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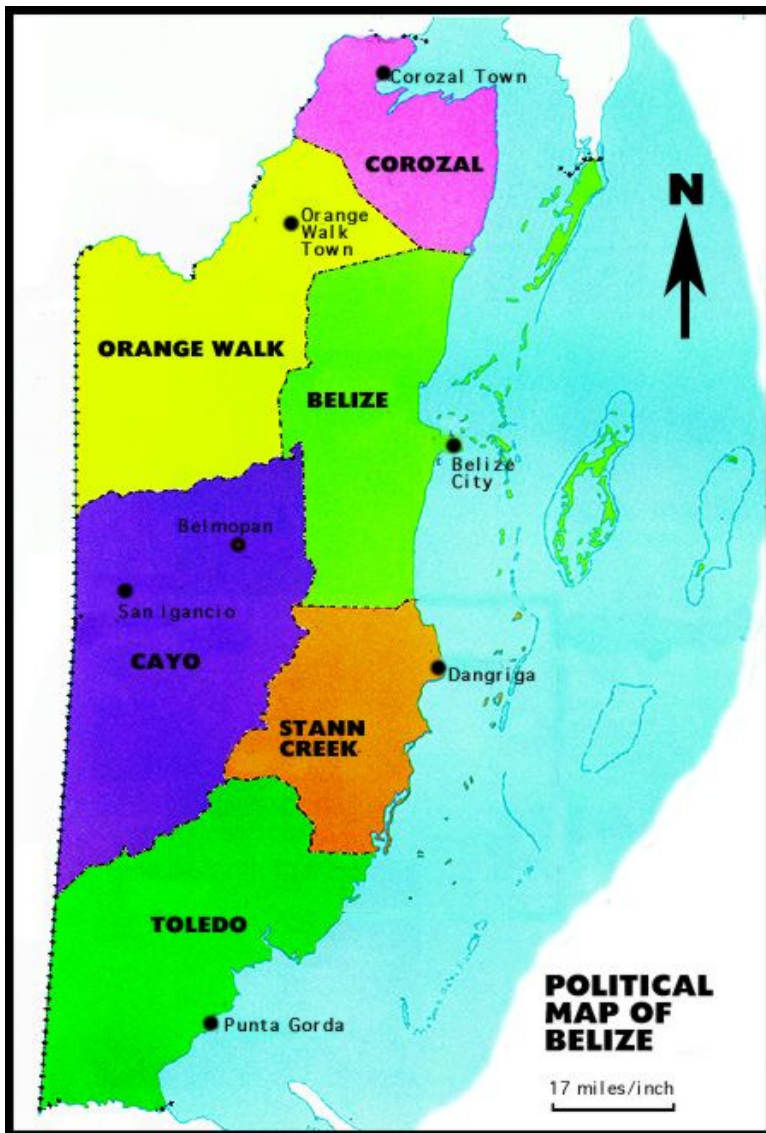
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DEFINITIONS

FFB – The Football Federation of Belize.

FIFA – Federation Internationale de Football Association.

Association – a Football Association (Federation) recognized by and a Member of FIFA.

League – an organization subordinate to an Association (Federation).

Regional Association – an organization from the districts subordinate to an Association (Federation)

CONCACAF – Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Football.

Club – Member of a Football Association.

Officials – all board members, committee members, coaches, referees and attendants as well as other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at FIFA, a Confederation, Association, League or Club.

Player – a football player registered with an Association.

Congress – the supreme legislative authority of FFB.

Executive Committee – the Executive body of the FFB

Member – a legal or natural person that has been admitted into membership of the FFB by the Congress.

Association Football – the game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

IFAB – the International Football Association Board.

Ordinary Courts – national courts which hear public and private legal disputes.

Arbitration Tribunal – private court of justice acting instead of an Ordinary Court.

CAS (TAS) – Court of Arbitration for Sport (Tribunal Arbitral du Sport) in Lausanne (Switzerland).

NSC – National Sports Council.

UNCAF – Union Centro Americana de Futbol.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 – Name, Headquarters, Legal Form

1.1 The Football Federation of Belize (FFB) is a private organization eminently devoted to the sport of Association Football, registered under the Companies Act Chapter 250 Revised Edition 2000 of the Laws of Belize as a non-profit organization in the City of Belmopan in which the Federation has its headquarters. It is formed for an unlimited period.

1.2 The headquarters for the FFB shall be in the City of Belmopan.

1.3 The FFB is the member for Belize to FIFA, CONCACAF and UNCAF.

1.4 The FFB is registered with the National Sports Council under The Sports Act revised edition 2000 as a Sporting Organization and with the Olympic Committee of Belize as a member.

1.5 The flag of FFB is
The Belize Flag



1.6 The logo of the FFB is



1.7 The logo and acronym is legally registered

Article 2 – Objectives

The objectives of the FFB are as follows:

2.1 to improve the game of football constantly and promote, regulate and control football throughout the territory of Belize in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth, women and other development programmes;

2.2 to organize competitions in Association Football in all its forms at a national level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various Members of which it is composed;

2.3 to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;

2.4 to protect the interest of its Members;

2.5 to respect and prevent any infringement of the statutes, regulations, derivatives and decisions of FIFA, CONCACAF and the FFB as well as Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;

2.6 to prevent all methods and practices which might jeopardize the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to the abuse of Association Football;

2.7 to control and supervise all official and friendly football matches played throughout the territory of Belize;

2.8 to manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms

2.9 to host competitions at international and other levels;

ARTICLE 3 – Neutrality and non-discrimination

3.1 The FFB is neutral in matters of politics and religion.

3.2 Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person, or a 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.

ARTICLE 4 – Promoting friendly relations

4.1 The FFB shall promote friendly relations between its Members, Clubs, Officials and Players and in society for humanitarian objectives.

4.2 Every person and organization involved in the game of football is obliged to observe the Statutes, regulations and principles of fair play as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.

4.3 The FFB shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal disputes that may arise between the Members, Clubs, Officials and Players of the FFB.

ARTICLE 5 – Players

5.1 The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of the FFB in accordance with the current FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

5.2 Players of all categories shall be registered in accordance with the regulations drafted by the FFB.

ARTICLE 6 – Laws of the Game

6.1 The FFB and each of its Members shall play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only if IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.

6.2 The FFB and each of its Members shall play Futsal in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as issued by the FIFA Executive Committee.

6.3 The FFB and each of its Members shall play Beach Soccer in accordance with the Beach Soccer Laws of the Game as issued by the FIFA Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 7 –Conduct of bodies and Officials

7.1 The bodies and Officials of the FFB must observe the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, CONCACAF and the FFB in their activities.

7.2 The FFB Executive Committee shall draw up the Code of Ethics following the guidelines of FIFA.

ARTICLE 8 – Official languages

8.1 The official language of the FFB shall be English

8.2 The official language of the Congress shall be English.

II MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 9 – Admission, Suspension and Expulsion

9.1 The Congress shall decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.

9.2 Admission may be granted if the applicant fulfills the requirement of the FFB.

9.3 Membership is terminated by resignation or expulsion. The loss of membership leads to cancellation of all rights in relation to the FFB but not to the relieve of the Member from its financial obligations towards FFB or other Members of FFB.

ARTICLE 10 – Members and Application for Membership

The Members of the Football Federation of Belize are:

a) The seven (7) District Football Associations:

- Belize District Football Association
- Belmopan Football Association
- Cayo Football Association
- Corozal Football Association
- Orange Walk Football Association
- Stann Creek Football Association
- Toledo Football Association

b) The “League”

10.2 Any legal or natural person or groups of persons (eg. Women’s Football Groups, Youth Football Groups, Coaches Groups, Referee Groups, Futsal and Beach Soccer Groups) wishing to become a Member of the FFB shall apply in writing to the General Secretariat of the FFB. Provisional membership may be granted by the Executive Committee. Full membership can only be granted if a member has already been a provisional member for a minimum of one year. Regulations governing the status of provisional members shall be drafted by the Executive Committee. Delegates of provisional members shall have observer status within the Congress. They shall not have the right to vote during this period.

10.3 The application must be accompanied by the following mandatory items:

- a.) a copy of its statutes and regulations;
- b.) a declaration that it will always comply with the Statutes regulation and decisions of the FFB, FIFA and CONCACAF and ensure that these are also respected by its own Members, Clubs, Officials, and Players;
- c.) a declaration that it will comply with the Laws of the Game in force;
- d.) a declaration that it recognizes the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne as specified in these Statutes;
- e.) a declaration that is located and registered in Belize;
- f.) a declaration to the effect that it can make its own decisions, independent of any external entity;
- g.) a list of its officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
- h.) a declaration that it undertakes to organize and participate in friendly matches with the prior consent of the FFB
- i.) a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Congress/ General Assembly

ARTICLE 11 – Request and Procedure for Application

11.1 The procedure for admission shall be regulated by special regulations approved by the executive Committee of the FFB.

11.2 The FFB Executive shall request the Congress either to admit or deny acceptance of the applicant.

11.3 The new Member shall acquire membership rights and duties immediately. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.

ARTICLE 12 – Member’s Rights

12.1 The Members of the FFB have the following rights:

- a.) to take part in the Congress of the FFB, to know its agenda in advance, to be called to the Congress within a prescribed time and to exercise their voting rights;
- b.) to draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
- c.) to nominate candidates for all bodies of the FFB to be elected;
- d.) to be informed of the affairs of the FFB through the official medium;
- e.) to take part in competitions and/or other sports activities organized by the FFB;
- f.) to exercise all other rights arising from the Statutes and regulations of FFB.

12.2 The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and to the applicable regulations.

ARTICLE 13 – Members’ obligation

13.1 The Members of the FFB have the following obligations:

- a) to comply with the Statutes, regulations, directives, and decisions of FIFA, CONCACAF and the FFB at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;
- b) to ensure the election of its decision-making bodies on a regular basis;
- c) to take part in competitions and other FFB sports related activities;
- d) to pay their affiliation and subscription fees;
- e) 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 statutory provision;

- f) to adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CONCACAF and the FFB shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Tribunal of FIFA (Court of Arbitration for Sport, CAS), CONCACAF and the FFB and that any recourse to ordinary courts is prohibited;
- g) to communicate to the FFB any amendment of its statutes and regulations as well as a list of its officials or persons who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding agreement with a third party;
- h) not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities/ Members that are not recognized or have been suspended or expelled;
- i) to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior as an expression of fair play;
- j) to observe the mandatory items specified under Article 10 paragraph 3; for the duration of affiliation;
- k) to comply fully with all other duties arising from the Statutes and other regulations of FIFA, CONCACAF and the FFB;
- l) to set up clear provisions in their statutes for the election or appointing of delegates representing it at the Congress of the FFB

13.2 Violation of the above obligations may lead to sanctions.

ARTICLE 14 – Suspension

14.1 The Congress is responsible for suspending a Member. The Executive Committee may however suspend a Member that has seriously and/or repeatedly violated 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.

14.2 A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by a three-quarter majority of Members eligible to vote. If it is not confirmed the suspension is automatically lifted.

14.3 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 organize football related sports activities in their respective area and do not participate in the FFB related football activities for two years consecutively 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.

ARTICLE 15 – Expulsion

15.1 The Congress may expel a Member if:

- a) it fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards the FFB;
- b) it seriously violates the Statutes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, CONCACAF and the FFB;

15.2 The motion of expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter majority of Members eligible to vote.

ARTICLE 16 – Resignation

16.1 A Member/ Official may resign from the FFB with effect from the end of the calendar year. Notice of resignation must reach the General Secretariat no later than three months before the end of the calendar year. This letter must be sent by registered mail to the General Secretariat.

16.2 The resignation is not valid until the Member/Official wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards the FFB and other Members of FFB.

ARTICLE 17 –Status of Clubs, Leagues, Regional Association

17.1 The Regional Association, League, or any other groups affiliated to the FFB shall be subordinate to and recognized by the FFB. These statutes define the scope of authority and the rights and duties of these (*the foregoing). Their statutes and regulations must be approved by the Executive Committee of the FFB.

17.2 The affiliated Regional Associations, Leagues and other sporting groups of the FFB shall make 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 jeopardized.

III. HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBER

ARTICLE 18 – Honorary President and Honorary Member

18.1 The Congress may bestow the title of honorary president or honorary member upon any person for meritorious service to football.

18.2 The Executive Committee shall make these nominations.

18.3 The honorary president or the honorary member may take part in Congress. They may join the debate but are not entitled to vote.

IV. ORGANISATION

Article 19 – Bodies of the Association

19.1 The Congress is the supreme and legislative body.

19.2 The Executive Committee is the legislative body.

19.3 Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in fulfilling its duties. Their duties composition and function are defined in these Statutes and/or special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.

19.4 The General Secretariat is the administrative body.

19.5 The judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee, the Appeal Committee and the Ethics Committee.

19.6 The bodies of the FFB shall either be elected or appointed by the FFB itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes.

Article 20 – Definition and Composition

20.1 The Congress is the meeting at which all Members of the FFB regularly convene. Only a Congress that is duly 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 vote.

20.5 The honorary president or honorary members may take part in the Congress. They may join the debates but are not entitled to vote.

Article 21 – Delegates and Votes

21.1 The Congress is composed of twenty (20) delegates. The number of delegates is allocated as follows:

- a) For each District Football Association two (2) delegates;
- b) For the Belize Premier Football League six (6) delegates;

21.2 Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that Member. They must produce evidence of the above upon request.

21.3 Each delegate of the FFB Congress is entitled to vote. Only delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by proxy letter is not permitted.

21.4 The Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in the Congress without voting rights. During their terms of office Members of the Executive Committee cannot be appointed delegates for their member association.

Article 22 – Areas of Authority

The Congress has the following authority:

- a) Adopt or amend the Statutes, regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the Standing Orders of the Congress;
- b) Appoint three Member to check the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
- c) Appoint the scrutineers;
- d) Elect the electoral committee and the election appeal committee;
- e) Elect the President and the Vice-Presidents and members of the Executive Committee;
- f) Elect the Chairman, the deputy chairman and the members of the Ethics Committee;
- g) Approve the financial reports;
- h) Approve the budget;
- i) Passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with these Statutes;
- j) Appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
- k) Revoking the mandate of one or a number of members of a body of FFB;
- l) Approve the President's activity report;
- m) Fix membership subscriptions;
- n) Bestow honorary titles upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee;
- o) Admit, suspend or expel a Member.
- p) Dissolve the FFB.

Article 23 – Quorum of the Congress

23.1 Decisions passed by the Congress shall only be valid if the absolute majority (50% + 1) of Members who are entitled to vote are represented and present.

23.2 If a quorum is not achieved a second Congress shall take place twenty four (24) hours with the same agenda and the same place. There is no need for a quorum in a second meeting.

23.3 A quorum is not required for the second meeting unless any item on the agenda proposes the amendment of the Statutes of the FFB, the election of the President and the election of the Vice-Presidents and Members of the Executive Committee. The Dismissal of one or a number of members of a body of the FFB the expulsion of a Member of the FFB the dissolution of the FFB.

Article 24 – Decision of the Congress

24.1 Unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes a simple majority of Members entitled to vote is sufficient for the vote to be valid.

24.2 All voting shall be by a show of hands. 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.

Article 25 – Elections

25.1 Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. If only one candidate stands for election, the Congress may decide to proceed otherwise.

25.2 For a person to be elected, an absolute majority (50% + 1) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary to be declared a winner.

25.3 If there are more than two candidates for one available position, the candidate that obtains the lowest number of votes in the first election process shall be eliminated until two candidates are left.

25.4 The proceedings of the elections shall be eliminated until two candidates are left.

Article 26 – Ordinary Congress

26.1 The Ordinary Congress shall be held every year.

26.2 The Executive Committee shall fix the place and date. The Members shall be notified in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance.

26.3 The formal convocation shall be made in writing at least fifteen (15) days before the date of Congress. This convocation shall contain the agenda, the Presidents' activity report and financial report and other relevant documents.

Article 27 – Ordinary Congress Agenda

27.1 The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from Executive Committee and Members. Any proposal by a Member should be sent to the General Secretary in writing forty (40) days before the Congress.

27.2 The Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items:

- a) Declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the FFB Statutes;
- b) Approval of agenda;
- c) Address by President;
- d) Appointment of Members to check the minutes;
- e) Suspension or expulsion if necessary;
- f) Approval of minutes of proceeding Congress;
- g) President activity report;
- h) Presentation of balance sheet financial report;
- i) Approval of financial report;
- j) Approval of budget;
- k) Admission of membership;
- l) Vote on proposals to amend the Statutes; the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and/or electoral code
- m) Discussion on proposals submitted by Members and Executive Committee;
- n) Appointment of auditor's (if applicable)
- o) Dismissal of a person or a body (if applicable)
- p) Election of electoral committee and election appeal committee (if applicable)
- q) Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents and members of the Executive Committee (if applicable)
- r) Election of the chairman, the deputy chairman and the members of the Ethics Committee (if applicable)
- s) Any further items proposed by Members of the Executive Committee (provide that the deadline of art. Par. 1 or the quorum in art. 27 par. 3 of the FFB Statutes has been met;

27.3 The agenda of the Ordinary Congress may be altered provided that three quarters of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to such a motion.

27.4 The Congress shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.

Article 28 – Extraordinary Congress

28.1 The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress.

28.2 The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress at the request of 50% of the FFB membership. The request shall specify the items on the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held within sixty (60) days 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 and the date of the Congress and receive the agenda and the relevant documents thirty (30) days before the meeting.

28.4 The agenda of the Extraordinary Congress may not be altered.

Article 29 – Amendment

29.1 The Congress is responsible for amending the Statutes.

29.2 Any proposals for an amendment to the Statutes must be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by a Member or by the Executive Committee. A proposal by a Member can only be valid if it has the support of two other Members.

29.3 For a vote on an amendment to the Statutes to be valid an absolute majority (50% + 1) of the members eligible to vote must be present.

29.4 A proposal for an amendment to the Statutes shall be adopted if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

29.5 Any proposal to amend the standing orders of the Congress must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the Secretariat or by the Member of the Executive Committee.

29.6 A proposal for an amendment to 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.

Article 30 – Minutes

The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the Congress. The minutes shall be checked by three members designated and finally approved at the next Congress.

Article 31 – Effective Dates of Decisions

Decisions passed by the Congress shall come into effect for the Members within sixty (60) days of the close of the Congress unless the Congress fixes another date.

Article 32 – Composition of the Executive Committee

32.1 The Executive Committee duly constituted shall consist of five Members in the following manner:

- One (1) President
- One (1) Senior Vice-President
- One (1) Vice-President
- Two (2) Members

32.2 The President, the Vice Presidents and the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Congress. Every candidate for election of the Executive Committee must be proposed by one and seconded by another Member.

32.3 The mandate of all Executive Committee Members shall be four years. The mandate start after the elective Congress and ends in the fourth year of the next elective Congress. They may be re-elected.

32.4 The Members of the Executive Committee must have been active in football, must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence and have residency within the territory of Belize.

32.5 The names of candidates must be sent to the General Secretariat of the FFB at least forty (40) days before the Congress is held (cf. art. 10 of the FFB Electoral Code). The official list of candidates must be passed to the Members of the FFB along with the agenda for the Congress at which the Executive Committee will be elected. The proceedings of the elections shall be regulated in the FFB Electoral Code drawn up by the Executive Committee and adopted by the Congress.

32.6 If a position becomes vacant the Executive Committee shall fill the position until the next Ordinary Congress when a replacement will be elected for the remaining term of the mandate. In case more than 50% of the positions of the Executive Committee become vacant, an Extraordinary Congress shall be convened within sixty (60) days in order to elect a replacement for the remaining term of the mandate.

Article 33 – Meetings

33.1 The Executive Committee shall meet at minimum four (4) times a year for Ordinary Meetings.

33.2 The President shall convene the Executive Committee meetings if 50% + 1 of the Executive Committee Members request a meeting. The President shall convene the meeting within twenty one (21) days of notice to the Members.

33.3 The President shall compile the agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for the inclusion in the agenda. The Members of the Executive Committee must submit the point they wish to be included in the agenda to the Secretariat fourteen (14) days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent to Members of the Executive seven (7) days before the meeting.

33.4 The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role and to record the meeting.

33.5 The Executive Committee meetings are not public. Any person invited to the meeting can only express an opinion if given permission to do so by the President of the Football Federation of Belize.

Article 34 – Powers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee:

- a) Shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress and are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;
- b) Shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of the FFB.
- c) Shall appoint chairman, deputy chairman and Members of the Standing Committee;
- d) Shall appoint the chairman, deputy chairman and members of the judicial bodies (except for the Ethics Committee);
- e) May set up ad-hoc committees if necessary;
- f) Shall compile the regulations for the organization of Standing and Ad-hoc Committees;
- g) Shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President. The General Secretary attends Executive Committee meetings ex-officio;
- h) Shall appoint coaches of the different national teams and other technical staff;
- i) Shall approve regulations on how the FFB shall be organized internally;
- j) Shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for their applications;
- k) May dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of the FFB provisionally until the next Congress;
- l) May delegate tasks to third parties or other bodies of the FFB;
- m) Appoint delegates who shall accompany the President to FIFA, CONCACAF, and UNCAF, Olympic organization meetings / Congress.

Article 35 – Decisions

35.1 The Executive Committee shall not engage in valid debate unless three members are present.

35.2 The Executive Committee shall reach decisions by a simple majority of members present. In the event of a tied vote the President shall have a casting vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.

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

Article 36 – Dismissal of a Person or Body

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

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

36.3 The person or body in question has the right to speak in their own defense.

36.4 If a motion for dismissal is upheld, the Congress shall reach a decision by a vote. For the motion to be passed an absolute majority members who are entitled to vote are represented and present.

36.5 A person or body dismissed provisionally must be relieved of his or its functions with immediate effect.

Article 37 – President

37.1 The President represents the FFB legally.

37.2 The President is primarily responsible for:

- 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 the FFB;
- c) Supervising the work of the General Secretariat;
- d) Relations between the FFB, its Members, FIFA, CONCACAF, political and social bodies and other organizations.

37.3 Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.

37.4 The President shall preside over the Congress, the Executive Committee and Emergency Committee meetings and those committees of which he has been appointed chairman.

37.5 The President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and wherever votes are equal in the Executive Committee, he shall have a casting vote.

37.6 If the President is absent or unavailable the President shall ask one of the vice-presidents to deputize. In case he is not able to delegate his duties to a vice-president of his choice, the longest serving vice-president present shall represent him.

37.7 Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organization regulations of the FFB.

Article 38 – Candidates for the Office of the President

38.1 The President shall be elected by the Congress for a period of four years. The mandate starts after the elective Congress and ends in the fourth year of the next elective Congress. The President may be re-elected.

38.2 For a person to be elected President of the FFB 60% of Members eligible to vote must be present and a President shall be elected with an absolute majority of the votes. 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 as from the second ballot until two candidates are left.

38.3 Only Members of the FFB may propose candidates for the office of the President. Members shall notify the General Secretariat in writing of the name of a candidate for presidency of the FFB at least forty (40) days before elective Congress shall take place (cf.art. 10 of the FFB Electoral Code).

38.4 The proceedings of the elections shall be regulated in the FFB Electoral Code drawn up by the Executive Committee.

38.5 If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official functions, he shall ask one of the vice-presidents to deputize. In case he is not to delegate his duties to a vice-president of his choice, the longest serving vice-president shall represent him until the next Congress. This Congress shall elect a new president if necessary.

Article 39 – Representation and Signature

The President represents the FFB legally and is entitled to sign for and on behalf of the FFB. The Executive Committee may set up internal organization regulations regarding the joint signatures of officers in particular in case of absence of the President and concerning all important business of the FFB.

Article 40 – Emergency Committee

40.1 The Emergency Committee shall deal with all matters requiring immediate settlement between two meetings of the Executive Committee. The Committee shall consist of the President of the FFB, one vice-president and one Member of the Executive Committee

40.2 The President shall convene the Emergency Committee meetings. If a meeting cannot be convened within an appropriate period of time, decisions may be passed through other means of communications. Such decisions shall have immediate legal effects. The President shall notify the Executive Committee of decisions passed by the Emergency Committee.

40.3 All decisions taken by the Emergency shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

40.4 If the President is unable to attend a meeting, the longest serving Vice-President available shall deputize. In case the longest serving Vice-President is already a member of the Emergency Committee, the second Vice-President shall deputize him.

Article 41 – Standing Committee

41.1 The Standing Committees of the FFB are:

- a) Finance Committee;
- b) Audit Committee;
- c) Committee of Football, Competitions and Technical issues;
- d) Referee's Committee;
- e) Women's Football Committee;
- f) Players' Status Committee;

41.2 The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committees shall be members of the Executive Committee with the exception of those for the Audit Committee, who may not belong to the Executive Committee. The Members of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Members of the FFB or the President of the FFB. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Members of the Standing Committees shall be designated for a term of office of four years.

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

41.4 Each Chairman shall fix the dates of meetings in collaboration with the General Secretary, ensure that all tasks are carried out and report back to the Executive Committee.

41.5 Each Committee may propose amendments to its regulations to the Executive Committee.

Article 42 – Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall monitor the financial management and advise the Executive Committee on financial matters and asset management. It shall analyze the budget of the FFB and the financial statements prepared by the General Secretary and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval. It shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and three Members.

Article 43 – Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the external auditors' report at the request of the Executive Committee. It shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and one Member.

Article 44 – Committee for Football, Competitions and Technical Issues

The Committee for Football, Competitions and Technical Issues shall deal with general issues in football, e.g. with its structure as well as relations between clubs, leagues, members, CONCACAF and FIFA. Furthermore it shall organize the competitions of the FFB (including Youth Football, Futsal and Beach Soccer competitions). Moreover, it shall analyze the basic aspects of football training and technical development in compliance with the provisions of these Statutes and the regulations applicable to the FFB competitions. It shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and Members as needed from time to time.

Article 45 – Referee's Committee

The Referee's Committee shall implement the Laws of the Game. It shall appoint the referees for matches in competitions organized by the FFB, organize refereeing matters within the FFB in collaboration with the administration of the FFB and monitor the education and training of referees. It shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and three Members.

Article 46 – Women's Football Committee

The Committee for Women's Football shall organize women's football competitions and deal withal matters relating to women's football. It shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and three Members.

Article 47 – Players' Status Committee

47.1 The Players' Status Committee shall set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA regulations on the Status Transfer of Players and determine the status of Players for various competitions of the FFB. The Executive Committee may draw up special regulations governing the Player's Status Committee's powers of jurisdiction. The Players' Status Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and three Members.

47.2 Players' Status disputes involving FFB, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents shall be settled by an Arbitration Tribunal in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 48 – Ad-hoc Committees

The Executive Committee may, if necessary, create ad-hoc committees for special duties and a limited period of time. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and the Members. The duties and function are defined in special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee. An ad-hoc committee shall report directly to the Executive Committee.

Article 49 – General Secretariat

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

Article 50 – General Secretary

50.1 The General Secretary is the Chief Executive of the General Secretariat.

50.2 The General Secretary shall be appointed on the advice of the President on the basis of an agreement governed by private law.

50.3 The General Secretary shall be responsible for:

- a) Implementing decisions passed by the Congress and Executive Committee in compliance with the President's directives;
- b) Attending the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the Standing and Ad-hoc Committees;
- c) Organizing the Congress and meetings of the Executive and other bodies;
- d) Compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and Standing and Ad-hoc Committees;
- e) Managing and keeping the accounts of the FFB properly;
- f) The correspondence of the FFB;
- g) Relations with the Members, Committees, FIFA and CONCACAF;
- h) Organizing the General Secretariat;
- i) The appointment and dismissal of staff working in the General Secretariat;
- j) Proposing managerial staff to the President.

50.4 The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of the body of the FFB.

Article 51 – Judicial Bodies

51.1 The Judicial Bodies are:

- a) The Disciplinary Committee;
- b) The Appeal Committee;
- c) The Ethics Committee.

51.2 The responsibilities and functions of the Disciplinary and the Appeal Committee shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of the FFB, which shall comply with the FIFA Disciplinary code. The responsibilities and functions of the Ethics Committee shall be stipulated in the Code of Ethics of FFB.

51.3 The decision-making powers of other committees remain unaffected.

51.4 The Members of the Judicial Bodies may not belong to any other body of the FFB at the same time.

Article 52 – Disciplinary Committee

52.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the number of members deemed necessary. The Chairman may have legal qualifications.

52.2 The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of the FFB. The Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the Chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of the FFB.

52.3 The Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes and the Disciplinary Code of FFB on Members, Officials, Players, Clubs and match and Players' agents.

52.4 These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of the Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

Article 53 – Appeal Committee

53.1 The Appeal Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the number of members deemed necessary. The Chairman shall have and the Deputy Chairman may have legal qualifications.

53.2 The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of FFB. The Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present. In certain cases, the Chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of FFB.

53.3 The Appeal Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions from the Disciplinary Committee are not declared final.

Article 54 – Disciplinary Measures

The disciplinary measures are primarily:

54.1 For a natural and legal persons:

- a) A warning;
- b) A reprimand;
- c) A fine;
- d) The return of awards;

54.2 For natural persons:

- a) A caution;
- 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.

54.3 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) Annulment of the results of the match;
- f) Expulsion from a competition;
- g) A forfeit;
- h) Deduction of points;
- i) Relegation to a lower division.

Article 55 – Arbitration

The FFB shall create an Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all internal national disputes between the FFB, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents that do not fall under the jurisdiction of its judicial bodies. The Executive Committee shall draw up special regulations regarding the composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this Arbitration Tribunal. In case such Arbitration Tribunal does not exist, all internal national disputes between the FFB, its Members, Players, Officials and match and players' agents that do not fall under the jurisdiction of its judicial bodies shall be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Court of Arbitration for Sport shall proceed in all cases with a sole arbitrator, in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration and Mediation Rules.

Article 57 – Court of Arbitration for Sport

57.1 In accordance with the relevant articles of the FIFA Statutes, any appeal against a final and binding FIFA 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, suspension of up to four matches or up to three months, or decisions passed by an independent and duly constituted Arbitration Tribunal of an Association or Confederation.

57.2 FFB 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 body or CAS.

V. FINANCE

Article 58 – Financial Period

58.1 The financial period of the FFB shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December.

58.2 The revenue and expenses of the FFB shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period.

58.3 The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of the FFB with its subsidiaries as at 31st December.

Article 59 – Revenue

- a) The revenue of the FFB arises specifically from:
- b) Members' annual subscriptions;
- c) Receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which the FFB is entitled;
- d) Fines imposed by the authorized bodies.
- e) Other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by the FFB;
- f) FAP-FIFA Financial Assistance Program.

Article 60 – Expenses

FFB bears:

- a) The expenses stipulated in the budget;
- b) Other expenses approved by Congress and expenses that the Executive Committee is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority;
- c) All other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by the FFB.

Article 61 – Independent Auditors

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

Article 62 – Membership Subscriptions

62.1 Membership subscriptions are due on January 1. The annual subscription for new Members for the year in question shall be paid within thirty days of the close of the Congress at which they are admitted.

62.2 The Congress shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every year on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. It shall be the same for every Member.

Article 63 – Settlement

The FFB may debit any Members' assets to settle claims.

Article 64 – Levies

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

VI. COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Article 65 – Competitions

65.1 The FFB organizes and coordinates the following official competitions held within its territory:

1. The League Championship
2. National Amateur Championship (male)
3. National Amateur Championship (female)
4. National U-14 Tournament (male & female)
5. National U-16 Tournament (male & female)
6. National U-21 Tournament (male & female)
7. U-10 and U-8 Tournament (male & female)
8. The FFB Cup

65.2 The Executive Committee may delegate to the FFB subordinate Leagues and District Associations the authority to organize competitions. The competitions organized by the Leagues and District Associations shall not interfere with those competitions organized by the FFB.

65.3 The Executive Committee may issue special regulations to this end.

Article 66 – Club Licensing

The Executive Committee of the FFB will set up regulations a club licensing system governing the participation of Clubs in competitions of the FFB.

Article 67 – Rights

67.1 The FFB and its Members are the original owners of all the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under the respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.

Article 68 – Authorization

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

VII. INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

Article 69 – International Matches and Competitions

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

69.2 The FFB is bound to comply with the international match calendar complied by FIFA.

Article 70 – Contracts

The FFB 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.

Article 71 – Approval

71.1 Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to the FFB cannot belong to another Association without the authorization of the FFB and the other Association and of FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

71.2 Clubs, Leagues or any other group of Clubs that are affiliated to the FFB cannot participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorization of the FFB, the other Association(s), of FIFA and of the respective Confederation(s) according to the Regulations Governing International Matches.

VIII.FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 72-Unforeseen Contingencies and Force Majeure

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

Article 73-Dissolution

73.1 Any decision relating to the dissolution of the FFB requires a majority of two-thirds of all Members of the FFB, which must be obtained at a Congress specially convened for the purpose.

73.2 If the FFB is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to a Trust. It shall hold these assets in trust as “bonus pater familiae” until the FFB is re-established. The final Congress may, however, choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two-thirds majority.

Article 74-Enforcement

These Statutes were adopted at the Congress held in Belmopan on 30th September, 2011 and will come into force immediately.

Signature:

President:

Dr. Bertie Chimilio

Date:

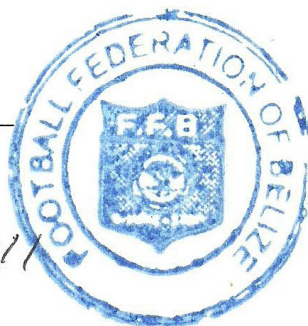
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