 37.1 The President represents SAFA legally.
- 37.2 He/She is primarily responsible for:
- 37.2.1 monitoring the implementation of the decisions passed by the Congress and the SAFA Council through the Chief Executive Officer/General Secretary;
 - 37.2.2 ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of SAFA in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes;
 - 37.2.3 overseeing the work of the Chief Executive Officer;
 - 37.2.4 promoting good relations between SAFA and its Members, FIFA, CAF, political bodies and other organisations.
- 37.3 The President may in consultation with the SAFA Council propose the appointment or dismissal of the Chief Executive Officer/General Secretary, Chief Operations Officer and Chief Finance Officer.
- 37.4 The President shall preside over the Congress, the SAFA Council, Management Board meetings and those committees of which he/she has been appointed chairperson.
- 37.5 The President shall have an ordinary vote on the SAFA Council and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote.

- 37.6 If the President is absent or unavailable, a Vice President shall be appointed as Acting President, and shall enjoy the same powers as the President.
- 37.7 Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organisation regulations of SAFA;
- 37.8 Performs other responsibilities assigned by the SAFA Council.
- 37.9 The President shall not be an owner or have any interest financial or otherwise in any Football Club under the jurisdiction of SAFA.

CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 38

- 38.1 The President shall be elected by Congress for period of four (4) years. His/Her mandate shall begin after the end of the Congress which has elected him. A President may be re-elected.
- 38.2 For the election of the President, 2/3 of the votes recorded and valid are necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite ballot, an absolute majority of the votes recorded (50%+1) is sufficient. If there are more than two candidates, the candidate that obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated from the second ballot until only two candidates are left.
- 38.3 Only Members of SAFA may propose candidates for the office of the President. Members shall notify the general secretariat (or its appointed agent for this purpose) in writing of the name of a candidate at least 30 calendar days before the date of the Congress.
- 38.4 The general secretariat shall notify the Members of the names of the proposed candidates at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Congress.
- 38.5 If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his/her official functions, a Vice-President or any other Member of the SAFA Council shall represent him until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new President, if necessary.

REPRESENTATION AND SIGNATURE

ARTICLE 39

- 39.1 The President and the Chief Executive Officer represent SAFA legally and are duly authorized to represent SAFA in any legal proceedings and are entitled to sign for and on behalf of SAFA.
- 39.2 The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer are duly authorized and are entitled to sign for and on behalf of the Association, in terms of the SAFA Schedule of Delegated Authority (SODA) all contractual agreements concerning important business of SAFA along with the joint signature of the Chief Operations Officer or his / her Divisional General Manager responsible for the implementation of the contractual agreement.

MANAGEMENT BOARD

ARTICLE 40

- 40.1 The Management Board shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between the meetings of the SAFA Council. The Management Board will decide on matters that fall under the sole competence of the SAFA Council. It shall not be entitled to take decisions which come under the remit of other authorities and bodies of the Association;
- 40.2 The Management Board shall consist of the President of SAFA, the four (4) Vice–Presidents, the nine (9) Provincial Chairpersons and one (1) female Member chosen from amongst the SAFA Council Members. The Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operations Officer and the Chief Finance Officer shall be ex-officio Members without the right to vote;
- 40.3 The President shall convene the Management Board meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communication. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effect. The Chief Executive Officer shall notify the SAFA Council prior to and immediately after the decisions passed by the Management Board.
- 40.4 All decisions taken by the Management Board shall be ratified by the SAFA Council at its next meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 41

- 41.1 The standing committees of SAFA are:
- 41.1.1 Finance and Procurement Committee;
 - 41.1.2 Audit and Risk Committee;
 - 41.1.3 Organising Committee for SAFA competitions;
 - 41.1.4 Technical and Development Committee;
 - 41.1.5 Referees’ Committee;
 - 41.1.6 Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee;
 - 41.1.7 Women’s Football Committee;
 - 41.1.8 Youth Football Committee;
 - 41.1.9 Futsal Committee;
 - 41.1.10 Sports Medical Committee;
 - 41.1.11 Players’ Status Committee;
 - 41.1.13 Media Committee;
 - 41.1.14 Football Committee;
 - 41.1.15 Strategic Studies Committee;
 - 41.1.16 Commercial, Marketing and Television Advisory Board;
 - 41.1.17 Remuneration Committee;

- 41.1.18 Safety, Security and Protocol Committee;
 - 41.1.19 Dispute Resolution Committee;
 - 41.1.20 Membership Affairs Committee;
 - 41.1.21 Joint Liaison Committee
 - 41.1.22 International Affairs Committee
 - 41.1.23 Beach Football Committee
 - 41.1.24 Schools Football Committee
 - 41.1.25 Governance Committee
- 41.2 The chairperson and deputy chairperson of the standing committees shall be Members of the SAFA Council. The Members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the SAFA Council on the proposal of Members of SAFA or the President of SAFA. The chairperson, deputy chairperson and the Members of the standing committees shall be designated for a term of office of no more than four years or until the next elective Congress.
- 41.3 Each chairperson shall represent his/her committee and conduct business in compliance with the relevant organization regulations drawn up by the SAFA Council.
- 41.4 Each chairperson shall fix the dates of meetings in consultation with The Chief Executive Officer/General Secretary.
- 41.5 Each committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the SAFA Council.

FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 42

- 42.1 The Finance and Procurement Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members and shall:
- 42.1.1 Advise on areas of financial planning including
 - i. Budget preparation
 - ii. Recommending budgets to SAFA Council for approval
 - iii. Financial forecasts
- 42.2 Ensure that the Association keeps complete and detailed accounting records;
- 42.3 Report to the SAFA Council regularly on the organization's financial position;
- 42.4 Ensure that the year-end financial statements are prepared and audited;
- 42.5 Recommend to the SAFA Council on the Association's bankers or other financial institutions and the types of bank accounts to be operated;
- 42.6 Recommend new Financial and Accounting Policies and any amendments to the SAFA Council for approval;

- 42.7 Recommend new Procurement Policies and any amendments to the SAFA Council for approval;
- 42.8 Ensure that the Association maintains proper control of its Fixed Assets and approves the disposals of fixed assets;
- 42.9 Design a system of efficient and effective internal controls;
- 42.10 Appoint Members of its sub committees which are:
- i. Budget and Cost Monitoring Committee
 - ii. Bid Specification Committee
 - iii. Bid Evaluation Committee
 - iv. Bid Adjudication Committee
- 42.11 Review, monitor and make recommendations to the SAFA Council on the Association's investment strategy;
- 42.12 Review, monitor and make recommendations to the SAFA Council on the Association's human resources strategy and policies that pertain to staffing and related issues of strategic importance that directly affect the Association's ability to recruit, develop and retain qualified and experienced staff needed to achieve its objectives;
- 42.13 Review any external evaluations of the Association's human resources strategy and policies pertaining to the issues set out in 12 above and report to the SAFA Council its findings and recommendations on such issues;
- 42.14 Consider with other standing committees and management the repercussions of recommendations of other standing committees on the Association's human resources strategy and policies.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 43

- 43.1 The Audit Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members and shall:-
- 43.1.1 ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting
 - 43.1.2 consider and make recommendations to the SAFA Council on the appointment and retention of the external auditor(s), the audit fee(s) and any questions of the resignation or dismissal of the external auditor(s);
 - 43.1.3 oversee the internal audit function;
 - 43.1.4 oversee performance information reporting;

- 43.1.5 review the effectiveness of the SAFA's internal control systems, including information technology security and control, as well as for the safeguarding of its assets;
- 43.1.6 review the effectiveness of the systems for monitoring compliance with laws, regulations and policies;
- 43.1.7 oversee the risk management processes.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR SAFA COMPETITIONS

ARTICLE 44

- 44. The Organising Committee for SAFA Competitions shall consist of a chair person, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members one of whom shall be from the League and shall:-
 - 44.1 organise and monitor the competitions of SAFA in compliance with the provisions of the Statutes and the regulations applicable to SAFA competitions;
 - 44.2 provide and monitor the implementation of guidelines for the efficient management of all SAFA competitions;
 - 44.3 advise the SAFA Council on the competitions calendar;
 - 44.4 shall examine and approve applications for all proposed new competitions (amateur and non-amateur) by Members to be played within SAFA's jurisdiction;
 - 44.5 submit regular reports to the SAFA Council.

TECHNICAL AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 45

- 45. The Technical and Development Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members who shall:
 - 45.1 primarily analyze the basic aspects of football training and technical development;
 - 45.2 seek the improvement of training methods;
 - 45.3 take all possible measures to improve the qualifications of coaches;
 - 45.4 resolve questions on the theory of and practice of football;
 - 45.5 take all possible measures to promote familiarization with and experience in teaching football;
 - 45.6 organise courses and conferences for instructors, trainers, coaches and administrators;

- 45.7 compile material on teaching and coaching techniques for players, trainers, coaches and referees;
- 45.8 provide the assistance necessary for the production of didactic films;
- 45.9 issue memoranda from time to time regarding technical assistance and grants which have been given or are to be given towards any development project;
- 45.10 be responsible for editing the technical section of official SAFA publications;
- 45.11 recommend coaches, instructors or trainers for all national teams and Members at the Members' request;
- 45.12 consider and submit proposals on promotion and development of football;
- 45.13 develop and maintain regulations on football pitches;
- 45.14 advise the SAFA Council on Reports submitted by coaches of National Teams;
- 45.15 submit regular reports to the SAFA Council.

NATIONAL REFEREES COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 46

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- 46. The National Referees Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than ten (10) Members and shall:-
 - 46.1 supervise and monitor the implementation/of the Laws of the Game;
 - 46.2 make decisions and interpretations regarding the Application of the Laws of the Game;
 - 46.3 propose to the SAFA Council any amendments to the Laws of the Game for submission to the FIFA Executive Committee;
 - 46.5 compile a list of referees qualified to supervise international matches for submission to FIFA and CAF;
 - 46.6 appoint the referees for all matches under the jurisdiction of SAFA and its affiliates;
 - 46.7 establish uniformity in methods of refereeing and implementation of the Laws for nationwide use;
 - 46.8 establish uniform criteria for the inspection of referees for use by all SAFA Members;
 - 46.9 organise courses for referees and referee instructors;

- 46.10 draw up a list of instructors and lecturers capable of conducting courses for referees;
- 46.11 prepare and produce useful didactic material on refereeing;

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 47

- 47. The Legal & Constitutional Affairs Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
 - 47.1 analyse basic legal issues relating to football and the evolution of the Statutes and regulations of SAFA and its Members;
 - 47.2 take counsel, give advice on cases, disputes, or enquiries submitted to the Committee;
 - 47.3 follow the development of the FIFA Statutes and Regulations which govern SAFA and propose to the SAFA Council any amendment which the Committee deems useful;
 - 47.4 check the statutes and regulations governing affiliated Members, as the case may be, and recommend that the SAFA Council intervene to bring about any desired amendments;
 - 47.5 issue memoranda from time to time on the meaning of, and lessons to be learnt from Disciplinary Committee, Appeals Board and Arbitration decisions and to advise the Association and/or its Members on relevant matters in this regard;
 - 47.6 assist in the review of sponsorship, player/official and other contracts/legal agreements entered into from time to time by the Association;
 - 47.7 conduct regular reviews of the SAFA Statutes to ensure compliance with CAF and FIFA statutes and to advise and propose changes/updates to the Association's Articles, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines;
 - 47.8 supply a panel of pro-forma prosecutors to present cases for SAFA at SAFA's judicial bodies;
 - 47.9 review SAFA Members' Statutes, Rules and Regulations to ensure compliance with the provisions of the SAFA, FIFA and CAF statutes;
 - 47.10 provide guidelines for the maintenance of the SAFA Legal archives;
 - 47.11 review SAFA's competition rules from time to time;
 - 47.12 submit regular reports to the SAFA Council.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 48

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48. The Committee for Women's Football shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
- 48.1 drafting and submitting proposals on policies on women football development;
 - 48.2 dealing with all matters relating to women football;
 - 48.3 monitoring women's football competitions;
 - 48.4 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.

YOUTH FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 49

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49. The Youth Football Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10(ten) Members and be responsible for the following:
- 49.1 Monitoring youth football competitions;
 - 49.2 advising the SAFA Council on all matters related to youth development;
 - 49.3 conceptualising, guiding and coordinating the development of a comprehensive youth development policy framework for the Association;
 - 49.4 ensuring the implementation of the Association's Youth Development Framework;
 - 49.5 advising the SAFA Council on all matters related to development of youth at all school levels;
 - 49.6 ensuring the establishment of viable football structures in the nation's school system;
 - 49.7 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.

FUTSAL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 50

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50. Futsal Committee shall be composed the chairperson and no more than ten (10) Members responsible for the following:
- 50.1 monitoring futsal competitions and dealing with all matters relating to indoor football;
 - 50.2 advising the SAFA Council on matters related to the development of the Laws of the Game for futsal;

- 50.4 organising such matches and competitions as may be necessary for the advancement of futsal in South Africa;
- 50.5 conceptualizing, guiding and coordinating the development of a comprehensive futsal development framework for the Association;

SPORTS MEDICAL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 51

- 51. The Sports Medical Committee consists of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
 - 51.1 dealing with all medical aspects of football;
 - 51.2 advising the SAFA Council on every aspect of medicine, physiology and hygiene;
 - 51.3 developing and using scientific experience in the fields of physiology, medical control, training theories, psychology and hygiene;
 - 51.4 developing and maintaining a medical guide for use by coaches, players and referees;
 - 51.5 developing and maintaining a guide for players to improve their athletic ability, physical fitness and performance capacity;
 - 51.6 preparing memoranda for trainers and coaches on the physical preparation of football players;
 - 51.7 preparing memoranda on diet and nourishment for players, giving appropriate recommendations;
 - 51.8 preparing memoranda on general aspects of sports hygiene and, in particular, the effects of certain substances on the body (alcohol, nicotine, medicaments, drugs, etc.);
 - 51.9 issuing instructions regarding medical facilities to be made available at all international matches and tournaments;
 - 51.10 investigating all types of injuries suffered during football matches and issuing recommendations for improved prevention or treatment of such injuries;
 - 51.11 developing and maintaining regulations on doping control as contemplated by FIFA's Doping Control Regulations.

PLAYERS' STATUS COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 52

- 52.1 The Players Status Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than ten (10) Members and shall be responsible for the following:-

- 52.1.1 setting up and monitoring compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the SAFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players;
 - 52.1.2 determining the status of Players for various competitions of SAFA;
 - 52.1.3 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.
- 52.2 Players' status disputes involving SAFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match agents shall be settled by an Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with these Statutes.

MEDIA FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 53

53. The Committee for Media Football shall consist of the chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than ten (10) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
- 53.1 dealing with the working conditions for the media at SAFA;
 - 53.2 maintaining relations with media organizations;
 - 53.3 drafting media policy for approval by the SAFA Council;
 - 53.4 monitoring compliance with policy;
 - 53.5 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 54

54. The Committee for Football shall consist of the chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than ten (10) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
- 54.1 dealing with general issues in football but primarily with its structure as well as relations between Clubs, Leagues, Members, COSAFA, CAF and FIFA;
 - 54.2 drafting policy to promote football talent in S.A.;
 - 54.3 monitoring the implementation of the policy;
 - 54.4 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.

STRATEGIC STUDIES COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 55

55. The Committee for Strategic studies shall consist of the chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than ten (10) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
- 55.1 dealing with global strategies for football and its political, economic and social status;

- 55.2 drafting policies for adoption by SAFA;
- 55.3 monitoring the implementation of the policies;
- 55.4 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.

COMMERCIAL MARKETING AND TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD

ARTICLE 56

- 56. It shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
 - 56.1 conceptualizing, guiding and coordinating the development of a comprehensive commercial policy framework for the Association;
 - 56.2 in consultation with the Legal Committee, advising the SAFA Council with regard to drafting and implementing contracts between SAFA and its partners;
 - 56.3 developing and analyzing marketing and television strategies;
 - 56.4 dealing with all sponsorship and commercial matters;
 - 56.5 advising the SAFA Council on all matters related to the commercialization of the Association's properties;
 - 56.6 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 57

- 57. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall consists of at least three(3)Members, provided that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall have legal qualifications and shall be responsible for the following:
 - 57.1 dealing with the following disputes and other disputes not provided for in the Disciplinary Code:
 - 57.1.1 disputes between SAFA and its Members;
 - 57.1.2 disputes between affiliates and its Members;
 - 57.1.3 disputes involving players, officials and intermediary that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the judicial bodies or the Players Status Committee;
 - 57.1.4 submitting regular reports to SAFA Council.

MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 58

58. The Membership Affairs Committee shall consist of the chairperson, deputy chairperson and not more than ten (10) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
- 58.1 advising the SAFA Council on all matters related to the status of Members;
 - 58.2 establishing guidelines to ensure that all SAFA Regions operate viable structures to develop the game of football in their areas of jurisdiction;
 - 58.3 assisting the Provincial Executive Councils in the execution of their duties;
 - 58.4 assisting in the establishment of efficient communication systems between SAFA's Members and national structures;
 - 58.5 ensuring that all SAFA Members participate fully in the establishment and maintenance of the national players, coaches, referees, administrators and competitions registration database;
 - 58.6 ensuring that all SAFA Members submit Annual Reports to SAFA;
 - 58.7 ensuring that all Association property allocated to the Members is utilised in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of the Association;
 - 58.8 submitting regular reports to SAFA Council.

SAFETY, SECURITY AND FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 59

59. The Safety, Security and Fair Play Committee shall consist of a chairperson a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
- 59.1 examining generally every aspect of security inside stadia and in the immediate vicinity;
 - 59.2 investigating every possible way of improving security at football matches;
 - 59.3 dealing with security issues at SAFA offices;
 - 59.4 dealing with matters of protocol;
 - 59.5 dealing with matters of protocol during SAFA events;
 - 59.6 drawing up relevant proposals for presentation to the SAFA Council;
 - 59.7 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.

JOINT LIAISON COMMITTEE (JLC)

ARTICLE 60

60. The Joint Liaison Committee shall consist of the SAFA President as the chairperson, the SAFA representatives composed of all the elected Vice Presidents, a Member of the Management Board and its Chief Executive Officer on the one hand and the Chairperson of The League, four Members of the Executive Committee of The League and its Chief Executive Officer on the other and shall be responsible for the following:
- 60.1 serving as a link between amateur and professional football;
 - 60.2 ensuring that matters of common concern to both professional and amateur football are adequately addressed in order to give effect to the aims and objectives of SAFA;
 - 60.3 promoting an integrated approach to football development within the country;
 - 60.4 dealing with all disputes between SAFA and the League with a view to promoting mutual respect and needed co-operation in developing and promoting football.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 61

61. The International Affairs Committee shall consist of a chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than 10 (ten) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
- 611.1 recommending the approval of international competitions by the SAFA Council of SAFA;
 - 61.2 organising international competitions subject to the approval of the SAFA Council;
 - 61.3 overseeing South African Football clubs and/or teams representing South Africa and participating in international competitions;
 - 61.4 ensuring that such competitions do not conflict with other national competitions of SAFA;
 - 61.5 assisting the SAFA Council in the authorisation of matches between representative national teams and representative club teams of another federation and ensuring that such matches do not assume the status of a competition or championship without special permission from the SAFA Council and/or FIFA;
 - 61.6 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.

COMMITTEE FOR ETHICS AND FAIR PLAY

ARTICLE 62

62. The Committee for Ethics and Fair Play shall consist of the chairperson, a deputy chairperson and no more than ten (10) Members and shall be responsible for the following:

- 62.1 drafting policies to promote Ethics and fair-play;
- 62.2 monitoring all activities of SAFA;
- 62.3 Investigating matters relating to the violation of the SAFA Ethics Policy or suspected unethical conduct, Statutes or Code of Conduct by Members of the Regional Executive Committees, Provincial Executive Committee or the SAFA Council of SAFA;
- 62.4 To investigate and adjudicate incidents of suspected unethical conduct against any Member when requested to do so by the President, Management Board or SAFA Council or Congress or the CEO of SAFA;
- 62.5 Submit reports of the investigation to the SAFA Council;
- 62.6 Depending on the nature of the suspected violation and the circumstances thereof, the SAFA Council may refer some cases of suspected misconduct to an independent panel to investigate;
- 62.7 Ensuring that the Ethics framework of SAFA is aligned with that of FIFA and CAF.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 63

- 63.1 The SAFA Council may, if necessary, create Ad-Hoc committees for special duties and a limited period of time.
- 63.2 The Convenor and the Members and the terms of reference shall be set out in the resolution adopted by the SAFA Council.
- 63.3 Ad-Hoc committees shall report directly to the SAFA Council.
- 63.4 Standing Committees may establish sub-committees to facilitate their work and shall submit reports to their respective Standing Committees.

BEACH FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 64

- 64. The Beach Football Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, a Deputy Chairperson and not more than ten (10) Members and shall be responsible for the following:
 - 64.1 drafting and proposing policy on development and administration of Beach football in South Africa;
 - 64.2 monitoring Beach football competitions;
 - 64.3 dealing with all matters relating to Beach football;
 - 64.4 submitting regular reports to the SAFA Council.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE (REMCO)

ARTICLE 65

The Remuneration Committee shall consist of a chairperson, deputy chair and no more than 2 (two) Members and shall:

- 65.1 Determine and agree with the SAFA Council on the broad policy for remuneration of the SAFA Council Members, management and staff Members and any other remuneration as defined by the 7th Schedule of the Income Tax Act;
- 65.2 Recommend and monitor and note the level and structure of remuneration of Senior Management;
- 65.3 Consider and adjudicate on the achievement of the performance conditions under annual bonus arrangements and make recommendations to the SAFA Council;
- 65.4 Oversee the setting and administration of remuneration and pay scales at all levels in the Association;
- 65.5 The establishment of the remuneration policy that will promote the strategic objectives of SAFA and encourage individual performance;
- 65.6 Evaluate the accuracy of performance measures as they relate to performance bonuses, pay increases and affordability thereof;
- 65.7 Select an appropriate comparative group when comparing remuneration levels and apply appropriate rigour to the salary benchmarking process;
- 65.8 Recommend pay and honorarium increases of senior management and SAFA Council Members;
- 65.9 Ensure sustainable and responsible remuneration levels and practices;
- 65.10 Prepare feedback reports to the SAFA Council after each Remco meeting.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/GENERAL SECRETARY

ARTICLE 66

- 66.1 The Chief Executive Officer represents SAFA legally and is entitled to sign for SAFA.
- 66.2 The General Secretary is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and the accounting officer of SAFA.
- 66.3 He/She shall be appointed on the basis of an agreement governed by private/labour law and shall have the necessary professional qualifications.
- 66.4 He/She shall be responsible for:
 - 66.4.1 implementing decisions passed by the Congress and SAFA Council;

- 66.4.2 attending the Congress and meetings of the SAFA Council, Emergency Committee and the standing and ad-hoc committees;
 - 66.4.3 organising the Congress and meetings of the SAFA Council and other bodies at the instruction of the SAFA Council and/or the President;
 - 66.4.4 compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, SAFA Council, Management Board and standing and ad-hoc committees;
 - 66.4.5 managing and keeping the accounts of SAFA properly;
 - 66.4.6 the correspondence of SAFA;
 - 66.4.7 relations with the Members, committees, FIFA, CAF, COSAFA and SASCOG;
 - 66.4.8 organising the general secretariat/administration;
 - 66.4.9 the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the general secretariat.
- 66.5 The Chief Executive Officer or his or her nominee shall attend the meetings of all the committees ex officio.
- 66.6 The General Secretary/Chief Executive Officer shall not be a Congress delegate or a Member of any body of SAFA.

JUDICIAL BODIES

ARTICLE 67

- 67.1 The judicial bodies of SAFA are:
- 67.1.1 the National Disciplinary Committee;
 - 67.1.2 the National Appeal Board;
 - 67.1.3 the Ethics and Fair Play Committee.
- 67.2 The responsibilities and functions of these bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of SAFA, which shall comply with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- 67.3 The decision – making powers of other Committees remain unaffected.
- 67.4 The Members of the judicial bodies may not belong to any other body of SAFA at the same time.

NATIONAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 68

- 68.1 The National Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a chairperson, deputy chairperson and the number of Members deemed necessary. The chairperson and the deputy chairperson shall have legal qualifications.
- 68.2 The functions of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of SAFA. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three Members are present. In certain cases, the chairperson may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of SAFA.

- 68.3 The committee may pronounce the sanctions prescribed in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of SAFA on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match agents and
- 68.4 These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and the National SAFA Council with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

NATIONAL APPEAL BOARD

ARTICLE 69

- 69.1 The National Appeal Board shall consist of a chairperson, deputy chairperson and the number of Members deemed necessary. The chairperson and deputy chairperson shall have legal qualifications.
- 69.2 The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of SAFA. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three Members are present. In certain cases, the chairperson may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of SAFA.
- 69.3 The Appeal Board is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the National Disciplinary Committee that are not declared final including these from the League and any other Members of SAFA.

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

ARTICLE 70

The disciplinary measures are primarily:-

70.1 for natural and legal persons:

- 70.1.1 a warning;
- 70.1.2 a reprimand;
- 70.1.3 a fine;
- 70.1.4 the return of awards.

70.2 for natural persons:

- 70.2.1 a caution;
- 70.2.2 an expulsion;
- 70.2.3 a match suspension;
- 70.2.4 a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
- 70.2.5 a ban from entering a stadium;
- 70.2.6 a ban on taking part in any football-related activity.

70.3 for legal persons:

- 70.3.1 a transfer ban;
- 70.3.2 playing a match without spectators;
- 70.3.3 playing a match on neutral territory;
- 70.3.4 a ban on playing in a particular stadium;
- 70.3.5 annulment of the result of the match;

- 70.3.6 expulsion;
- 70.3.7 a forfeit;
- 70.3.8 deduction of points;
- 70.3.9 relegation to a lower division.

ARBITRATION

ARTICLE 71

- 71.1 SAFA shall establish an Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all further appeals from the decision of the National Appeals Board and the decision of an arbitrator shall be final and binding.
- 71.1.1 The following principles shall form a basis of the establishment of the Tribunal and its regulation:
- 71.1.1.1 **PARITY**, the parties shall have influence over the appointment of arbitrators;
 - 71.1.1.2 **IMPARTIALITY**, the arbitrators shall be persons with requisite independence to adjudicate without favor or fear;
 - 71.1.1.3 **FAIRNESS AND RIGHT TO BE HEARD**, the proceedings at the Tribunal shall be conducted on the principles of natural justice.
- 71.2 The SAFA Council shall draw up special regulations regarding the composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this Arbitration Tribunal.
- 71.3 Everybody or individual falling under the jurisdiction of SAFA shall ensure that any dispute that it has with a body or individual falling under the jurisdiction of SAFA is resolved in accordance with the dispute prevention and resolution procedures set out in the Statutes, Rules and Regulations.
- 71.4 Where no specific dispute prevention or resolution procedures are set in the Statutes, Rules and Regulations, or where any Member or an affiliate of a Member, or individual prefers to, disputes may be referred directly to arbitration for resolution. It is specifically provided that where Regional Members or its affiliates or individual opt for arbitration, such arbitration may be conducted by a senior lawyer in the Province consented to by the parties.
- 71.5 Subject to the Constitution of the Republic, and save in circumstances where there is a need for urgent relief of a sort which cannot be obtained through the dispute resolution procedure contemplated by this Article, no body or individual falling under the jurisdiction of SAFA shall approach a Court of Law to decide on a dispute it has with a body or individual affiliated to SAFA.
- 71.6 The powers of an arbitrator shall be defined in the disciplinary code.

JURISDICTION

ARTICLE 72

- 72.1 SAFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match agents will not take any dispute to Ordinary Courts unless specifically provided for in these Statutes and FIFA regulations. Any disagreement shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of FIFA, CAF or SAFA.

- 72.2 SAFA shall have jurisdiction on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to SAFA, including foreign nationals, registered by SAFA to participate in SAFA competitions or League competitions.

COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)

ARTICLE 73

73. SAFA shall ensure its full compliance and that of its Members, Players, Officials and match agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA body or CAS.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

ARTICLE 74

- 74.1 SAFA shall be conducted on a non-profit basis, with the intent and purpose that its capital and income, however derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, (whether by salary, dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever) by way of profit or distribution to any of the Members of SAFA or their office bearers or Members, provided that nothing herein contained shall preclude the payment in good faith to a Member or any other person of:-

- 74.1.1 reasonable remuneration for the services actually rendered for or on behalf of SAFA;
- 74.1.2 reimbursement of actual costs, expenses and other commitments incurred on behalf of SAFA
- 74.1.3 payment of gratuity and/or pension on the retirement of any person who previously shall have been in the employ of SAFA;
- 74.1.4 payment of honoraria to Members of the SAFA Council on a basis to be determined and approved by the Ordinary Congress.
- 74.1.5 other expenses approved by the Congress and expenses that the SAFA Council is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority;
- 74.1.6 all other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by SAFA.

- 74.2 The financial period of SAFA shall be one (1) year and shall begin on 1 July and end on 30 June in each year.

- 74.3 The signatories shall be any two of the five (5) duly authorised by SAFA.

- 74.4 The financial resources of SAFA shall include, but not be limited to:-

- 74.4.1 Annual subscription fees of Members;
- 74.4.2 National competition entry fees;

- 74.4.3 Player Registration fees;
 - 74.4.4 Donations, subject to section 30(3)(b)(v) of the Income Tax Act 58 of 1962;
 - 74.4.5 Loans;
 - 74.4.6 State grants;
 - 74.4.7 Returns on investments;
 - 74.4.8 Interest on loans;
 - 74.4.9 Proceeds of sales of assets;
 - 74.4.10 Radio and electronic broadcasting rights.
- 74.5 SAFA may invest and otherwise deal with the moneys of SAFA not immediately required for its purpose in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, in its absolute discretion, with the power to vary or transpose any investments for or into others of any nature or subject;
- 74.6 SAFA may retain any investment which is donated or bequeathed to it in the form that it was so donated or bequeathed;
- 73.7 The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of SAFA and its subsidiaries as at 30 June;
- 74.8 The revenue and expenses of SAFA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. SAFA's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

ARTICLE 75

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

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

ARTICLE 76

- 76.1 Membership subscriptions are due on 1 July.
- 76.2 The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the Congress at which they are admitted.
- 76.3 The Congress shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every year on the recommendation of the SAFA Council.

SETTLEMENT

ARTICLE 77

77. SAFA may debit any Member's account to settle claims.

LEVIES

ARTICLE 78

78. SAFA may determine and demand that a levy be paid by its Members for matches.

COMPETITIONS

ARTICLE 79

79.1 SAFA organizes, coordinates and/or regulates the following official competitions held within its territory:

79.1.1 The Championship;

79.1.2 FA Cup and Super Cup;

79.1.3 Leagues (semi-professional, amateur and development);

79.1.4 Inter-Regional and Inter-Provincial Competitions;

79.1.5 Youth and women competitions.

79.2 The SAFA Council may delegate to subordinate Leagues the authority to organise competitions. The competitions organised by the Leagues shall not interfere with those competitions organised by SAFA. Competitions organised by SAFA shall take priority.

79.3 The SAFA Council may issue special regulations to this end.

CLUB LICENSING

ARTICLE 80

80.1 SAFA shall operate a Club licensing system in accordance with the principles of the Club licensing regulations of FIFA and CAF.

80.2 The objective of the Club licensing system is to safeguard the credibility and integrity of Club competitions, to improve the level of professionalism of SAFA, 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.

80.3 The SAFA Council of SAFA shall issue club licensing regulations governing the club licensing system. Inter alia, the club licensing regulations shall stipulate to which clubs the system applies. At a minimum, the club licensing system must be implemented in respect of top-division clubs which qualify for CAF Club competitions on sporting merit. Nothing herein

contained shall preclude the League or any Member from creating and implementing its own system which must not be inconsistent with that of SAFA, CAF and FIFA.

RIGHTS

ARTICLE 81

- 81.1 SAFA 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 logos, emblems, trademarks and other rights arising under copyright law.
- 81.2 The SAFA Council shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilised and draw up special regulations to this end. The SAFA Council shall approve whether these rights shall be utilised exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

AUTHORISATION

ARTICLE 82

- 82.1 SAFA and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorising 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.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

ARTICLE 83

- 83.1 The authority for organising 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 SAFA Council. In addition, permission from the relevant Confederation may be required in accordance with the FIFA regulations.
- 83.2 SAFA is bound to comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

CONTACTS

ARTICLE 84

84. SAFA shall not play matches or make sporting contacts with Associations that are not Members of FIFA or with provisional Members of a Confederation without the approval of FIFA.

APPROVAL

ARTICLE 85

85. Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to SAFA cannot belong to another Association or participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorisation of SAFA and the other Association and of FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

UNFORSEEN CONTINGENCIES AND FORCE MAJEURE

ARTICLE 86

86. The SAFA Council shall have the final decision on any matters not provided for in the Statutes or in cases of force majeure.

DISSOLUTION

ARTICLE 87

- 87.1 SAFA may, by resolution at an Extraordinary Congress called solely for this purpose, dissolve the Association.
- 87.2 A resolution to dissolve the Association will be of no force and effect unless:
- 87.2.1 it is carried with the support of seventy five percent (75%) of the total number of votes which would have been capable of being cast if every Member in good standing at the date of the extra ordinary congress concerned had been fully represented at that meeting; and
 - 87.2.2 it specifies a public benefit organization or organisations approved in terms of Section 30 of the Income Tax Act 50 of 1962 as amended and sharing some of the aims and objectives of SAFA to whom whatever property, capital and accrued income of SAFA remains upon the winding up or dissolution of SAFA, shall be distributed after satisfaction of all debts and commitments of SAFA and the proportions in which any such property, capital or accrued income shall be distributed to such organizations.
- 87.3 If SAFA is disbanded its assets shall be transferred to an organisation with similar status and objectives as SAFA. It shall hold these assets in trust as *bonus pater familias* until SAFA is re-established. The final Congress may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two-thirds majority.

ENFORCEMENT

ARTICLE 88

88. This Statute was adopted at the SAFA Extraordinary Congress on 21 October 2017 at Johannesburg and will come into force on 21 October 2017.

INDEMNITY

ARTICLE 89

89. The officials of SAFA are indemnified against all losses, charges, costs, damages and all other expense and liability they may incur or be put to concerning the bona-fide execution of their duties as officials of SAFA.

FIFA AND CAF

ARTICLE 90

90. Subject to the Constitution of the Republic, should this Statutes be silent on any matter that may arise, the Statutes of FIFA and CAF shall apply, in that order, and if they too are silent the National Executive shall give a ruling on such matter, which shall be final and binding.

RULES

ARTICLE 91

- 91.1 SAFA may, by a simple majority of votes cast at a Congress, adopt Rules consistent with these Statutes.
- 91.2 Any Rules made in terms of Article 91.1 may be amended or repealed by a simple majority of votes cast at a congress.
- 91.3 Save as is set out in Article 91.1 above, all Rules shall be deemed to form part of this Statute and shall be binding on the Association, all Members and all clubs and persons falling under the jurisdiction of the Association and its Members.

REVIEW AND RESCISSION

ARTICLE 92

- 92.1 Members shall have the right to move a motion to review and rescind any resolution of SAFA. Notice of such motion may be given at the meeting at which the resolution is adopted and must be moved at the following meeting of SAFA on pain of lapsing.
- 92.2 If such notice is not given at the meeting at which the resolution is adopted it must reach the Chief Executive Officer of SAFA thirty (30) days prior to the Meeting at which it is to be moved, and the Chief Executive Officer shall inform all affiliates thereof at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.
- 92.3 No resolution may be rescinded unless two-thirds (2/3) majority of the affiliates present and empowered to vote are in favour of the rescission.
- 92.4 Upon the rescission of a resolution SAFA shall have the power to pass a fresh resolution as it deems fit.
- 92.5 No resolution may be reviewed more than once in any calendar year.

93. For the purposes of these Statutes and the Rules and Regulations:

- 93.1 any document sent by registered mail shall be deemed to have been received within seven (7) working days of same having been posted;
- 93.2 any document proven to have been faxed successfully to a fax line shall be deemed to have been received at the address of that fax line within one (1) working day of same having been faxed;
- 93.3 any document proven to have been sent successfully by e-mail to an e-mail address shall be deemed to have been received by the owner of that e-mail address within one (1) working day of same having been successfully sent.

ADOPTED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS HELD AT JOHANNESBURG ON THIS THE 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2017 AND WILL COME INTO FORCE ON 21 OCTOBER 2017

DR DANNY JORDAAN
PRESIDENT

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