

**STATUTES
OF THE
TURKISH FOOTBALL
FEDERATION**

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Definitions

The terms given below denote the following:

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

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Name, headquarters, legal form and insignia

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

Article 2 Objectives

1. The objectives of TFF are:
 - a) To organise, regulate and monitor all football activities within Turkey;
 - b) To promote the development and expansion of football throughout the country;
 - c) To ensure the proper implementation of rules set by the governing bodies of FIFA and UEFA and to set up all domestic regulations as well as to represent Turkey abroad on subjects related to football;
 - d) To make any plans, programs, arrangements and agreements related to football activities both domestically and abroad as well as to take the necessary measures to achieve successful results;
 - e) To organise and to regulate its own competitions at all levels and to take all necessary steps to ensure the admission and participation of its national teams and club teams in international competitions;
 - f) To ensure that its own members, clubs, football players, officials, managers, technical directors and trainers, physiotherapists, players' agents, match agents and all other related people comply with the statutes, regulations and directives set forth by FIFA, UEFA and TFF as well as the decisions taken by the competent organs and bodies of these football governing bodies;

- g) **(Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** To fight against violence, match-fixing, illegal performance incentives, racism, doping and any kind of discrimination;
 - h) To conduct and regulate all kinds of football activities, ensure the improvement and promotion of the game of football throughout Turkey, and adopt and carry out all such arrangements and decisions as TFF may think proper in the light of unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programmes;
 - i) To ensure that any and all national and international football rules and regulations in force are applied, and represent Turkey abroad in all football-related matters;
 - j) To observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the rules of Fair Play and the Code of Ethics of both FIFA and UEFA;
 - k) To comply with the Laws of the Game as laid down by the International Football Association Board (“IFAB”) as well as any other laws of the game as issued by FIFA and UEFA;
 - l) To abide by the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA and UEFA;
 - m) To recognise the jurisdiction of the judicial bodies described in the Statutes of FIFA and UEFA and the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (“CAS”) as specified in Articles 59 and 60 of the FIFA Statutes and Paragraph 1 of Article 59 of the UEFA Statutes;
 - n) To protect the interests of all parties involved in football;
 - o) To ensure that all illegal methods or practices which might jeopardise the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of football are prevented.
 - p) **(Added by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** To provide both financial and in-kind support to amateur sports clubs, associations and including the sports associations for the disabled involved in football, with a view to improving the game of football.
2. In order to achieve and implement these aforementioned objectives, TFF shall enact all necessary regulations, directives and agreements, and shall ensure that the competent organs and bodies of TFF take all appropriate decisions to implement these objectives and all such regulations, directives and agreements in accordance with the present Statutes.

Article 3 Neutrality and non-discrimination

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

Article 4 Promoting friendly relations

- 1. TFF shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives.

2. Every person and organisation involved in the game of football is obliged to observe the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, UEFA as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of Fair Play.
3. TFF shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between its members, clubs, referees, players, head coaches and coaches, player representatives, medical staff, match agents in Turkey.

Article 5 Players and other individuals of football

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

Article 6 Laws of the Game

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

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

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

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 8 Admission, suspension and expulsion

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

Article 9 Members of TFF

The Members of TFF are:

- a) Clubs of the Turkish Professional Leagues;

- b) Amateur Sports Clubs Confederation;
- c) Professional Footballers' Association;
- d) Turkish Football Trainers' Association;
- e) Turkish Association of Active Football Referees and Observers;
- f) Disabled sports associations involved in Football;
- g) Individuals who are serving on the Executive Committee of FIFA or UEFA;
- h) Individuals who served actively on the committees of FIFA or UEFA for a period of at least 10 years;
- i) Individuals who served as President of the Turkish Football Federation in person;
- j) Other individuals admitted into membership by the Congress.

Article 10 Procedure for application

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

Article 11 Admission

1. Any legal or real person wishing to become a Member of TFF shall apply to the General Secretariat of TFF in writing.
2. The application of any legal person must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
 - a) A copy of the applicant's by-laws, articles of incorporation or such other regulations depending on its legal status;
 - b) A declaration signed by the duly authorised representatives of the applicant and stating that the applicant shall always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA, UEFA and TFF and shall recognise the CAS/TAS as specified in their Statutes and shall ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs, Officials and Players;
 - c) A declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game, the Futsal and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game in force;
 - d) A written declaration that the applicant is based and registered in Turkey;

- e) A declaration that the applicant's legal composition enables it to make decisions independently of any external entity;
 - f) A list of the applicant's duly authorised representatives and authorized signatories and the list of authorized signatures
 - g) A notarised copy of the minutes of the applicant's latest congress;
 - h) A declaration that it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of TFF.
3. The application of any real person must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:
- a) A declaration that he/she will always comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA, UEFA and TFF as well as the FIFA Code of Ethics and will recognise the CAS/TAS as specified in their Statutes;
 - b) Providing written proof to be Turkish citizen;
 - c) Providing written proof having either served as member of the FIFA or UEFA Emergency Committee, served as member of a FIFA or UEFA committee for at least ten years or having served as President of TFF.
4. A legal person admitted to membership shall be represented by only one (1) delegate at the Congress unless otherwise decided by the Congress.

Article 12 Members' rights

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

Article 13 Members' obligations

1. The Members of TFF have the following obligations:
- a) to comply strictly with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, UEFA and TFF and ensure that these are also fully respected by its own members at all times through a mandatory provision to be included in its own statutes or incorporation provisions or any other regulations;

- b) to ensure that its decision-making bodies are formed through free elections;
- c) to take part in competitions and other sports activities organised by TFF exclusively for sports clubs affiliated to TFF;
- ç) to pay its membership subscriptions and the annual fees;
- d) to comply by the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB and with the Laws of the Game of Futsal and Beach Soccer both issued by the FIFA and ensure that these are also complied with by its members at all times;
- e) to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) for international disputes as specified in the relevant provisions of FIFA and UEFA Statutes;
- f) to apply to the Arbitration Committee as a last instance at all disputes of national dimension arising from or related to the application of the TFF Statutes or regulations, and not to take any dispute to any other judicial authorities;
- g) to report to TFF in writing any amendment made to its statutes and regulations as well as the list of its officials or persons who are authorised signatories with the right to sign legally binding agreements with third parties in 3 (three) weeks from the amendment;
- h) not to build any relations of a sporting nature with any entity that is not recognised by TFF or with any member whose membership has been suspended or terminated;
- ı) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour through a statutory provision;
- i) to comply with the mandatory provisions specified under this Statute during its membership;
- j) to maintain a register of members which must be regularly updated;
- k) to comply fully with all other obligations arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA (e.g. the FIFA Code of Ethics), UEFA or the TFF.

Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions provided in this Statute.

Article 14 Suspension

1. The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously and repeatedly violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
2. A suspension must be confirmed at the Congress. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.

3. A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights (including the right to vote). Other Members can not entertain any sporting relation with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
4. Members which do not participate in the sports activities or events organized by TFF for three (3) consecutive years shall be suspended from voting at the Congress until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect and may not be candidate for any function with TFF.

Article 15 Expulsion

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

Article 16 Resignation

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

Article 17 Results of promotion and relegation of TFF members

1. An amateur club duly registered with TFF and promoted to a professional league, automatically becomes a member of TFF. An amateur club promoted to a professional league must provide the General Secretariat with all documents enumerated in article 11 paragraphs 2 when applying for TFF membership. TFF Executive Committee decides the compatibility of the mentioned documents.
2. A club relegated from a professional league to an amateur league shall not lose its membership to TFF. However, as long as this club belongs to an amateur league, it has no right to be represented at the Congress and therefore loses those rights, which are related to the Congress. This club in question will be represented at the Congress by the Turkish Amateur Sports Clubs Confederation.

Article 18 Status of Clubs and TFF affiliated Unions

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

III. HONORARY PRESIDENT

Article 19 Honorary President

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

IV. ORGANISATION

Article 20 Bodies of TFF

1. The organisation of TFF shall consist of the following bodies:
 - a) Congress;
 - b) President;
 - c) Executive Committee;
 - d) Emergency Committee;
 - e) **(Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** Legal Committees;
 - f) Auditing Committee;
 - g) General Secretary.

2. TFF shall also consist of the following bodies with a consultative and/or administrative role:
 - a) General Secretariat;
 - b) Standing and ad-hoc committees.

A. CONGRESS

Article 21 Definition and composition of Congress

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

Article 22 Delegates and votes

1. The Congress is composed of its following members represented by delegate(s) at the date of the call for a Congress meeting:
 - a) The Chairman of all the football clubs in the top Turkish professional football league and six delegates from each of them;
 - b) The Chairman of all the football clubs in Turkish Professional Football League 1 and one delegate from each of them;
 - c) The Chairman of all the football clubs in Turkish Professional Football League 2;
 - d) The Chairman of all the football clubs in Turkish Professional Football League 3;
 - e) The Turkish Amateur Sports Clubs Confederation's Chairman and nine delegates appointed by the Executive Committee of the Confederation;
 - f) The Chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association and five delegates who are retired from professional football (These five delegates shall be appointed from among footballers who were capped most by Turkey's Senior National Team);

- g) The Chairman and five delegates of the Turkish Football Trainers Association (These five delegates shall be appointed from among trainers who were served most by the head coach of Turkey's Senior National Team);
 - h) The Chairman and five delegates of the Active Football Referees and Observers Association. (These five delegates must be appointed from among retired referees who officiated most in UEFA Champions League except for the relegation matches, or the equal structured organisations before the establishment of the said league. The Chairman and the said five delegates must be retired.);
 - i) The chairman of the disabled sports associations involved in football;
 - j) Each individual who served on the Executive Committee of FIFA or UEFA;
 - k) Each individual who served actively on the committees of FIFA or UEFA for a period of at least 10 years;
 - l) Each individual who served as President of the Turkish Football Federation.
2. Delegates must be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that Member. They must provide evidence of proxy to the Congress upon request.
 3. Each delegate has only one vote. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
 4. During their terms of office the members of the Executive Committee and the General Secretary of TFF may not be appointed as delegates of the Congress.
 5. Any individual who is employed by TFF, either on a salary or contract basis, or is paid an attendance allowance, shall not be eligible for election as a delegate to the Congress. Any such individual shall be eligible for election as a delegate to the Congress only if he/she has resigned from his/her office at least one year prior to the ordinary or extraordinary Congress meeting at which he/she wishes to be elected as a delegate.
 6. A delegate must be a citizen of the Republic of Turkey.

Article 23 Authority of Congress

1. The Congress has the following authorities:
 - a) to adopt and amend the Statutes of the TFF and the standing orders of the Congress,
 - b) to elect the chairman, vice-chairman and two members of the Presiding Board of the Congress,
 - c) to elect the President and full and substitute members of both the Executive Committee and the Auditing Committee,
 - ç) to approve the financial statements,
 - d) to approve the budget,

- e) to approve the annual report of the Executive Committee,
 - f) to empower the Executive Committee to amend the budget as and when needed,
 - g) to discharge the President and the Executive Committee,
 - h) to approve the annual audit reports drawn up by the Auditing Committee,
 - i) to empower the Executive Committee to purchase and sell real properties and to create rights-in-kind thereon,
 - i) to set up commissions during the congress, if needed,
 - j) to decide whether or not to bestow the title of Honorary President,
 - k) to admit, suspend or expel a member,
 - l) to approve all nonbudgetary expenditures of the TFF,
 - m) to fulfil the duties assigned to itself under the related Law,
 - n) to fix the membership dues;
 - o) to approve the resignation of a member;
 - ö) to revoke the mandate of a member of the TFF organs and member of TFF bodies appointed by itself;
 - p) to assess the requests of members in accordance with these Statutes.
2. Elections for the President, Executive Committee and other organs/bodies of the TFF may be renewed at any ordinary or extraordinary Congress.

Article 24 Quorum of Congress

- 1. Decisions passed by the Congress shall only be valid if the absolute majority of the members who are entitled to vote are duly represented.
- 2. If this quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place 24 hours after the first with at least one third of all delegates present with the same agenda at the same place.
- 3. If this quorum is not achieved, a third Congress shall take place seven (7) days after the second, at the same time, with the same agenda at the same place, without majority.

Article 25 Decisions of the Congress

- 1. Unless otherwise stipulated in this Statutes, decisions are taken by the simple majority of the valid votes cast. Spoiled or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the votes.

2. Any amendment of the TFF Statutes, the Standing Orders of the Congress and the admission, suspension and expulsion of a member shall require the support of at least two-third of the total number of valid votes.
3. A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favor of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.
4. The delegates may ask for a secret ballot by simple majority.
5. **(Added by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** An action for rescission can be filed against any decision taken at the TFF Congress in violation of the national law or the TFF Statute before the Court of First Instance, where the TFF has its Head-office, within 30 days from the relevant meeting date. The petty sessions procedure shall apply to such cases.

Article 26 Elections

1. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot and must be free.
2. Election for President shall take place prior to the elections for the Executive Committee and the Auditing Committee.
3. The person who polls the majority of the eligible votes is elected. If the event of a tie, the election shall be renewed.
4. The votes shall be counted in public by the Presiding Board.
5. All those TFF organs/bodies which are duly elected by the Congress shall have a four (4) years mandate which is limited to that of the Executive Committee in any case.
6. If an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress elects a new member of a TFF organ/body during this period, his/her mandate only covers the remaining term of office.
7. Any mandate of a member elected at the Congress shall immediately start after the closing of the Congress where his/her election took place and shall end with the closing of the next elective Congress to be held in the 4th year of term of office. Any election during the term of office only covers the remaining period of the ordinary term of office of four years.

Article 27 Ordinary Congress

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

Article 28 Ordinary Congress Agenda

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

Article 29 Extraordinary Congress

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

Article 30 Amendments to Statutes and Standing Orders of Congress

4. Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted by a Member in writing with a brief explanation to the General secretariat and have to be supported by at least four (4) other Members.
5. Any proposal to amend the standing orders of the Congress must be submitted by a Member in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretariat.
6. **(Added by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** An amendment duly made to the TFF's Statute or the Standing Orders of the Congress shall take effect on the date it is published in the Official Gazette.

Article 31 Minutes

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

Article 32 Effective dates of decisions

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect immediately after the closing of the Congress unless the Congress decides otherwise.

B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 33 Composition of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President of TFF and fourteen members who shall be elected by the Congress.
2. At its first meeting during the term of office, the Executive Committee shall elect the first and second Vice-President from among its members for the period of its term of office. If the seat of the First or Second Vice-President becomes vacant, a replacement shall be elected within one month.
3. The fourteen full members and fourteen substitute members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of the Congress. It is not necessary for a member of the Executive Committee to be a Congress delegate.
4. In case of vacancy due to any reason within the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee elects the replacement out of the duly elected substitutes for the remaining term of office.

5. To be eligible as member of the Executive Committee, an individual must (cumulatively):
 - a) be a Turkish citizen and at the age of at least 25;
 - b) not been suspended due to a violation of the TFF statutes or regulations for entire one year or a total of two years for various violations within the last five (5) years prior to the relevant election;
 - c) not have any financial overdue or debts out of tax or social security obligations;
 - d) have not been imprisoned for a term of more than two (2) years for any crime committed intentionally or convicted of any crime against the security of the State, the Constitutional order or the operation of that order, the national defense or State secrets, or of espionage, embezzlement, malversation, corruption, theft, fraud, forgery, breach of trust, fraudulent bankruptcy, conspiracy in public tenders, fraudulent breach of contractual obligations, laundering of illegally obtained assets, or smuggling, regardless of whether any time limit provided for in Article 53 of the Turkish Penal Code has elapsed.
 - e) Any individual, who was convicted of any one of the moral turpitude crimes listed above, shall not be eligible for to be a member of the Executive Committee even if his/her punishment has been suspended, turned into a fine or pardoned;
 - f) Declare in writing that he/she shall resign from any function such as chairman or board member of a TFF Member immediately after his/her election.
6. All Executive Committee members may be re-elected.
7. Members of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of any other TFF organs or TFF body, Presiding Board or Congress delegate.
8. In cases where the Congress is to convene in less than six months, no election shall be held to fill any vacancy on the Executive Committee.

Article 34 Meetings of Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month.
2. The invitations of the Executive Committee meetings shall be made by the President. If five (5) of the members request a meeting, the President must convene it within at least 20 days.
3. The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda.
4. The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.
5. A member absent from three consecutive Executive Committee meetings or from five consecutive Executive Committee meetings in total in a year without an excuse shall be discharged. Reasons for not attending an Executive Committee meeting shall be submitted in writing to the President prior to the meeting. The Executive Committee shall decide whether such reason for absence is acceptable or not.

6. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have the right to vote and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Executive Committee.

Article 35 Powers of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee has the following powers:

- a) to register and to certify football teams, to categorise them into leagues and groups, to give names to leagues, to organise leagues, and to draw up the competition regulations including the provisions for promotion and relegation to be applicable,

- b) to register the results of matches, to postpone matches, to change the date, time and place of matches, to decide on matches not completed, matches disputed or matches the outcome of which have been influenced externally,

- c) to provide training to, and to take all steps necessary to help improve the professional skills of, managers, trainers, technical staff members, referees, players, healthcare staff members and others involved in the game of football, to provide them with all social security rights they are entitled to, to lay down the rules and regulations regarding their transfers between clubs and their activities, to fix the registration, to fix the license and transfer fees and levies to be collected from football-related activities, to offer certain levels of discounts to those, who prove their membership of grassroots unions through a letter of reference, on such fees and levies and to regulate such discounts,

- ç) to decide exclusively the rules regarding the distribution of revenues generated from the royalty rights of the Turkish football leagues. However, while deciding these rules, it is compulsory that a certain portion of such royalty revenues are distributed to clubs competing in minor leagues.

- d) to decide applications filed by clubs for permission to establish football teams, and to supervise all related activities and undertakings,

- e) to award football clubs, players, club officials, coaches and trainers,

- f) according to the budgets approved by the Congress to set salaries, fees and fringe benefits of a maximum of two members of the TFF's Emergency Committee, and of the administrative staff in the TFF's Headquarters, regional offices and offices abroad, as well as the attendance allowances, compensations and travel and accommodation expenses entitlement of the TFF's other committees,

- g) to build or to make third parties build stadiums, training and healthcare facilities upon the approval of the Congress,

- h) to rent, operate, or to make third parties operate, facilities necessary for TFF's activities and business, and to provide all football-related equipment, materials and other similar supplies,

- i) to set up and to organise the TFF's offices both in Turkey and abroad,
- i) to adopt and to implement all regulations falling within its powers and for any football activity,
- j) to draw up regulations and programmes regarding the broadcasting of football matches by television, radio, the Internet and all other similar sound and data carriers, and to issue exclusively special regulations on and supervise the exercise of the TFF's commercial and financial rights regarding football-related printed materials and commercials,
- k) to appoint the chairman and members of Standing committees as proposed by the President,
- l) to approve new standing committees or ad-hoc committee proposed by the President and to appoint their Chairman, Vice-chairman and members,
- m) to decide the applications submitted by clubs, players, coaches, trainers, referees, match officials and other parties involved in football which are not falling within the jurisdiction of the Dispute Resolution Committee or the Disciplinary Committees,
- n) to prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of TFF,
- o) to draw up TFF's budget,
- ö) approve decisions that have been made by the Referees' Committee and that might give rise to legal consequences and may be referred to the Arbitration Committee,
- p) to exercise the powers granted to it by the Congress and perform the tasks assigned to it under the Law concerning TFF, the Statutes of TFF and other related laws,
- r) to appoint the First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee,
- s) to ensure that all national and international regulations and laws of the game are applied,
- ş) to ensure that players provide the necessary samples for doping control at the accredited Doping Control Centre in Turkey, and to administer the decisions of the national and international committees regarding the players tested positive,
- t) to authorise the President and a Vice-president to incur certain expenses exceeding the annual budget decided by the Executive Committee annually,
- u) to take steps to prevent violence in sports and to work in coordination with the related authorities to that end,
- ü) to appoint or to dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President,
- v) Executive Committee may delegate its powers to some of its members by defining the boundaries of such powers when necessary. These members may convene, take decisions and administer these decisions when needed. It is mandatory for these decisions to be informed and approved by the next Executive Committee.
- y) to appoint the chairman, full and substitute members of the Disciplinary Committee and the Club Licensing Committee on the proposal of the President,
- z) to appoint the chairman of the Dispute Resolution Committee on the proposal of the President.

2. The places of assignment of the administrative units shall be decided by the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Committee shall draw up and carry out regulations as it may deem proper and necessary for performing the tasks assigned to it here-above.

Article 36 Decisions of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless the absolute majority of its members are present.
2. The Executive Committee shall take 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.
3. Any member of the Executive Committee must abstain from the debate and from taking decision if there is a potential conflict of interest.
4. The decisions taken shall be recorded in the minutes.
5. The decisions taken by the Executive Committee shall come into effect immediately, unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise.

C. PRESIDENT

Article 37 President

1. The President is the legal representative of the TFF.
2. The duties and powers of the President are:
 - a) implementing the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee through the General secretariat,
 - b) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of TFF in order that they achieve the objectives described in these Statutes,
 - c) proposing the appointment and the dismissal of the General Secretary,
 - ç) executing the relationship between TFF and its Members, FIFA, UEFA, political bodies and other national or international organizations,
 - d) carrying out the business of the TFF in accordance with the organizational regulations of TFF, the present Statutes and other related provisions,

- e) supervising the work of the General secretariat,
 - f) proposing the formation of standing committees and the appointment of the chairman and members of such standing committees to the Executive Committee,
 - g) making expenditures in the name of the TFF and delegating this power to the Vice-presidents, the General Secretariat or other staff members, if necessary,
 - h) if necessary, taking part in and chairing the meetings of the standing committees,
 - i) proposing individuals for election to the Executive Committee as Chairman and members of both the Board of Arbitration and Club Licensing Committee and Chairman of the Dispute Resolution Committee,
 - j) proposing individuals for election to the Executive Committee as Chairman and full and substitute members of the Amateur and Professional Football Disciplinary Committees,
 - k) approving the Provincial Disciplinary Committees elected,
 - l) performing such other tasks as assigned to the President under the Statutes of TFF.
3. The President shall chair the Executive and Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed chairman.
 4. The President shall have the casting vote in the case of a tie at Executive Committee meetings.
 5. If the President is absent, the first Vice-President replaces him/her. If the first Vice-President is absent, the second Vice-President replaces him/her. If also the second Vice-President is absent the longest serving member of the Executive Committee replaces him/her.
 6. In the cases of the President's death, resignation or permanent prevention of performing his/her functions, the first Vice-President shall represent him until the next Congress. This upcoming Congress shall elect a new President for the remaining term of office.

Article 38 Candidates for the office of the President

1. A person wishing to be the candidate for the office of President at the Congress, must submit a written application to the TFF General Secretariat not later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the related Congress. All candidates for President applied in the mentioned time limit shall be announced on the official website of TFF (www.tff.org) six (6) days prior to the date of the related Congress.
2. Furthermore candidates for the office of President must present a letter of nomination signed by at least one-fifth of the delegates to the Presiding Board of the Congress. However, each delegate can only propose only one nominate.
3. To be eligible as TFF President, an individual must:
 - a) be a Turkish citizen and at the age of at least 25,

b) have not been suspended for a term of two years in total within the last five years prior to the relevant election,

c) not have any overdue or debts out of tax or social security obligations,

d) have not been imprisoned for a term of more than two (2) years for any crime committed intentionally or convicted of any crime against the security of the State, the Constitutional order or the operation of that order, the national defense or State secrets, or of espionage, embezzlement, malversation, corruption, theft, fraud, forgery, breach of trust, fraudulent bankruptcy, conspiracy in public tenders, fraudulent breach of contractual obligations, laundering of illegally obtained assets, or smuggling, regardless of whether any time limit provided for in Article 53 of the Turkish Penal Code has elapsed.

e) Any individual, who was convicted of any one of the moral turpitude crimes listed above, shall not be eligible for the office of president even if his/her punishment has been suspended, turned into a fine or pardoned.

f) To declare in writing that he/she shall resign from any function such as chairman or board member of a TFF Member immediately after his/her election.

4. The election for the President shall take place before the election for the fourteen full and fourteen substitute members of the Executive Committee at the Congress.

5. The President shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates present at the Congress.

6. The President shall hold office for a term of four years.

Article 39 Representation and signature

1. The President is the legal representative of TFF and is entitled to sign on behalf of TFF.

2. The Executive Committee determines the Executive Committee Members and other officials who are entitled to sign on behalf of TFF in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes by taking into account of the organization of TFF.

D. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Article 40 Emergency Committee

1. The Emergency Committee shall consist of the President of TFF, the Vice-Presidents and two Executive Committee members to be appointed by the President. The term of office of the Emergency Committee shall be limited to that of the Executive Committee.

2. The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings.

3. The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee.

4. The General Secretary shall take part in the Emergency Committee's meetings. The Executive Committee may, if it deems necessary, invite consultants and experts to attend any meeting of the Emergency Committee. However, no such consultant or expert shall have right to vote.
5. Decisions passed by the Emergency Committee meetings shall take effect immediately and be approved by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
6. In the event that the President is unable to attend a meeting, the First Vice-President shall chair that meeting.

E. AUDITING COMMITTEE

Article 41 Auditing Committee

1. The Auditing Committee shall consist of five full and five substitute members who must have expert knowledge in the field of finance and shall be elected by the Congress for an office term of four years. Members of the Auditing Committee shall be eligible for re-election. It is not necessary for an Auditing Committee member to be a delegate of the Congress.
2. The full members shall elect a Chairman from among themselves.
3. The Auditing Committee shall audit the financial activities of the TFF in the name of the Congress in accordance with the regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee and approved by the Congress. The Auditing Committee shall prepare an annual audit report and submit it to the Congress for approval.
4. The Auditing Committee members may perform their duties either collectively or appoint one auditor from among themselves to conduct the necessary examinations and audit on certain subject matters and accordingly draw up an audit report which shall be signed by all the members of the Auditing Committee and presented as a joint report.
5. Decisions at meetings of the Auditing Committee shall be adopted by majority vote of its members. A member dissenting from a decision so adopted shall provide the Congress a report stating the reasons for his dissenting vote.
6. An annual audit report shall contain income and expense statements, balance sheets and other financial statements regarding the TFF's annual activities. They shall also provide an opinion on whether the financial resources available have been used efficiently, cost-effectively and productively, whether expenditures have been incurred in connection with the TFF's activities, and whether financial decisions and transactions have been carried out for their intended purposes and programmes.
7. The Auditing Committee shall distribute its annual audit report to the Congress delegates at least fifteen days prior to the date of the Congress.

F. STANDING COMMITTEES

Article 42 Standing Committees

1. The standing committees of the TFF are:
 - a) Referees' Committee,
 - b) **(Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** Committee of Delegates,
 - c) Sports Medical Committee,
 - d) International Relations Committee,
 - e) Committee of Social Responsibility and Fair Play,
 - f) Other Standing Committees.
2. The number of members, composition, procedures, of all Standing Committees are duly defined in the specific terms of references adopted by the Executive Committee taking into account the nature and characteristics of the service it shall provide.
3. Each chairman shall represent his own standing committee. The standing committees shall conduct business in compliance with the relevant organisation regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.
4. Each chairman shall exercise the fixing of the dates of meetings, performing all tasks regarding its business and reporting back to the Executive Committee by means of the General Secretary.
5. All opinions, proposals and reports of these committees shall be of a consultative nature and shall not be put into effect unless approved by the President and the Executive Committee.
6. Each committee may propose amendments at any regulations to the Executive Committee regarding its working area.
7. The term of office of each standing committee shall be limited to that of the Executive Committee.

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

1. The Referees' Committee shall consist of one chairman and eight (8) members.
2. The members of the Referees' Committee must be appointed from among referees who retired at least one year before the date of their appointment to the Committee. Not more than 3 (three) members of the Committee, including the Chairman, may be appointed from among individuals who has experience in the field of sports but who have not served as referee.

3. The Referees' Committee is fully independent at its decisions. No member of the Referees' Committee shall be replaced unless he has resigned or is deemed to have resigned duly.
4. The Referees' Committee shall be responsible for appointing the referees for any official or friendly matches within the authority of TFF to be played between member clubs, for reviewing and deciding technical disputes arising from these matches in relation to the Laws of the Game according to the given competence by the IFAB Board, establishing local referees' committees in cities and districts, providing training to referees, categorizing referees, drawing up promotion and relegation regulations for referees and performing such other tasks as may be assigned to it under the present Statutes and other relevant regulations.

Article 44 (Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009) Committee of Delegates

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

Article 45 Sports Medical Committee

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

Article 46 International Relations Committee

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

Article 47 Committee of Fair Play and Social Responsibility

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

Article 48 Ad-hoc Committees

1. The Executive Committee may, if necessary, create ad-hoc committees for special duties and for a limited period of time. The Executive Committee appoints its members and approves its terms of references.

G. GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 49 General Secretariat and Administrative Units

1. The General secretariat is the administrative body and carry out all the administrative work of TFF under the responsibility of the General Secretary.
2. The General Secretariat consists of several administrative units regulated in the organisational regulations adopted by the Executive Committee.
3. The administrative units shall be responsible for ensuring that the services and activities of TFF are carried out in accordance with the TFF statutes, regulations and decision as well as directives by the competent bodies.
4. The members of the General secretariat fulfil their given tasks in the best manner and in line with the objectives set.

Article 50 General Secretary

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

- f) handling relations with members, committees, FIFA and UEFA,
 - g) proposing managerial staff to the Executive Committee for approval,
 - h) organizing the structure of TFF according to the directives given by the Executive Committee.
4. The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any other statutory organ/body of TFF.

Article 51 Domestic Organisation of TFF

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

Article 52 TFF's Offices Abroad

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

Article 53 Right of Disposal

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

H. LEGAL COMMITTEES

Article 54 (Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009) Legal Committees

1. The TFF's **Legal Committees** shall be as follows:
 - a) Dispute Resolution Committee;
 - b) Disciplinary Committees;
 - c) Club Licensing Committee;
 - d) Ethics Committee; and
 - e) Arbitration Committee
2. The rules and procedures governing the work of each of these Committees shall be stipulated by the Club Licensing Regulations, Football Disciplinary Regulations, Arbitration Committee Regulations, Dispute Resolution Committee Regulations and other related regulations.
3. Any decision made by any one of the TFF's **Legal Committees** shall be final and binding and shall have the same effect as a conclusive verdict in respect of the parties involved, if not appealed against before the Arbitration Committee within seven days following the receipt of notice of the decision and/or following the promulgation of any relevant regulations or directives. Appealing against any such decision before any court of law is strictly prohibited.
4. A member of any **Legal Committee** shall not at the same time work for any affiliated member or club of the TFF or have a seat on the Executive Board, any other Standing or ad-hoc Committee or in the General Secretariat. Any such member must act fully independently and impartially at all times in executing his/her duties pursuant to his/her mandate.

Article 55 Dispute Resolution Committee

1. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall consist of a chairman, who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the TFF, and fifteen (15) members who shall be elected in equal proportions by the following three organizations:
 - a) the Clubs Union Foundation;
 - b) the Professional Football Players Association;
 - c) the Turkish Football Trainers Association.
2. The Chairman and members of the Dispute Resolution Committee must be lawyers with a minimum of five (5) years of professional experience in the field of law.
3. The term of office the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be limited to that of the TFF Executive Committee.

4. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall conduct its business by setting up five-member commissions and pass decisions by a majority vote.
5. Any such five-member commission shall consist of the Dispute Resolution Committee Chairman, two members representing the Clubs Union Foundation and two other representing the associations, depending on the nature of the dispute to be heard.
6. The Dispute Resolution Committee is fully independent in its decisions. No member of the Committee may act as an Attorney at Law in any dispute brought to the Dispute Resolution Committee or the Arbitration Committee. No member of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be replaced unless it has resigned or is deemed to have resigned duly. If a member resigns or is deemed to have resigned, then a new member shall be proposed by the foundation or the associations mentioned in paragraph 1 here-above.

Article 56 Duties and Powers of the Dispute Resolution Committee

1. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction to consider and decide disputes that arise between:
 - a) clubs;
 - b) a club and its players, coaches, trainers, player's agents, healthcare staff members, officials and match agents,
 - c) players's agents and players, coaches and trainers,with respect to or in connection with any contract and any football-related matter referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee by any related party. Decisions of the Dispute Resolution Committee which are not appealed before the Arbitration Committee shall be final and binding.
2. The principles and procedures regarding the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be governed by regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

Article 57 Disciplinary Committees

1. Disciplinary Committees shall consist of bodies at three different levels:
 - a) The provincial disciplinary committees;
 - b) the Amateur Football Disciplinary Committee;
 - c) the Professional Football Disciplinary Committee.
2. Members of the Amateur Football Disciplinary Committee and the Professional Football Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee upon the proposal of

the President of the TFF and, while members of provincial disciplinary committees shall be appointed by the President of the TFF.

3. The Amateur Football Disciplinary Committee and the Professional Football Disciplinary Committee shall each consist of one chairman and six members, while a provincial disciplinary committee shall have one chairman and two to four members, depending on the extent of the sports activities actively carried out in the related city. Substitute members to be appointed shall be equivalent to full members in number.
4. The term of office of each disciplinary committee shall be limited to that of the Executive Committee.
5. Any full and substitute members to be elected to these disciplinary committees must hold a bachelor's or an associate degree. Any person who will serve as chairman, vice chairman or rapporteur must hold a bachelor's degree in law.
6. The principles and procedures regarding the disciplinary committees shall be governed by the Regulations approved by the Executive Committee.
7. The powers of the Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members are reserved.

Article 58 Disciplinary Measures

1. All disciplinary infringements and unsportsmanlike behaviors committed by clubs and individuals during football matches and organizations and the disciplinary measures that shall be imposed on such clubs and individuals shall be regulated at the TFF Disciplinary regulations approved by the TFF Executive Committee in accordance with generally accepted national and international practices and the disciplinary regulations of FIFA and UEFA.
2. Disciplinary Committees shall review and decide on all disciplinary infringements and unsportsmanlike behaviors committed by clubs or individuals.
3. The disciplinary measures that shall be imposed for such disciplinary infringements and unsportsmanlike behaviors are primarily:
 - 1) for real and legal persons:
 - a) a warning;
 - b) a reprimand;
 - c) a fine;
 - d) the return of awards.
 - 2) for real persons:
 - a) a warning;
 - b) an expulsion;
 - c) a match suspension;

- d) a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
 - e) a ban from entering a stadium;
 - f) a ban on taking part in any football-related activity;
 - g) suspension of license.
- 3) for legal persons:
- a) a transfer ban;
 - b) playing a match without spectators;
 - c) playing a match on neutral territory;
 - d) a ban on playing in a particular stadium;
 - e) a ban on accepting spectators to a particular stand or a portion thereof;
 - f) annulment of the result of the match;
 - g) expulsion;
 - h) a defeat by forfeit;
 - i) deduction of points;
 - j) relegation to a lower league.

Article 59 Club Licensing Committee

1. The Club Licensing Committee shall decide on whether a licence should be granted to an applicant club on the basis of the documents provided and in accordance with the TFF club licensing Regulations.
2. When evaluating a club, the Club Licensing Committee shall base its evaluations on the sporting criteria, infrastructure criteria, administrative criteria, legal criteria, financial criteria, and personnel criteria.
3. The Club Licensing Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and three (3) full members and four (4) substitute members who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee upon the proposal of the President of the TFF. Among the Chairmen, vice-chairman or other members, two members must hold a University degree in business administration or finance and in law and have at least 5 years of professional experience.
4. The term of office of the Club Licensing Committee is four (4) years and in any case limited to the term of office of the Executive Committee of TFF.
5. No member of the Club Licensing Committee shall be replaced unless he has resigned or is deemed to have resigned duly.
6. At least three members must be present in order to make valid meeting. Decisions shall be passed with the support of the simple majority of the members present.

7. The members of the Club Licensing Committee shall neither be a Delegate of the Congress nor belong to any other TFF organ or body at the same time. The members of the Club Licensing Committee may be re-elected.
8. The principles and the proceeding of the Club Licensing Committee shall be governed by the Club Licensing regulations approved by the TFF Executive Committee.

Article 60 Ethics Committee

1. The Committee of Ethics shall consist of a chairman and four (4) full and four (4) substitute members who shall be elected by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President of TFF. Each member of the Committee of Ethics must hold a bachelor's degree in law and have a minimum of 5 years of professional experience in the field of law. The Committee of Ethics shall be responsible for preserving the ethical values and the brand value of Turkish football and carrying out all necessary legal inspections to prevent any damage to football's good reputation in society.
2. The term of office of the Committee of Ethics shall be four (4) years and shall in any case be limited to that of the Executive Committee of TFF.
3. No member of the Committee of Ethics shall be replaced unless he has resigned or is deemed to have resigned duly.
4. At least three members must be present in order for the Committee of Ethics to make valid meeting. Decisions shall be passed with the support of the simple majority of the members present
5. The members of the Committee of Ethics shall neither be a delegate of the Congress nor serve on on any other TFF organ or body at the same time. The members of the Committee of Ethics shall be eligible for re-election.
6. The principles and the proceeding of the Committee of Ethics shall be governed by the Committee of Ethics regulations approved by the TFF Executive Committee.

Article 61 Arbitration Committee

1. The Arbitration Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and six full members and six substitute members who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee upon the proposal of the President of the TFF who must have at least five years of professional experience in the area of law. The related regulations of FIFA and UEFA are predicated on appointing the members.
2. The term of office of the Board of Arbitration is limited to the term of office of the Executive Committee of TFF. The Board of Arbitration shall elect a vice chairman and a rapporteur from among its members.
3. No individual serving on any committee of a self-governing association or a sports club, or suspended by any sanctions or disciplinary committee for a term of more than six months shall be eligible for election as a member of the Board of Arbitration.

4. The Arbitration Committee is fully independent when conducting its functions. No member of the Arbitration Committee shall be replaced unless he/she has resigned or is duly deemed to have resigned from office. When any vacancies occur on the Arbitration Committee for any reason, the substitute members shall fill such vacancies in the order of their appointment and hold office for the remaining balance of the term of office.
5. At least five members must be present in order to take valid decisions. Decisions are passed with the support of at least the simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
6. The Arbitration Committee may call for opinions, information and documents from any related party and compile any relevant evidence with regard to matters referred to the Arbitration Committee. It may also summon and hear any relevant party.
7. The Arbitration Committee shall conduct all proceedings in accordance with these Statutes and the regulations of FIFA and UEFA and by taking into consideration of the related provisions of laws concerning such proceedings and after due consideration, admit or dismiss a complaint or decide that an administrative decision appealed be amended, whether in part or in whole.
8. Awards rendered by the Arbitration Committee shall be enforced by the General Secretary and the President.
9. The rules of procedure for the Board of Arbitration shall be specified by regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

Article 62 Duties and Powers of the Arbitration Committee

1. The Arbitration Committee shall review and make its final decision on the disputes listed below upon the request of the relevant parties:
 - a) resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee in relation to disputes that arose between TFF and clubs, referees, players, coaches, trainers, players' agents, healthcare staff members and other officials,
 - b) decisions awarded by the Amateur and Professional Football Disciplinary Committees,
 - c) decisions awarded by the Dispute Resolution Committee,
 - d) decisions awarded by the Club Licensing Committee,
 - e) decisions awarded by the Ethics Committee,
 - f) decisions which have legal effects awarded by the other bodies of TFF that are authorised under the TFF's Statutes and regulations to make final decisions, and
 - g) regulations issued by the Executive Committee.

2. Any party directly affected by the above mentioned resolution or regulation, may appeal against it in written form before the Arbitration Committee within seven days after the date of the receipt of that resolution or the publication of that regulation.
3. Decisions of the Arbitration Committee shall be final and binding. Decisions of the Arbitration Committee shall not be subject to the approval of any administrative or judicial authority and it is prohibited to take any decision awarded by the Arbitration Committee before any administrative or judicial authority.

Article 63 (Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009) Jurisdiction of Legal Committees

1. The TFF, its members, clubs, referees, players, coaches, trainers, player's agents, match agents, healthcare staff members and other officials may not take any football-related dispute to any other judicial authorities other than the Legal Committees, unless specifically stipulated otherwise in the present Statute and the regulations of both FIFA and UEFA.
2. Any dispute in relation to above-said jurisdiction shall be resolved by the Legal Committees of FIFA, UEFA or the TFF.
3. The TFF shall have jurisdiction over internal disputes and FIFA over international disputes.

Article 64 Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS/TAS)

1. In accordance with the FIFA and UEFA Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding FIFA or UEFA decision shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. CAS shall not, however, hear appeals on violations of the Laws of the Game, suspensions according to relevant provisions of the FIFA and UEFA Statutes or decisions passed by the independent and duly constituted Arbitration Committee of TFF.
2. TFF shall ensure its full compliance and that of its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents with any final decision passed by a FIFA or UEFA body as well as CAS.

V. FINANCE

Article 65 Financial period and budget of TFF

1. The financial period of the TFF shall begin on 1 June and end on 31 May every year.
2. The budget of the TFF shall be prepared by the Executive Committee depending on the financial period involved and submitted to the Congress and shall be effective after approval.
3. Revenues, expenses and activities of the TFF, the funds to be allocated to such activities, staff remunerations, expenses of committees and other overhead costs shall be specified in the budget on a balance sheet basis and in accordance with the budgetary basis drawn up by the Executive Committee.

4. The President of the TFF shall be entitled to perform such cash collections and incur such expenses as described in the Law concerning the TFF and the present Statute in accordance with the related budgetary rules.
5. The TFF shall set aside reserve funds in order to guarantee its prime future operations.

Article 66 Revenues

1. The revenue of the TFF arises from:

- a) **(Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** 15% royalty collected from clubs in relation to football betting games and fixed-odds betting games.
- c) 10% of the proceeds received by clubs from matches broadcast on TV, radio, the Internet or via any other similar data carrier and from any contract they have signed with any media company. However, this rate shall be 1% in the case of proceeds generated from a contract regarding the broadcasting of a friendly match or preparatory match;
- d) sponsorship revenues;
- e) net proceeds from official and friendly National Team matches, remaining after all legally required deductions, as well as those proceeds derived from such matches broadcast on TV, radio, the Internet or via any other similar data carrier;
- f) registration and registration renewal fees, transfer levies, subscriptions, etc.;
- g) proceeds derived from the TFF's fixed assets and from other activities such as the transfer, assignment, sale and lease of its real properties;
- h) Income from all kinds of economic enterprises and corporations, whether established or invested in by the TFF;
- i) Interest receipts;
- i) Donations and grants; and
- j) Others.

Article 67 Expenditures

1. With a view to fulfilling its responsibilities, the TFF shall be entitled to incur any and all expenses in accordance with the Law concerning the TFF and the TFF's budgetary basis.
2. In every budget year, the TFF distributes 15% of its total annual revenue to second and third league member clubs for projects submitted by them to the TFF and approved by the Executive Committee until 1 April, and another 15% thereof to related committees, organizations, institutions and sports clubs for infrastructural, training, sports facility or

football development projects which must be related to the game of football submitted by them to the TFF and approved by the Executive Committee until 1 April, in return for a contribution from such parties, provided only that such decisions are adopted in accordance with the TFF's regulations regarding resource utilisation and approved by the Congress.

3. The TFF shall be entitled to determine the scope or nature of such projects beforehand.
4. Non-budgetary expenditures that the TFF may intend to incur shall be subject to the prior approval of the Congress.
5. These expenditures include funds to be allocated under a protocol for training and sports facility projects in return for the right to use the sports facilities, which have been transferred or leased by the General Directorate of Youth and Sports to, or on which time-limited usufruct rights have been created to the benefit of, sports clubs or public authorities under a protocol, including the VIP stands thereat, and also to benefit from the services of the staff members of the General Directorate of Youth and Sports.

Article 68 (Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009) Independent Audit

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

Article 69 Membership dues

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

Article 70 (Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009) Compensation and the priority of the receivables of TFF

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

Article 71 Levies

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

VI. COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article 72 Competitions

1. TFF organizes and coordinates any official competition held within its territory. TFF organizes the following competitions:
 - a) Super League
 - b) Championship of the 1st League, 2nd League and 3rd League;
 - c) Amateur League competitions;
 - d) National Cup competitions;
 - e) Youth competitions for different age groups;
 - f) Women's competitions;
 - g) Disabled competitions.
 - h) Futsal competitions,
 - i) Beach football competitions,
 - j) Regional competitions,
 - k) Veteran competitions.
2. TFF shall take into account the coordinated international calendar compiled by FIFA and the principle of promotion and relegation while organizing the competitions.
3. The Executive Committee may create new competitions and adopt for each competition the appropriate competition regulations.

Article 73 Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights

- ¹ The TFF is the exclusive owner of all the brands, logos, including all the rights to use them, and all other similar intellectual and industrial property rights that the TFF is or will be using. The existence of these rights shall not prejudice the right of the TFF to have them registered with the Turkish Patent Institute and any International Patent Office in the name of the TFF.

Article 74 Authorization for Broadcasting

- ¹ The Executive Committee of the TFF shall be exclusively entitled to grant the right to broadcast matches on television, radio, the Internet and all other similar sound and data carriers, and to organize and plan such broadcasts.
- ² **(Added by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** The above-said power encompasses particularly the marketing of the TFF's broadcasting rights centrally and the distribution of the proceeds derived from such rights to Member clubs in such manner as may be decided by the relevant bodies of the TFF.
- ³ When exercising the said power, the Executive Committee shall prioritize the interests of Turkish football, clubs and the TFF.
- ⁴ Encrypted broadcasting of national teams is prohibited.
- ⁵ Mobile rights shall be regulated exclusively by the Executive Committee of the TFF.
- ⁶ Any agreement signed between a club and a broadcasting company shall be subject to the TFF's supervision and approval. Any such agreement not approved by the TFF shall not be binding on the TFF. No match shall be broadcast on TV, radio, the Internet and all other similar sound and data carriers, unless the required license therefore has been received from the TFF.
- ⁷ The rules and procedures governing the cooperation among the General Directorate of Youth and Sports, the Provincial Directorates and Provincial Offices regarding the broadcasting of matches shall be laid down in a Protocol Regarding the Utilisation of Sports Facilities and Services of Personnel.
- ⁸ The rules and procedures regarding the broadcasting of matches, and the rights that may be given to and the sanctions that may be imposed on broadcasting companies and clubs shall be specified in the Broadcasting Regulations to be drawn up by the Executive Committee.
- ⁹ The TFF shall be entitled to draw up specifications, hold tenders and sign agreements on behalf of clubs with regard to licenses for broadcasting league matches on TV and radio. The TFF may consult with the Clubs' Union regarding the broadcasting rights of the Super League.
- ¹⁰ The tender for broadcasting rights shall be held not earlier than one year and not later than six months prior to the expiry of the existing broadcasting license.

Article 75 Club Licensing System

- ¹ The participation of a professional football club in the national and UEFA club competitions is subject to a licence granted by the competent TFF organs.
- ² For TFF competitions, the licensing process, the competent bodies as well as the set of licensing criteria are described in the TFF Club Licensing Regulations issued by the Executive Committee.
- ³ For UEFA club competitions the corresponding UEFA regulations apply.

Article 76 Structure and Registration of Clubs

- ¹ All football clubs, and sports clubs having a football branch, shall be registered with TFF in accordance with the terms of the “Regulations on the Registration of Football Clubs” laid down by the Executive Committee of TFF.
- ² All football clubs, and sports clubs having a football branch, shall provide the TFF with their income and expense statements, balance sheets as well as their budgets for the next season and annual General Meeting minutes, as approved by their annual General Meeting, within thirty (30) days following the date of such General Meeting. If any club fails to fulfill this obligation or provides incomplete or misleading information in this respect, it shall be given a warning and the rights of its officials shall be suspended.
- ³ If the club fails to fulfill its said obligation within thirty (30) days from the date of the caution, then it shall be sanctioned with a deduction of points. If the club fails again to fulfill its said obligation within an additional period of thirty (30) days that will be given it, then it shall be relegated.
- ⁴ The TFF shall be entitled to inspect any such financial statement provided by clubs. Any club which is found to be in the lack of financial strength required to meet its financial obligations or which, according to its latest balance sheet, has assigned to a third party more than 25% of its annual budgetary revenue as approved by its General Meeting, shall be taken to the Disciplinary Committee and sanctioned with a warning, a fine, points reduction or relegation, depending on the gravity of the offence. The officials of the club shall also be suspended.
- ⁵ A club engaged in football may transfer its football branch to any joint-stock company established in accordance with the related laws and regulations. A club that has restructured itself into a business corporation may not transfer its registration to any other city. Promotion, strengthening and interests of the game of football shall be priority in such transfers.
- ⁶ No natural person or legal entity (including holding companies and subsidiaries) shall manage or have control over more than one club in any manner that would jeopardize the integrity of any match or competition.
- ⁷ The TFF Executive Committee sets up the corresponding regulations also covering fusion between two or more clubs, the transfer of headquarters as well as the change of name of clubs in the authority of the TFF.

VII. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article 77 International matches and competitions

- ¹ The authority for organizing international competitions and organizations between National teams and between leagues or club teams belongs solely to FIFA and UEFA according to the appropriate provisions. No competition or organization shall take place without the prior permission of FIFA or UEFA.

- 2 The TFF shall comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

Article 78 Contacts

1. The TFF shall not play matches or have sporting contacts with Associations or clubs that are not members of FIFA or provisional members of a Confederation without the prior approval of FIFA.
2. The same applies for suspended or expelled FIFA and UEFA members.

Article 79 Approval

Clubs, leagues or any other group of clubs that are affiliated to the TFF cannot belong to another Association or participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the prior authorisation of the TFF, the other Association as well as FIFA and UEFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

VIII. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 80 Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure

1. The Executive Committee has the right to decide finally on any matters not provided in these Statutes or in cases of force majeure.
2. While taking its decision, TFF take into account of the FIFA and UEFA legislation and principles of truth and justice.

Article 81 Use of Facilities and Services of Staff

1. The TFF may use, and allow clubs to use, sports facilities and services of staff members of the General Directorate of Youth and Sports by signing an agreement and a protocol with the same for such purposes.
2. **(Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** The number of individuals who shall have access to the VIP stands of any sports facility which the General Directorate of Youth and Sports has transferred or rented out to, or allocated for use for a limited time period by, sports clubs or public organisations or institutions under a protocol shall be decided by the related Provincial or District Directorate of Youth and Sports in line with the instructions of the General Directorate of Youth and Sports and the VIP stands of such sports facility shall be organised by the same Provincial or District Directorate. In the event of an international representative match, the VIP stands shall be organised by the TFF in accordance with the related principles of FIFA and UEFA.
3. **(Revoked by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)**

Article 82 (Added by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009) Leave

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

Article 83 Tax Exemption

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

Article 84 Entry into force

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

Article 85 Execution

This Statute is executed by the TFF .

IX. TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

Article 86 Constitutional meeting for TFF Statutes and TFF Membership

1. The delegates present at the Congress in Ankara of 3 June 2008 participated at this constitutional meeting in which membership to TFF based on these TFF statutes was established.
2. This Congress was convoked according to the Law No. 3813 dated 17/06/ 1992 which was amended by the Law No.5719 dated 04/12/2007.

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

- 1 The TFF President, members of the TFF Executive Committee, the Auditing Committee, the legal committees under the previous Law. 3813 which was amended by the Law 5719 and who have been elected before 1st June 2008 shall continue their mandate until the term of office expires.
- 2 **(Amended by the decision of Congress at 12.6.2009)** However, members of the Referees' Committee, Committee Delegates and the other committees that should be established in accordance with the present Statutes shall be newly appointed by the TFF Executive Committee within forty five (45) days after the coming into force of the present Statutes.

Article 88 Membership application

- 1 The participants of the TFF constitutional meeting of TFF in Ankara on 3 June 2008 are required to provide the TFF General Secretariat with all documents according to Article 11 of these Statutes within one (1) month following the enforcement date of these Statutes.