

The constitution of Football Association of Finland

Section 1 Name of the Association

The name of the association is Suomen Palloliitto ry, and Finlands Bollförbund rf in Swedish. The unofficial name Football Association of Finland can be used in international contexts. The association's registered office is in Helsinki. In these statutes the association is referred as Association.

Section 2 Mission, code of conduct and values

1. As a national sport association, the mission of the Association is to manage, control and guide the development of football and futsal in Finland and to act as a link between those involved in football and futsal and the member clubs included within the Association.
2. The Association's operations are based on the ethical principles defined by the Association, the principles of fair play in sports and rejecting the use of doping and banned substances, where the Association commits to abide by the Finnish antidoping regulations and statutes.
3. The Association's operations appreciate the environment and nature and comply with the principle of equality.
4. Any discrimination towards individuals or group or groups of individuals on the basis of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or other characteristic is forbidden.
5. The values of the Association are cheerfulness, success, reliability and communality.

Section 3 Operations

1. The Association carries out its mission:
 - a) by being the responsible body for managing, representing and monitoring Finland's football activities at home and abroad by abiding by the rules, instructions, regulations and ethical principles of the international associations to which the Association belongs;
 - b) by organising national and international competitions;
 - c) by arranging training for clubs and members of clubs and those involved in football and futsal;
 - d) by ratifying the competition and disciplinary regulations, ethical principles as well as regulations for other competitions and by resolving any related disputes;

- e) by providing inspiration and advice to make football more popular and to improve the efficiency of club activities;
- f) by taking the initiative to improve conditions and infrastructure;
- g) by acting as the responsible body for ensuring that Finland abides by the Laws of the Game ratified by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and published by the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) in football and futsal.

2. To support its operations, the Association may apply for and receive public grants and subsidies, obtain funds through public collections and other similar means, engage in sales of goods and services related to its activities, receive donations and wills, arrange lotteries and acquire fixed and other assets and engage in any other commercial activity directly related to carrying out the mission of the Association.

Section 4 Decision making powers and administration

1. The Association's ultimate power of decision is exercised by the General Assembly and the Club Parliament during the time between General Assemblies.
2. The Executive Committee is responsible for the administration of the Association, and, under the Executive Committee, the Managing Director (who is also referred to as the Secretary General) In addition the Association may employ other staff members.
3. Officials who work for the Association cannot be members of the Executive Committee or the Club Parliament or act as representatives at the General Assembly.

Section 5 Association membership and the obligations of members

1. The Association is a member of FIFA and the Union des Associations Européennes de Football (UEFA) and can also join other associations following a decision of the Executive Committee.
2. The Association, its bodies and the bodies of its regions, as well as officials, the Association's members, their officials, players and players' representatives must abide by the rules, regulations and decisions of the Association. In addition, all individuals, bodies and organizations mentioned above must abide by the rules, regulations and decisions of FIFA and UEFA in their activities.

Section 6 Membership of the Association

1. Eligible Association members are (following a decision by the Executive Committee) clubs operating as registered associations and other legal entities (- both are hereinafter referred to as "Clubs") that are committed to abiding by the Association's rules, regulations and decisions as well as the rules, regulations and decisions of FIFA and UEFA.

2. Membership applications must be submitted in writing. The application and the applicant's rules, a receipt of the entry fee and, in case of Clubs, a statement of the body of the Association responsible for club matters must be sent to the Executive Committee.

A written notification of the decision is issued to the applicant. Should the application be rejected, the entry fee is returned to the applicant.

3. Members pay an annual membership fee to the Association as determined by the Club Parliament.

4. The members of the Association undertake to abide by the football and futsal rules (Laws of the Game) issued by FIFA.

5. A Club that has been approved as a member of the Association cannot be a member of any other national football association or participate in competitions in the area of any other national association unless the Association, the other national association and FIFA have granted permission to do so.

Section 7 Regions

1. For the activities of the Association, Finland is divided into regions with the goal of developing the operating conditions and vitality of the Clubs and of improving and harmonizing services.

2. Initiatives to change the boundaries of regions must be proposed to the Club Parliament for processing in proper order.

Section 8 Expiration/termination of membership

1. Membership of a Club in the Association expires/terminates if the Club

a) gives notice or is disbanded or

b) is expelled from the Association

2. A member that wants to terminate its membership must give notice of this in writing to the Executive Committee or to its chairperson or by giving notice of this in the minutes of the General Assembly or the Club Parliament.

3. Membership of a Club can be terminated if it acts contrary to the mission of the Association, if it has failed to pay fees due to the Association, acts contrary the rules of the Association, decisions by the General Assembly, the Executive Committee or the Club Parliament, or allows its members to participate in such activities without issuing them with any sanctions, or if some other reason for termination as specified in the Associations Act exists. In addition, the membership of a Club can be terminated if it changes its name to one that the Association does not approve of.

Membership termination is decided on by the Executive Committee and notice of the decision is given through a registered letter to the member whose membership has been terminated within two weeks of the decision.

4. The member that terminates its membership or whose membership is terminated must pay the membership fee for the ongoing year to the Association.

Section 9 General Assembly

The General Assembly takes place every two years in April or May as invited by the Executive Committee.

Section 10 Summoning the General Assembly

The notification of the General Assembly must be published on the Association's website six months before the General Assembly takes place. The invitation and the agenda must be published on the Association's website and emailed to the members (or sent by mail when requested) no later than two months prior to the General Assembly.

The members of the Association must notify the Executive Committee of the matters they want to include on the agenda no later than four months before the General Assembly.

Section 11 Representatives at the General Assembly

1. The members' power of decision is exercised at the General Assembly by representatives of the Clubs. Members of the Executive Committee cannot act as representatives at the General Assembly.

2. Each Club is represented by one representative. The representative present in the General Assembly can only represent one Club, of which member the representative must be.

Members of the Clubs who are not representatives of a Club may attend the General Assembly without the right to speak. If necessary, the Executive Committee may determine the maximum number of attendees, who are not representatives of a Club. The Club must announce the representative and other attendees no later than 30 days before the General Assembly.

The standard number of votes is two (2).

In addition to the standard number of votes, a Club is entitled to additional votes at the General Assembly on the basis of the number of registered players on 30 November of the year preceding the General Assembly, as follows:

A Club has two additional votes for each commencing 100 registered players until 900 registered players, which yields the maximum of 20 votes for a Club. The votes of a Club are determined as follows:

2 votes when the number of registered players is 1 – 100
4 votes when the number of registered players is 101 – 200
6 votes when the number of registered players is 201 – 300
8 votes when the number of registered players is 301 – 400
10 votes when the number of registered players is 401 – 500
12 votes when the number of registered players is 501 – 600
14 votes when the number of registered players is 601 – 700
16 votes when the number of registered players is 701 – 800
18 votes when the number of registered players is 801 – 900
20 votes when the number of registered players is 901 or more

In unclear cases, the Executive Committee will resolve the number of votes of the Club in question.

3. A representative must have a proxy issued by the Club represented referring to the statutes of the Club, which specifies the names of the representatives and the personal replacement of the representative.

4. In addition to the General Assembly representatives, the members of the Club Parliament and the Executive Committee, the Managing Director of the Association, the members of committees, the chairpersons of regional parliaments and committees and the Association's honorary chairpersons, honorary members and perpetual members are entitled to attend General Assembly and participate in the discussion, but not in making decisions.

5. For General Assemblies, the Executive Committee is entitled to invite stakeholder representatives who have the right to speak at the meeting but who do not have the right to vote.

6. By a decision of the Executive Committee or the General Assembly, the General Assembly or any voting taking place in General Assembly may be attended by mail or by any technical communication device before or during the General Assembly.

7. The club's membership fee of the Association must be paid by 31 March on the year of the General Assembly. In case the membership fee is not paid by the date mentioned above, the club has no right to participate the General Assembly.

Section 12 General Assembly matters

1. The General Assembly:

– appoints the meeting's chairpersons, secretaries, two (2) inspectors of the minutes and three (3) people who will count the votes

– inspects the proxies of the representatives;

– verifies that the meeting is legal;

– appoints the necessary committees for processing the agenda;

- addresses the Executive Committee's report on the activities and finances of the Association;
 - appoints in every other General Assembly the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, who is referred to as the Chairperson of the Football Association of Finland for four (4) years. In case there are more than two candidates in the election of the Chairperson and no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes casted, there will be a second round between the two candidates that received the most votes in the first round;
 - appoints in every other General Assembly the first deputy chairperson for four (4) years. In case there are more than two candidates in the election of the First Deputy Chairperson and no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes casted, there will be a second round between the two candidates that received the most votes in the first round;
 - appoints in every General Assembly the Club Parliament members and their personal replacements for two (2) years. A person can be elected to the Club Parliament, if the person has been nominated by a Club or Clubs with a letter or e-mail assigned to the Executive Committee no later than 30 days prior to the General Assembly. The General Assembly is not bound to the pre-nomination;
 - appoints in every other General Assembly the Nomination Committee for four (4) years on the proposal of the Club Parliament. The Nomination Committee shall prepare the selection of individuals in the General Assembly and Club Parliament meetings and make a proposal of persons to be elected Chairperson, First Deputy Chairperson and members of the Executive Committee;
 - decides on the operating strategy proposed by the Executive Committee four (4) years and performs a review on the results achieved two years after the strategy has been accepted and;
 - decides on other issues on the agenda of the General Assembly.
2. Business not included on the agenda can be addressed at the meeting if at least three-fourths of the number of votes at the meeting are in favour of that. However, if the issue has not been included on the agenda, the meeting cannot address the amendment of the Association's rules, real estate handover, mortgaging, or the handover of property that is of considerable value to the Association, the disbanding of the Association or other issues specified in Section 23 of the Associations Act.

Section 13 Extraordinary General Assembly

1. An Extraordinary General Assembly is held when:

- a) the previous General Assembly so decides
- b) the Club Parliament or the Executive Committee deems it necessary or
- c) at least one tenth of Clubs requires it from the Executive Committee in writing to address a specific issue.

The Extraordinary General Assembly must be held within three (3) months from the issue of the demand, unless the Executive Committee for a well-founded reason postpones it, in which case the Extraordinary General Assembly must be held no later than within six (6) months from the issue of the initial demand.

2. The invitation to and the agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly must be sent to the members no later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

3. In sections otherwise applicable, the Extraordinary General Assembly is subject to the regulations set out in these rules for the General Assembly.

Section 14 Club Parliament

1. The Club Parliament comprises the members and their respective deputies appointed by the General Assembly.

2. Members of the Club Parliament are elected from constituencies by the Clubs registered to each constituency. The constituencies are determined by the Club Parliament. The standard number of representatives for a constituency is one. A constituency has one additional representative for each commencing 5000 registered players on the basis of the number of registered players on 30 November of the year preceding the General Assembly.

3. Both genders must be represented among the Club Parliament members and their replacements.

4. Club Parliament arranges two (2) annual meetings by invitation of the Executive Committee.

5. Only those under 70 years of age are eligible to be appointed to the Club Parliament. A member of the Club Parliament cannot serve in the office for more than three terms in succession.

Section 15 Summoning the Club Parliament

1. The Club Parliament is summoned by the Executive Committee by sending the meeting invitation and the agenda by email or by letter (when requested) to the Club Parliament members no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. The invitation to the extraordinary meeting must be sent no later than thirty (30) days from issuing the demand.

2. Regarding the issues that the Club Parliament member, regional Parliament or Committee or a Club wants to be included on the agenda of the Club Parliament, a proposal must be made to the Executive Committee by 1 February for the spring meeting and by 1 September for the autumn meeting.

Section 16 Club Parliament meetings

1. The spring meeting of the Club Parliament is held in March, April, May or June and the autumn meeting in October, November or December.
2. The Club Parliament meeting has a quorum when at least 50 percent of Club Parliament members are present in addition to the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson.
3. A member of the Executive Committee cannot be a member of the Club Parliament but he or she and the Association's Managing Director have the right to speak at Club Parliament meetings.
4. A member appointed from the at Club Parliament to the Executive Committee will return to a member or a replacement of the Club Parliament if he or she is not reappointed to Executive Committee.

Section 17 Club Parliament matters

1. The spring meeting of the Club Parliament:
 - appoints the Club Parliaments Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson from among the Club Parliament members for two years
 - presents the Executive Committees annual reports with accounts and related statement by the auditors
 - decides on ratifying the financial statements
 - decides on granting liability exemption to the Executive Committee and others liable to render accounts, and decides on the measures that are called for by the administration and accounts of the previous year
 - addresses, when necessary, the Association's operating strategy to be proposed to the General Assembly in a year when the General Assembly is held, and issues a statement thereof to the Executive Committee
 - specifies the Association's fees for entering, membership and player licence and registration
 - ratifies the Ethical code of the Association (if necessary) and
 - addresses other items on the agenda.
2. The autumn meeting of the Club Parliament:
 - appoints the Executive Committee members for two (2) years so that 50 percent of the members annually have the turn of resignation
 - appoints two (2) auditors and two (2) deputy auditors. In case an auditing company is appointed there is no need to appoint deputies.

- appoints the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and other members of the Appeal Committee and the Disciplinary Committee for a period of two (2) years (from the start of the calendar year following the Club Parliament decision to the end of the next calendar year)
- ratifies the action plan for the next year
- ratifies the budget for the next year
- addresses proposals (if any) for altering the regions' boundaries and changes to the election statutes of the Association
- decides on possible amendments to the penalty regulations and the rules and regulations of the Appeal Committee and the Disciplinary Committee and
- addresses other items on the agenda.

Section 18 Extraordinary meeting of the Club Parliament

An additional meeting of the Club Parliament is held if the Executive Committee so decides or if at least one-third of Club Parliament members demand it from the Executive Committee in writing to address a specific issue.

Section 19 Resolving issues

1. At the General Assembly and the meeting of the Club Parliament, issues are resolved through a simple majority of votes unless determined otherwise by the Associations Act or these rules.

In case there are more than two candidates in the election of the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson and no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes casted, there will be a second round between the two candidates that received the most votes in the first round.

2. If there is a tie, the vote of the meeting chairperson is decisive, ~~and, in case of an election, the winner is decided by drawing lots.~~ **In case of an election, if there is a tie between two or more candidates there will be a second round between these candidates and should there be a tie after the second round of voting, the winner is decided by drawing lots.**

Section 20 Executive Committee

1. The matters of the Association are taken care of by the Executive Committee comprising the Association's Chairperson and the First Deputy Chairpersons (who are appointed by the General Assembly) and eight members appointed by the autumn meeting of the ~~Central Council~~ **Club Parliament**. The Executive Committee appoints the Second Deputy Chairperson from among its members for one year. Both genders must be represented among Executive Committee members in a way that as a minimum 25% of

members shall be women or men. One member is endeavoured to be appointed among Jalkapalloliiga ry.

2. If an Executive Committee member resigns during his/her term of office, the Club Parliament appoints a replacement member for the remaining period.

3. Only those under 70 years of age are eligible to join the Executive Committee.

4. The Executive Committee convenes by invitation of the Chairperson. The Executive Committee must be summoned when at least three (3) members demand a meeting due to an issue they have announced.

5. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Club Parliament have the right to attend and speak at Executive Committee meetings.

6. The Executive Committee has a quorum when the meeting is attended by at least four (4) members, one (1) of whom is the Chairperson, or the Deputy Chairperson in case the Chairperson is absent in the meeting.

7. Matters are resolved by a simple majority of votes. If there is a tie, the vote of the meeting chairperson is decisive, and, in the case of an election, the winner is decided by drawing lots.

8. The Chairperson or the First Deputy Chairperson cannot serve in the office for more than two terms of four years in succession, unless being appointed to a body in an international football association, which membership requires a status of Chairperson in a national football association.

The Second Deputy Chairperson and a member of the Executive Committee cannot serve in the office for more than three terms in succession.

Section 21 Tasks of the Executive Committee

By adhering to the law, these rules and the instructions of the General Assembly and the Club Parliament, the tasks of the Executive Committee are to:

1) summon General Assemblies and meetings of the Club Parliament, prepare the agenda and enforce decisions

2) accept and expel members of the Association and maintain a list of members

3) monitor and guide the activities and finances of the Clubs by ratifying the regulations concerning their financial status

4) execute the strategy of the Association and review the execution

5) ratify the Association's office organisation led by the Managing Director

- 6) hire and dismiss the Association's Managing Director and other executive staff required for taking care of the Association's activities, and determine their tasks and salaries
- 7) manage the Association's property and keep full accounts of that and of the Association's income and spending, and prepare the annual reports and action plans of the Association
- 8) decide on international competition activities according to the principles of FIFA and UEFA
- 9) decide on national competition activities, positions in leagues and losing them, the development policies of competition activities, and fees related to competition activities
- 10) set competition regulations when necessary to impose restrictions on the nationalities of players in the Clubs or for players other than those raised nationally, provided that the restrictions are not contrary to EU legislation
- 11) prepare and, accept competition regulations, prepare and accept other regulations and issue amendment proposals regarding the rules of the Association
- 12) monitor that the rules of the game and the regulations concerning competition activities abide by the rules of the international associations that the Football Association of Finland is a member of
- 13) determine and accept the football jurisdiction, rights and obligations of the group comprising the Clubs
- 14) take action if a ~~district~~, Club or Club member or someone involved in the activities breaches the Association's rules and regulations, and monitor the enforcement of any penalties issued against a Club, player or official by international associations
- 15) resolve disputes of which action by the Association has been requested in the appropriate manner
- 16) appoint the necessary committees boards and national bodies and accept their rules and regulations
- 17) monitor and promote the development of football
- 18) decide on granting the Association's universal entrance card
- 19) decide on Club licence requirements for the leagues of the Association and appoint the Club licence committees and the licence appeal committee
- 20) prepare the requirements of the national UEFA club licence for approval by UEFA and appoint a licence committee and licence appeal board to decide on UEFA club licences
- 21) appoints the necessary regional committees and bodies

Section 22 Nomination Committee

The task of the Nomination Committee is to prepare the selection of the members of the Executive Committee made at the General Assembly and meetings of the Club Parliament. A person may be elected as the Chairperson and the First Deputy Chairperson when proposed by the Nomination Committee, or when a Club or Clubs have nominated the person by a letter or email to the Nomination Committee with no later than 45 days prior to the General Assembly or meeting of Club Parliament. Neither the General Assembly nor the Club Parliament are bound to the proposal of the Nomination Committee.

The Nomination Committee must prepare a reasoned proposal, which will be sent to the representatives/members of the Club Parliament with material other material. The proposal must include a statement of the suitability of each candidate for the task in question. The Nomination Committee cannot propose its own members to be elected to the Executive Committee, Chairperson or First Deputy Chairperson. **A member of the Nomination Committee cannot be elected to the Club Parliament.**

The term of office of the Nomination Committee is four years. The Nomination Committee consists of ~~a Chairperson, four members and two replacements.~~ **six members.** **The members of the Nomination Committee are appointed in a rule, where half of its members are in a turn of separation in the next ordinary FAF Congress. A member of the Nomination Committee cannot serve in the office for more than two terms of four years in succession.**

The Nomination Committee elects a chairperson and a vice chairperson from among its members. The members and replacements of the Nomination Committee must include representation of both genders.

The Nomination Committee has a quorum when the meeting is attended by at least three (3) members, one (1) of whom is the Chairperson, or the Deputy Chairperson in case the Chairperson is absent in the meeting. Should the number of members in the Nomination Committee be reduced to three (3), the Club Parliament has the power to elect new members to the Committee for the remaining period ending in the next FAF Congress.

Section 23 Resolving disputes

1. Any football-related disputes between the Association and the Clubs, Club members or players belonging to the Association will be resolved through arbitration proceedings unless specified otherwise in other regulations, mutual agreement between the parties to the dispute, or in applicable legislation.

The Executive Committee or a body assigned by the Executive Committee determines the composition of the arbitration tribunal unless the parties mutually agree on it.

The Executive Committee may also appoint a permanent arbitration body to resolve disputes, which consists of chairperson and three members. The chairperson must have a law degree. Members of the arbitration body cannot be members of Club Parliament, Executive Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Committee, or work as an official for the Association or a district.

In case the Association is a party to a dispute, the Central Chamber of Commerce will determine the composition of the arbitration tribunal if an agreement thereof is not reached.

2. A member of the Association or a Club or a person involved in their activities may appeal decisions (made by the Association or district bodies) concerning the appellant to the legal protection board for sports (Urheilun Oikeusturvalautakunta) in compliance with the preconditions set out in the board's rules.

3. The disciplinary bodies of FIFA and UEFA will resolve any sport-related disputes that concern matters regarding FIFA and UEFA and that are between FIFA or UEFA and their member associations, Clubs, players of the official of Clubs.

Based on the rules of FIFA and UEFA, the Lausanne-based Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) will resolve all civil disputes of a financial nature that concern matters related to FIFA and UEFA and are between FIFA or UEFA or their member associations, Clubs, players, Club officials and between themselves. The CAS either acts as a regular arbitration tribunal or an appeal body.

Decisions by the aforementioned bodies are final.

The Association shall ensure that the Association's and its bodies and officials, the members of the Association, their officials, players and players' agents abide by the decisions of the CAS.

Section 24 Disciplinary bodies

1. The disciplinary bodies of the Association:

- a) Disciplinary Committee
- b) Appeal Committee
- c) the Association's Managing Director or a person appointed by him or her with regard to matters specified in the penalty regulations
- d) the Licence Committees and the Licence Appeal Committee in matters related to Club licensing requirements specified in the Club licensing regulations
- e) the regional disciplinary bodies in matters mentioned in the disciplinary regulations of the Association.

2. The authority and types of sanctions of the Disciplinary Committee, the Appeal Committee, the regional disciplinary bodies, the Association's Managing Director and a person appointed by him or her are regulated in the penalty regulations approved by the Club Parliament. The jurisdiction, composition and activities of the Licence Committee and the Licence Appeal Committee are regulated by the Club licensing regulations approved by the Executive Committee.

3. Regarding activities and decision-making, the disciplinary bodies are independent of the Association's other bodies

4. The Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee comprise the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and a maximum of five (5) other members. The committees must have representation of both genders.
5. The Appeal Committee is the appeal body for decisions specified in the penalty regulations.
6. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee must have law degrees. The committee members must be absolutely impartial in their activities. The member must refrain from processing any matters where he or she may be biased. Committee members must not be members of the disciplinary body of the Executive Committee or a district, or personnel of the Association or its districts.
7. The committee has a quorum when the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson and at least 50 percent of the rest of the members are present. If there is a tie, the vote of the meeting chairperson is decisive. The Deputy Chairperson will act as the Chairperson of the committee meeting if the Chairperson cannot attend the meeting.
8. If a committee member resigns or is prevented from acting as a committee member, the Club Parliament appoints a new member.
9. The Association and its members are committed to abide by the joint disciplinary regulations of sports in Finland for severe inappropriate behaviour and severe unethical conduct and the jurisdiction, statutes and decisions of the Joint disciplinary body of sports in Finland for severe unethical conduct. Members of the Association shall demand their members and individuals and bodies involved in their activities to abide by the afore mentioned disciplinary regulations and jurisdiction, statutes and decisions of the afore mentioned disciplinary body.

Section 25 Authorized Signatory

The following have authorized signatory for the Association: the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson or Managing Director as two together, or some of them with an official for whom the Executive Committee has granted the authorized signatory.

Section 26 Accounts and auditing

1. The calendar year is the Association's accounting and operating year.
2. The accounts of the Association are closed every calendar year and they must be submitted, along with the Association's annual report, minutes and other documents, to the auditors by 15 March.
3. The auditors must give their statement by 31 March.

Section 27 Amending the rules

Decisions concerning the amendment of the present rules and disbanding the Association must be made at the General Assembly. The decision is valid if it has been favoured by at least three-fourths of the number of votes represented at the meeting.

Section 28 Disbanding the Association

Should the Association be disbanded, its assets will be handed over to support the activities of a registered association or foundation or other community or institute that mainly carries out the same work as the Association.

Section 29 Member obligations

Clubs included in the Association are obligated to keep records of their income and expenses, minutes of their meetings, and a list of members. When requested, the Club is obligated to submit the documents to the Executive Committee for review.

Section 30 The group that consists of member Clubs

The group that consists of member Clubs of the Association may only operate in football by permission and under the control of the Association. The rules and regulations of such a group must be subjected to approval by the Association.

Section 31 Rewarding

1. A person who has promoted the implementation of the Association's mission with high distinction can, following a decision of the General Assembly, be invited as an honorary chairperson of the Association, or, following a decision of the Club Parliament, as an honorary member or a perpetual member. Honorary chairpersons, honorary members and perpetual members are not obligated to pay a membership fee, and they do not have the right to vote.

2. The Executive Committee may grant distinguished people a gold or silver badge of the Association. In addition, the Executive Committee may give the Association's gold/silver/bronze-plated disk to a person or community that has implemented the Association's mission with distinction.

Section 32 Other regulations

When counting the maximum number of terms in office of Members of Club Parliament, Chairpersons of the Executive Committee and Members of the Executive Committee, terms served that are shorter than the statutory terms are not taken into consideration when deeming the maximum number of terms in office.

Otherwise, the applicable regulations of the Associations Act are abided by.

Section 33 Adoption, abrogation and entry into force

The constitution enters into force after it has been approved in the General Assembly.

~~Following the entry into force of the constitution, the first Club Parliaments meeting to be summoned shall select members of the Executive Committee after which the previously appointed members of board shall leave their duties. At the same meeting the Club Parliament decides the reciprocity of Executive Committee members with a draw of lots.~~