



# STATUTES OF FECAFOOT



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## DEFINITIONS

**FECAFOOT:** Cameroon Football Federation;

**UNIFFAC:** Union of Central African Football Federations;

**CAF:** Confédération Africaine de Football;

**FIFA:** Fédération Internationale de Football Association;

**CNOSC:** Cameroon National Olympic and Sports Committee;

**Confederation:** All associations recognised by FIFA and belonging to the same continent or related geographical regions;

**Regional League:** Sports association created by FECAFOOT and subordinated to it with a view to organising competitions at regional level in accordance with its statutes;

**Specialised League:** A sports association created by FECAFOOT, subordinate to it and to which FECAFOOT delegates the power to organise championships or any other competition on its behalf;

**Club:** A sports association affiliated to FECAFOOT and/or a league recognised by FECAFOOT with at least one team (amateur or professional) participating in a competition;

**Trades:** Organisation of persons exercising the same profession for football and represented exclusively at the General Assembly of FECAFOOT by the approved associations;

**Official:** Any leader, member of a committee, referee and assistant referee, coach, trainer as well as any other person (excluding players) responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters within FECAFOOT, a member association, a league or a club, and any other person required to comply with FECAFOOT Statutes;

**Player:** Any football player registered with FECAFOOT and holding a valid licence;

**Member:** a corporate body admitted by the General Assembly of the Federation;

**General Assembly:** Supreme body of FECAFOOT;

**Executive Committee:** Executive body of FECAFOOT;

**Executive Committee Bureau:** Restricted formation of the Executive Committee;

**IFAB:** International Football Association Board;

**Ordinary courts:** State courts that adjudicate on public and private legal disputes;





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**Arbitration Tribunal:** A private, independent and duly constituted court of justice, acting in place of an ordinary court;

**CAS:** Court of Arbitration for Sport based in Lausanne (Switzerland);

**CCA:** Chamber of Conciliation and Arbitration of the Cameroon National Olympic and Sports Committee;

**OAPI:** African Intellectual Property Organization.

**NB:** the generic masculine gender used for the sake of brevity applies to the female gender, just as the singular can have a plural meaning and vice versa.

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## CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Section 1: Name, headquarters and legal form

1. The Cameroon Football Federation, hereinafter referred to as "FECAFOOT", founded in 1959, is a sports federation established in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in Cameroon and governed by these statutes and consequent regulations.
2. FECAFOOT became affiliated to the *Fédération Internationale de Football Association* (FIFA) in 1962 and to the *Confédération Africaine de Football* (CAF) in 1963. As such, it is bound to respect and to ensure that its members observe the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF, UNIFFAC and FECAFOOT.
3. Its duration shall be unlimited.
4. Its headquarters shall be in Yaoundé.
5. The flag of FECAFOOT shall be white with the FECAFOOT logo in the centre.
6. The logo of FECAFOOT shall be a green, red and yellow badge with a golden star and a football centred on the red band. The badge shall be bordered on its upper part by the word "CAMEROUN" written in gold capital letters on a black background. The same badge shall rest on a banner bearing the word "FECAFOOT" in gold capital letters on a black background. The badge itself shall be entirely edged in black while the banner shall be edged in gold.
7. The acronym of the Cameroon Football Federation shall be "FECAFOOT".
8. The flag, logo and acronym are legally registered with OAPI.

### Section 2: Relations with public authorities

1. The resources of FECAFOOT, with the exception of subsidies received from the State and Regional and Local Authorities, shall be private funds.
2. FECAFOOT shall be regularly approved by the Ministry in charge of sports, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force. It participates in the execution of a public service mission.
3. FECAFOOT shall inform the Minister in charge of sports and the Minister in charge of territorial administration of all amendments to its organic texts within thirty (30)





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days of their adoption. Under the same conditions, it shall inform the same ministers of all changes in the composition of its executive body.

4. FECAFOOT's accounting documents relating to subsidies allocated by the State shall be presented at the request of the Minister in charge of sports and/or the Minister in charge of finance.
5. FECAFOOT may inform the Minister in charge of sports on the functioning of its bodies.

### **Section 3: Goals**

The following shall be the goals of FECAFOOT:

1. The management, control and development of Cameroonian football;
2. The organisation of all forms of association football competitions at national level, defining, if necessary, the competences granted to the various leagues which constitute it;
3. The constant improvement of the practice of football, its promotion, regulation and control throughout Cameroon, taking into account fair play and its universal, educational, cultural and humanitarian impact, through the implementation of development programmes;
4. The direct organisation of football competitions, or expressly delegated to its leagues, on Cameroonian territory;
5. Issuing rules applicable to its members;
6. Safeguarding the common interests of its members;
7. The respect of the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF and FECAFOOT as well as the Laws of the Game in order to prevent any violation thereof and to ensure that the latter are also observed by its members;
8. The promotion of integrity, ethics and fair play with a view to preventing methods and practices, such as bribery, doping or match fixing, from endangering the integrity of matches, competitions, players, officials and Members, or leading to abuse in association football, futsal and beach soccer;

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9. The control and supervision of all friendly football matches in all its forms played throughout the territory of Cameroon;
10. The control and supervision of association football, futsal and beach soccer, at national level, as well as the control and supervision of any form of international match played on the territory or on behalf of FECAFOOT in accordance with the Statutes and regulations of FIFA and CAF;
11. The management of international sports relations for association football in all its forms;
12. Hosting international and other competitions;
13. Managing the participation of clubs representing Cameroon in international competitions in accordance with the laws and regulations in force;
14. The composition and management of national teams representing Cameroon in international competitions;
15. The representation of all its member clubs and national teams to world, continental and regional football organisations;
16. The development of collaborative relationships with public authorities and national and international sports bodies;
17. The creation of subsidiary entities necessary for the accomplishment of its missions;
18. The promotion of the development of women's and youth football and the full participation of women in football governance bodies.

#### **Section 4: Neutrality and non-discrimination**

1. FECAFOOT shall be neutral from a political and religious point of view;
2. Any discrimination of a country, an individual or a group of persons by a Member of FECAFOOT for racial, ethnic, disability, gender, linguistic, religious or political reasons is automatically prohibited, under penalty of suspension or dismissal and/or any other disciplinary sanctions.

#### **Section 5: Promoting friendly relations**

1. FECAFOOT shall promote friendly relations between its Members, clubs, officials and

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players as well as within civil society, for humanitarian purposes.

2. All persons and organisations involved in football are obliged to observe the Statutes, regulations, principles of fair play, loyalty, integrity, sportsmanship and non-discrimination.
3. FECAFOOT shall set up the necessary bodies to resolve any dispute between its Members, clubs, officials and players affiliated to it.

### **Section 6: Players**

1. The status of players and transfer modalities shall be governed by the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players between Clubs affiliated to FECAFOOT, in accordance with the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players;
2. Players must be registered in accordance with the General Rules of FECAFOOT.

### **Section 7: Laws of the Game**

1. The Association Football Laws of the Game shall apply to FECAFOOT and to all its Members. Only the International Football Association Board (IFAB) has the power to promulgate and amend them.
2. The Futsal and Beach Soccer Laws of the Game shall apply to FECAFOOT and to all its members. Only FIFA shall have the authority to promulgate and amend them.

### **Section 8: Conduct of bodies, officials and players**

1. FECAFOOT bodies, officials and players shall respect the Statutes, regulations, directives, decisions, Disciplinary Code, Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct of FIFA, CAF and FECAFOOT.
2. In all matters relating to doping, the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall apply in full. In the event of a discrepancy between national regulations and the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations, the provisions of the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall prevail.

### **Section 9: Official languages**

1. The official languages of FECAFOOT shall be English and French. Official documents



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and texts shall be written in these two languages.

2. In the event of discrepancies in the texts in these two languages, a committee of experts shall be consulted.

## **CHAPTER II: MEMBERS**

### **Section 10: Admission, suspension, and expulsion**

1. The General Assembly shall decide on the admission, suspension and expulsion of Members.
2. Admission can only be validated if the candidate fulfils the criteria set by FECAFOOT in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations of FECAFOOT.
3. Membership shall be lost by resignation, dissolution or expulsion. The loss of this status shall not release the Member from his financial obligations to FECAFOOT or to other Members. It strips him of all his rights.

### **Section 11: Composition and admission**

1. The Members of FECAFOOT include:
  - a. The body in charge of professional football;
  - b. Each of the 10 decentralised leagues representing amateur football;
  - c. The specialised youth football league;
  - d. The specialised league for women's football;
  - e. The specialised league for futsal;
  - f. The specialised Beach Soccer league;
  - g. The specialised Corporate and Veterans Football League;
  - h. An association representing players;
  - i. An association representing football coaches and educators;
  - j. An association representing referees and assistant referees;
2. Membership shall be granted by the General Assembly of FECAFOOT.
3. Any corporate body wishing to become a member of FECAFOOT shall submit a written application to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT. This application must be

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accompanied by:

- a) A copy of its Statutes and Regulations;
- b) A declaration by which it undertakes to observe in all circumstances the Statutes, regulations, decisions, Disciplinary Code, Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct of FECAFOOT, FIFA and CAF and to guarantee the same respect by its Members, clubs, officials and players.
- c) A declaration that it will comply with the applicable Laws of the Game;
- d) A declaration by which it acknowledges that it is located on the territory of FECAFOOT;
- e) A declaration that it acknowledges the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne, Switzerland, as specified in these Statutes;
- f) A declaration by which it certifies that it will not bring questions of interpretation and application of the Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives of FIFA, CAF and FECAFOOT before the ordinary courts, unless FIFA, CAF or FECAFOOT provide for such recourse to ordinary courts;
- g) A declaration by which it acknowledges that it carries out its activity in the field of competence of FECAFOOT;
- h) A declaration by which it undertakes to organise all official home matches on the territory of FECAFOOT;
- i) A statement that the Applicant's legal constitution ensures that it is able to make decisions without the influence of an external entity;
- j) A list of officials, specifying those who, by their signature, can enter into legally binding agreements with third parties;
- k) A declaration by which it undertakes to organise or participate in friendly matches only with the prior agreement of FECAFOOT;
- l) A copy of the minutes of its last General Assembly or of the meeting constituting it;
- m) A certified copy of the legal approval granted by the competent administrative authorities.



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### **Section 12: Request and procedure for candidature**

1. The Executive Committee shall recommend to the General Assembly the admission or rejection of the applicant. The applicant may defend his application before the General Assembly.
2. The new Member shall acquire the rights and be subject to the obligations arising from his status as soon as his admission is effective.

### **Section 13: Rights of Members**

1. Members of FECAFOOT shall have the following rights:
  - a) Participate in the General Assembly of FECAFOOT, take cognizance of the agenda of the General Assembly in advance, and be convened in due time;
  - b) Formulate proposals on items on the agenda and exercise the right to vote on them;
  - c) Informed of the affairs of FECAFOOT by the General Secretariat;
  - d) Propose candidates for election to all the bodies of FECAFOOT;
  - e) Take part in competitions (if any) and/or sports activities under the auspices of FECAFOOT;
  - f) Exercise all other rights related to the Statutes and regulations of FECAFOOT.
2. The exercise of these rights shall be subject to the exceptions and reservations arising from the provisions of these Statutes and applicable regulations.

### **Section 14: Duties of Members**

1. Members of FECAFOOT shall be bound by the obligation to:
  - a) Observe the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF and FECAFOOT and have them respected by their own Members;
  - b) Ensure the election of their decision-making bodies at least every four years;
  - c) Convene their supreme body at regular intervals, usually once a year;
  - d) Take part in competitions (if any) and other sporting activities under the auspices of FECAFOOT;
  - e) Pay their membership dues;





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- f) Observe the Laws of the Game as established by the IFAB and the Laws of the Game for Beach Soccer and Futsal as established by FIFA and have them observed by their own Members by means of a statutory provision;
  - g) Adopt a statutory clause providing that all arbitrable disputes involving themselves or one of their Members and relating to the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF, UNIFFAC, FECAFOOT or its constituent leagues shall be submitted exclusively to the jurisdiction of the judicial bodies of FECAFOOT, CNOSC, CAF, FIFA and CAS, and that any recourse to an ordinary court shall be prohibited;
  - h) Conduct their affairs independently and ensure that no third party interferes with them, in accordance with Section 18 of these Statutes;
  - i) Ensure that the Members of their bodies are elected or appointed according to a democratic procedure which guarantees the full independence of such elections or appointments;
  - j) Communicate to FECAFOOT any modification of their statutes and regulations, the list of their officials or the persons authorised, by their signature, to commit them legally vis-à-vis third parties;
  - k) Not have any sporting relationship with non-recognised entities or with Members who have been suspended or expelled by FECAFOOT, CAF or FIFA;
  - l) Respect through a statutory clause, the principles of loyalty, integrity, sportsmanship and non-discrimination as an expression of fair play;
  - m) Observe the mandatory conditions stipulated in these statutes throughout their membership;
  - n) Manage and maintain a register of Members;
  - o) Ratify Statutes that comply with the requirements stipulated in the FECAFOOT Statutes;
  - p) Submit fully to the other obligations provided for in the Statutes, codes and other regulations of FIFA, CAF, UNIFFAC and FECAFOOT.

2. Any Member of an executive body of a Member of FECAFOOT shall be bound by a duty



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of reserve and loyalty. He shall refrain from taking part in debates outside this Member and from taking decisions that could lead to a conflict of interest with another Member of FECAFOOT or disrupt the functioning of FECAFOOT.

3. Violation of these obligations shall result in the sanctions provided for in these Statutes and the various codes and regulations in force.

### **Section 15: Suspension**

1. The General Assembly shall be competent to suspend a Member. Any Member guilty of serious and/or repeated violations of its obligations may be suspended with immediate effect by the Executive Committee. If the suspension is not lifted by the Executive Committee within four (04) months, it shall remain valid until the next General Assembly.
2. Any suspension must be confirmed at the next General Assembly by at least a majority (more than 50%) of the votes validly cast, failing which it shall be immediately lifted.
3. The suspension of a Member shall entail the automatic loss of the rights conferred by its status. Other Members are forbidden to have sporting relations with a suspended Member. The Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Commission may impose other sanctions.
4. Members who do not participate in the sports activities of FECAFOOT during a sports season shall be suspended from voting at the General Assembly and their representatives may not be elected or convened until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect. The same applies to any league which has not organised any competitions during the sports season. To this end, the Secretary General shall draw up a detailed report on the activities of the Members at the end of each sports season.

### **Section 16: Expulsion**

1. The General Assembly may expel any Member who:
  - a) Has not honoured its financial commitments to FECAFOOT;





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- b) Guilty of serious violation of the Statutes, codes, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, CAF and FECAFOOT.
2. Any expulsion requires the presence of a majority (more than 50%) of the Members of the General Assembly exercising the right to vote and requires three quarters (3/4) of the votes validly cast.

### **Section 17: Resignation**

1. Any Member may resign from FECAFOOT at any time. He must send his resignation by any means in writing to the Secretary General at least six (06) months before the end of the sports season.
2. The resignation shall only become legally valid when the Member fulfils its financial obligations towards FECAFOOT and the other Members.

### **Section 18: Independence of FECAFOOT Members and their bodies**

1. Each Member of FECAFOOT shall conduct its affairs within the limits set by its statutes without undue interference from any third party.
2. The bodies of FECAFOOT Members may only be designated by internal election or appointment by the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT. The Statutes of the Members shall provide for a system ensuring their total independence when carrying out elections and appointments.
3. FECAFOOT shall not recognize the bodies of a Member which have not been elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 above. This shall also apply to bodies elected or appointed only on an interim basis.
4. FECAFOOT shall not recognise the decisions of bodies which have not been elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.

### **Section 19: Statutes of clubs, specialised leagues and decentralised leagues**

1. Every sports club shall be subject to the supervision and control of the league or the legal entity that takes its place and of FECAFOOT; it shall fulfil a mission of education and training of the individual by developing sports programmes and by participating





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in competitions organised by FECAFOOT and/or one of its leagues. Sports clubs shall be classified into two categories: amateur and professional sports clubs; the sports club shall adopt a sample statute approved by the General Assembly of FECAFOOT determining its organisation and the conditions for the appointment of members of its bodies.

2. The specialised leagues and the decentralised leagues shall be subordinate to FECAFOOT of which they are the emanation and must be recognised by it. They shall ensure the coordination of sports clubs and regularly constituted leagues affiliated to them, as well as of the professional bodies linked to the practice of the sports discipline concerned.
3. The specialised and decentralised leagues shall carry out their missions under the supervision and control of FECAFOOT. Their missions, their territorial competences and their organisation shall be determined by statutes adopted by the specialised and decentralised leagues and ratified by the General Assembly of FECAFOOT. These statutes and regulations shall be in compliance with the statutes and regulations of FECAFOOT.
4. There shall be one and only one league for professional football, youth football, women's football, Futsal, Beach soccer and corporate and veteran football on FECAFOOT territory.
5. Matters relating to refereeing, disciplinary matters, ethics, anti-doping, club licences and player registration (CIT) shall fall within the exclusive competence of FECAFOOT.
6. Each league and club affiliated to FECAFOOT must be able to take all decisions implied by its affiliation to FECAFOOT independently of any external entity. This obligation shall apply regardless of its legal form.
7. No private individual or corporate body (including holding companies and subsidiaries) shall control more than one club in the same league.
8. In competitions involving more than one league, the rules of the competition must ensure that the integrity of the game or competition is maintained.





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## CHAPTER III: HONORARY PRESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBER

### Section 20: Unique

1. The General Assembly may confer the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member to personalities in recognition of their services of football.
2. Their appointment shall be proposed by the Executive Committee.
3. The Honorary President or the Honorary Member may participate in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity.

## CHAPTER IV: ORGANISATION

### PART 1: GENERALITIES

### Section 21: Bodies of FECAFOOT

1. The following shall be bodies of FECAFOOT:
  - a) **The General Assembly;**
  - b) **The Executive Committee**
  - c) **Standing and ad hoc committees;**
  - d) **Independent committees:**
    - The Audit and Compliance Committee,
    - The FECAFOOT Electoral Committee,
  - e) **Judicial bodies:**
    - The Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee,
    - The National Dispute Resolution Chamber,
    - The Ethics Committee,
    - The Appeals Committee.
  - f) **The General Secretariat.**
2. The bodies of FECAFOOT shall be either elected or appointed by FECAFOOT itself without any external influence and in accordance with the procedures described in these Statutes.



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3. Members of FECAFOOT bodies shall refrain from taking part in debates and decisions where there is a risk of conflict of interest.

## **PART 2: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Section 22: Definition and composition**

1. The General Assembly shall be the body to which all the Members of FECAFOOT are regularly invited. It shall constitute the supreme power and legislative authority of FECAFOOT. Only a regularly convened General Assembly shall have the power to take decisions.
2. The General Assembly may be ordinary or extraordinary.
3. The President of FECAFOOT shall chair the General Assembly.
4. The President of FECAFOOT may invite observers to attend the General Assembly, but without voting rights or right to participate in deliberations.
5. The Honorary President or the Honorary Member may participate in the General Assembly in an advisory capacity.
6. The General Assembly can be held in person or virtually.

### **Section 23: Delegates and votes**

1. Members shall exercise their voting rights through their delegates.
2. The General Assembly shall be composed of eighty-nine (89) delegates as follows:
  - a. The Adamawa Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - b. The Centre Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - c. The East Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - d. The Far North Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - e. The Littoral Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with





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- one (01) vote each;
- f. The North Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - g. The North West Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - h. the West Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - i. the South Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - j. The South West Regional Football League represented by six (06) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - k. The body in charge of professional football or the elected professional clubs represented by six (06) delegates from first division clubs and four (04) delegates from second division clubs, with one (01) vote each;
  - l. The women's specialised football league represented by three (03) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - m. The specialised youth football league represented by four (04) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - n. The specialised Futsal league represented by two (02) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - o. The specialised Beach Soccer League represented by two (02) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - p. The specialised corporate and veteran football league represented by two (02) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - q. The association or any organisation representing players, approved by FECAFOOT, represented by two (02) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - r. The association representing football coaches and educators recognised by FECAFOOT represented by two (02) delegates, with one (01) vote each;
  - s. The association representing referees and assistant referees recognised by

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FECAFOOT represented by two (02) delegates, with one (01) vote each;

3. In no case shall the total number of votes allocated to any of the above Members exceed 50% of the total number of votes cast at the General Assembly as a whole.
4. FECAFOOT shall invite the Minister in charge of sports and the Minister in charge of territorial administration to each appoint two (02) Government commissioners to the General Assembly as observers. They shall not be eligible to vote or to stand for election and shall not participate in deliberations.
5. Only members affiliated to FECAFOOT may appoint delegates to the General Assembly.
6. Delegates must belong to the Member Association or League they represent and be elected by the competent body of that Member Association or League according to Section 18 of these Statutes. They must be able to produce proof of this on request.
7. Only those delegates present may vote. Delegates may not vote by correspondence or by proxy.
8. Members of the Executive Committee, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General may attend the General Assembly as observers.
9. Members of the Executive Committee may not be appointed as delegates of their association. They shall lose their status as Members of the General Assembly for the duration of their mandate.

#### **Section 24: Designation of Delegates**

1. Members shall appoint by election duly authorised official delegates to represent them.
2. Members shall communicate to the General Secretariat of FECAFOOT the list of their delegates within seventy-two (72) hours following the holding of their elective General Assembly.
3. Members shall issue to their delegates a mandate justifying their powers.
4. Persons sentenced to a final custodial sentence with a detention order may not be delegates to the General Assembly.

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## Section 25: Jurisdiction

The General Assembly has jurisdiction to:

1. Adopt or amend the Statutes of FECAFOOT, the sample Statutes of the decentralised and specialised leagues, the Electoral Code of FECAFOOT, the General Regulations, the Financial Regulations, the Disciplinary Code, the Code of Ethics as well as the Code of Conduct of FECAFOOT.
2. Ratify the statutes of the Members of FECAFOOT.
3. Approve the organisation chart of FECAFOOT.
4. Appoint three (03) Members to verify the minutes of the last session, to be approved by the General Assembly.
5. Elect or dismiss the President of FECAFOOT.
6. Elect or dismiss the Members of the Executive Committee.
7. Elect on the proposal of the Executive Committee, or dismiss the presidents, vice-presidents, rapporteurs and members of judicial bodies.
8. Elect on the proposal of the Executive Committee, or dismiss the Members of the independent Committees.
9. Appoint two (02) scrutineers.
10. Approve the annual accounts.
11. Approve the ordinary and special budgets.
12. Approve the activity report of the President of FECAFOOT.
13. Appoint an independent audit firm on the proposal of the Audit and Compliance Committee or of one third of the delegates.
14. Set the amount of the membership fees on the proposal of the Executive Committee.
15. Award on the proposal of the Executive Committee, the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member to a person who has been particularly committed or distinguished in football within FECAFOOT, or to expel him.
16. Admit suspend or expel a member.
17. Revoke the mandate of one or more Members of a FECAFOOT body.
18. Take decisions at the request of a member in accordance with these Statutes.

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19. Accept the resignation of a member.
  20. Formulate and issue recommendations and wishes.
  21. Dissolve FECAFOOT or one of its leagues.

#### **Section 26: Quorum of the General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly can only take valid decisions when the majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing Members are present.
2. If the quorum is not reached, a second session of the General Assembly shall be held automatically 24 hours after the first, with the same agenda.
3. There shall be no quorum required for this second session, unless an item on the agenda provides for the amendment of the FECAFOOT Statutes, the election of the President of FECAFOOT and the Members of the Executive Committee, the dismissal of one or more Members of a FECAFOOT body, the expulsion of a Member of FECAFOOT or the dissolution of FECAFOOT or one of its leagues.
4. An attendance sheet signed before the agenda is considered shall be appended to the minutes as proof of compliance with the required quorums. The subsequent departure of one or more delegates shall not affect the quorum.

#### **Section 27: Decisions of the General Assembly**

1. Unless otherwise provided for in these Statutes, decisions shall be taken by a majority (more than 50%) of the votes validly cast. Invalid or blank ballots or any other form of abstention shall not be taken into account in calculating the majority.
2. Any decision requiring a vote shall be taken by a show of hands. If a show of hands does not produce the required majority in favour of a proposal, the vote shall be taken by roll call, with members being called in alphabetical order.
3. However, the General Assembly may decide to vote by secret ballot.

#### **Section 28: Ordinary General Assembly**

1. The Ordinary General Assembly shall be convened by the President of the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT once a year, preferably during the month preceding the

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beginning of the season.

2. The date of the General Assembly shall be brought to the attention of the members at least thirty (30) days before it is held by any means in writing.
3. The formal convening notice shall be made in writing at least seven (07) days before the date of the General Assembly. The agenda, the President's activity report, the annual accounts, the report of the independent auditors and any other useful document shall be sent at the same time as the notice of meeting.

### **Section 29: Agenda of the ordinary General Assembly**

1. The Secretary General shall draw up the draft agenda on the basis of the proposals of the Executive Committee and Members. Proposals that a Member intends to submit to the General Assembly shall be addressed in writing to the Secretary General of FECAFOOT at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the General Assembly. These proposals shall be briefly motivated.
2. The agenda shall include (in chronological order):
  - a) Verification of the conformity of the convening and composition of the General Assembly with the Statutes of FECAFOOT;
  - b) Approval of the agenda;
  - c) Statement of President;
  - d) Appointment of three (03) delegates to monitor the minutes;
  - e) Appointment of two (02) scrutineers if necessary;
  - f) Suspension or expulsion of a Member where appropriate;
  - g) Approval of the minutes of the previous General Assembly;
  - h) Activity report of FECAFOOT;
  - i) Presentation of the consolidated and audited balance sheet and profit and loss account;
  - j) Approval of the annual accounts, after presentation by the independent audit firm as appropriate;
  - k) Approval of the ordinary budget and any special budgets;

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- l) Admission of new Members as appropriate;
  - m) Acceptance of the resignation of a member, if applicable;
  - n) Adoption or amendment of the FECAFOOT Statutes and Electoral Code, the sample statutes of the specialised and decentralised leagues, the General Regulations, the Financial Regulations, the Regulations of the National Dispute Resolution Chamber, the Disciplinary Code, the Code of Ethics as well as the FECAFOOT Code of Conduct, if need be;
  - o) Ratification of members' statutes;
  - p) Appointment of an independent audit firm, if need be;
  - q) Dismissal of a Member of a body where appropriate;
  - r) Election or dismissal of the President of FECAFOOT if necessary;
  - s) Election or dismissal of the Members of the Executive Committee if necessary;
  - t) Election or dismissal of the President, the Vice-President, the Rapporteur and the Members of the judicial bodies and independent commissions of FECAFOOT, where applicable;
  - u) Any other item proposed by Members or the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT in accordance with paragraph 1 above.
3. The agenda of an ordinary General Assembly may be amended at the request of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present at the General Assembly with voting rights.
  4. The General Assembly shall not take any decision on an item not on the agenda.

### **Section 30: Elections**

1. Elections shall be by secret ballot.
2. Elections of FECAFOOT and FECAFOOT Members shall be conducted in accordance with the FECAFOOT Electoral Code.
3. The election of the President of FECAFOOT and of the members of the Executive Committee shall be done by uninominal ballot (per position). For the election of a candidate, a majority (more than 50%) of the validly cast votes is required. If there are more than two candidates for one or more of the posts in question, only the two





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candidates with the highest number of votes shall run for the second round. Invalid or blank ballots are not counted in the vote count.

4. For the election of the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Rapporteurs and members of all the other bodies of FECAFOOT with the exception of the National Dispute Resolution Chamber (see Regulations of the National Dispute Resolution Chamber), the candidate(s) receiving the most votes in respect of the seat(s) to be filled shall be elected.
5. In the event of a tie in the second round, further rounds of voting shall be held until the required majority (over 50%) is obtained.
6. The electoral process shall be regulated by the FECAFOOT Electoral Code.

### **Section 31: Extraordinary General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly may be convened in extraordinary session as necessary:
  - a) on the initiative of the President of FECAFOOT;
  - b) at the request of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Committee;
  - c) at the request of a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members at the General Assembly in accordance with Section 23 of these Statutes.
2. The items of the agenda must be presented in the said request. The extraordinary General Assembly must take place within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the request. If this is not the case, the Members who requested the convening of the General Assembly may convene it themselves. As a last resort, they may refer the matter to FIFA.
3. Notices of an extraordinary session of the General Assembly, written in English and French, shall be sent to all its Members at least eight (08) days before the said session. The convening notices shall state the place and date of the extraordinary session of the General Assembly.
4. The agenda and any other useful document must be communicated to the Members at least eight (08) days before the date of the extraordinary General Assembly.



5. When the Extraordinary General Assembly is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, the latter shall determine the agenda. When it is convened at the request of the Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by them.
6. No changes may be made to the agenda of an extraordinary General Assembly.

### **Section 32: Amendment of the Statutes and the Electoral Code of FECAFOOT**

1. The General Assembly shall have jurisdiction to amend the Statutes and the Electoral Code of FECAFOOT.
2. Proposals to amend the Statutes, in writing and with brief reasons, must be sent to the Secretary General by the Members of the General Assembly or the Executive Committee. Any proposal by a delegate representing a Member shall be valid if it is written and supported by at least ten (10) other delegates representing Members.
3. In order for an amendment to the Statutes to be put to vote, a majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing Members must be present.
4. In order to be adopted, a request to amend the Statutes must receive the votes of at least the majority (more than 50%) of the delegates present representing Members.
5. Proposals for the amendment of the FECAFOOT Electoral Code, written and briefly motivated, may be sent to the Secretary General by delegates to the General Assembly or Members of the Executive Committee.
6. A proposal for the amendment of the FECAFOOT Electoral Code shall be adopted when it obtains a majority (more than 50%) of the votes validly cast.

### **Section 33: Proceedings of the General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President of FECAFOOT, President of the Executive Committee.
2. If the President is absent or prevented from attending, it shall be chaired by the First Vice-President. If the latter is also absent or unable to attend, it shall be chaired by the

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oldest Vice-President. If none of the Vice-Presidents is present, it shall be chaired by the oldest member of the Executive Committee.

3. The deliberations of the General Assembly relating to the election of the President of FECAFOOT and the other members of the Executive Committee shall be conducted by the FECAFOOT Electoral Committee. The President and the members of the Executive Committee shall take part in the said deliberations as observers.
4. The General Assembly shall appoint two (02) scrutineers.
5. The delegates shall speak in English or French.
6. The session president of the meeting shall be responsible for the smooth running of the General Assembly. To this end, he may limit the speaking time of delegates.
7. The General Assembly may set up committees to consider specific issues. These committees shall draw up minutes of their work, which shall be adopted or amended by a resolution taken in plenary session.
8. The minutes of the General Assembly shall be drawn up by the Secretary General who shall send them to the Members within thirty (30) days after the session of the General Assembly.
9. An Electoral Code adopted by the General Assembly of FECAFOOT shall govern the work of the General Assembly which shall elect the President of FECAFOOT and the other members of the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 34: Entry into force of the instruments**

1. The instruments of the General Assembly shall come into force upon their adoption and publication, unless the General Assembly sets another date or delegates this power to the Executive Committee. They shall not be retroactive, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.
2. They shall be recorded in minutes signed by the President, the Secretary of the meeting and the delegates appointed to check the minutes.



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## PART 3: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### Section 35: Composition

1. The Executive Committee shall comprise twenty-two (22) members and shall be composed as follows:
  - The President of FECAFOOT;
  - Two (02) representatives of the body in charge of professional football, including the President of the said body or, where applicable, two (02) elected representatives of professional football clubs;
  - One (01) representative of the Adamawa Regional League;
  - Two (02) representatives of the Centre Regional League;
  - One (01) representative of the East Regional League;
  - Two (02) representatives of the Far North Regional League;
  - Two (02) representatives of the Littoral Regional League;
  - Two (02) representatives of the Northern Regional League;
  - One (01) representative of the North West Regional League;
  - Two (02) representatives of the West Regional League;
  - One (01) representative of the South Regional League;
  - One (01) representative of the South West Regional League;
  - One (01) representative of all the various professions;
  - One (01) representative of women's football;
  - Two personalities co-opted by the President of FECAFOOT.
2. In the event that no woman is elected to the position provided for in paragraph 1 above (that is, one (01) representative of women's football), the Executive Committee shall appoint a female member to fill the vacant position until the next General Assembly, during which the said representative may be confirmed or another representative shall be elected for the remaining period in accordance with Section 30 above.
3. Paragraph 1 above provides only for a minimum number of female representatives.





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No woman shall be prevented from applying for any other position in the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT.

4. The members of the Executive Committee shall elect from among themselves, within forty-eight (48) hours of their election, four (04) Vice Presidents, each representing one of the following five geographical areas, it being understood that the geographical area from which the President of FECAFOOT comes shall no longer benefit from the post of Vice President:
  - Geographical area: Adamawa and East;
  - Geographical area: Centre and South;
  - Geographical area: Far North and North;
  - Geographical area: Littoral and West;
  - Geographical area: North West and South West;
5. Candidates for the position of Vice-President shall be elected in order of precedence from among the members of the Executive Committee.
6. If more than one candidate from the same area is a candidate for the position of Vice-President, a primary shall be held beforehand between these candidates.
7. Each of the four Vice-Presidents shall represent one of the four areas referred to in paragraph 2 of this Section.
8. Candidates for the posts of members of the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT shall be sent to the General Secretariat at least twenty (20) days before the date of the elective General Assembly. The Electoral Commission shall publish the lists of candidates ten (10) days before the elective General Assembly. The lists of candidates thus published must reach the delegates of the General Assembly with the agenda seven (7) days before the date of the said assembly.

### **Section 36: General eligibility conditions**

1. Any candidate for the post of member of the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT must fulfil the following eligibility conditions:



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- a) Be a Cameroonian citizen enjoying his civic rights; be not less than 21 and not more than 70 years old;
  - b) Never been sentenced to a final custodial sentence with a detention order;
  - c) Never been sentenced in the five years preceding the elective General Assembly to a suspension of at least two (02) years for disciplinary offences and/or violation of sporting ethics by a judicial body;
  - d) Played an active role in football as a patron, promoter or manager of a football team or school, player or former player, coach, referee, sports doctor, football club official, sports journalist;
  - e) Any candidate for the post of member of the FECAFOOT Executive Committee shall submit to an integrity check carried out by the FECAFOOT Ethics Committee, the modalities of which are defined by the FECAFOOT Code of Ethics;
  - f) The Ethics Committee shall immediately transmit its conclusions to the Electoral Committee, which shall determine the admissibility of the candidature.
2. Each candidate must be endorsed by five (05) delegates in the General Assembly of FECAFOOT.
  3. A member of the Executive Committee may not simultaneously be a member of a judicial body of FECAFOOT nor a delegate to the General Assembly, nor a member of an independent commission.
  4. Any employee of FECAFOOT who is a candidate for an elective post must first resign from his duties at least three months before the date of the election.

### **Section 37: Term of office**

1. The term of office of the President of FECAFOOT and the other members of the Executive Committee shall be limited to three (3) terms of four (4) years each.
2. The term of office begins the day after the General Assembly at which the President and the other members of the Executive Committee are elected.





3. The mandate ends at the end of the elective General Assembly. However, the President at the end of his term of office has a maximum of four (4) days to hand over power to the newly elected President.

### **Section 38: Vacancy in the Executive Committee**

1. A position shall be considered vacant in case of death, resignation, expulsion, or if a member of the Executive Committee other than the President of FECAFOOT does not attend without justification, in four (4) consecutive meetings to which he has been duly convened.
2. If a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy until the next ordinary General Assembly, which shall elect a replacement for the remaining term of office.
3. If more than 50% of the positions on the Executive Committee become vacant, the President of FECAFOOT shall convene a General Assembly to elect replacements for the remaining term of office. If the President cannot convene it for any reason, the Secretary General shall be empowered to do so.
4. The newly elected member(s) must be from the same electoral college as the member(s) being replaced.

### **Section 39: Sessions**

1. The Executive Committee shall meet in ordinary session at least three (03) times a year on the convening of the President of FECAFOOT, and must be:
  - a) Before the start of the sports season;
  - b) At mid-sport season;
  - c) At the end of the sports season.
2. The date of the Executive Committee shall be brought to the attention of the members at least twenty (20) days before the meeting by any means in writing.
3. If at least half (50%) of the members so request, the President shall be obliged to convene an extraordinary session within fifteen days of the request. If he fails to do so, the members who made the request may themselves convene it.

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4. Members of the Executive Committee shall submit to the Secretary General the items they wish to be included on the agenda of the session at least fifteen (15) days in advance. The agenda must reach them at least eight (08) days before the session.
5. Notices of an ordinary session of the Executive Committee, written in English and French and accompanied by the agenda, shall be sent to all members eight (08) days before the meeting.
6. The Secretary General shall take part in the sessions of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity.
7. The sessions of the Executive Committee shall not be public. Its President may, however, invite personalities, by virtue of their competence, to attend. These persons may not exercise the right to vote and shall speak only with the consent of the said Committee.
8. The minutes of the session of the Executive Committee shall be drawn up by the Secretary General, who shall send them to the members within thirty (30) days of the meeting.

#### **Section 40: Powers of the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee has the power to:

1. Decide on any matter which does not fall within the jurisdiction of the General Assembly or which is not reserved to other bodies by law or by these Statutes;
2. To prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies of FECAFOOT, under the conditions provided for in these Statutes;
3. Appoint or dismiss the presidents, vice-presidents, rapporteurs and members of the standing and ad hoc committees, on the proposal of the President of FECAFOOT;
4. Propose the presidents, vice-presidents, rapporteurs, members of independent committees and jurisdictional bodies to the General Assembly of FECAFOOT;
5. Decide if necessary, to create ad hoc committees on the proposal of the President of FECAFOOT;
6. Establish the specific regulations of the ad hoc committees and the standing

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committees on the proposal of the President of FECAFOOT;

7. Appoint the Secretary General and/or the Deputy Secretary General of FECAFOOT on the proposal of the President. The Secretary General and/or the Deputy Secretary General of FECAFOOT may be dismissed by the Executive Committee upon proposal of the President of FECAFOOT;
8. Give its assent to proposals for the appointment of secretaries general and/or deputy secretaries general of specialised and decentralised leagues before their approval by the bodies of the leagues concerned.
9. Propose the independent audit firm to audit accounts, to the General Assembly;
10. Propose and validate the venues and dates of FECAFOOT competitions, the number of participating teams before the beginning of the competitions as well as the regulations of the said competitions;
11. Recruit coaches and members of the management structures of national teams on the proposal of the President of FECAFOOT;
12. Create, organise and cancel official competitions at national level and draw up the rules at the beginning of each sports season;
13. Propose to the General Assembly any personality likely to be awarded the title of honorary President or honorary member of FECAFOOT;
14. Approve the statutes and internal regulations of FECAFOOT staff and take all financial decisions other than those provided for in the financial regulations;
15. Ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive provisions required for their application;
16. Dismiss or temporarily suspend a member of a FECAFOOT body with the exception of members of independent committees and judicial bodies until the next General Assembly;
17. Recruit, appoint and dismiss senior staff on the proposal of the President of FECAFOOT.

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#### **Section 41: Decisions of the Executive Committee**

1. The Executive Committee may only validly deliberate if at least two thirds (2/3) of its members are present.
2. The Executive Committee shall take its decisions by a majority (more than 50%) of its members present. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote. Voting by proxy or by correspondence is not allowed.
3. Minutes of the decisions taken shall be kept in English and French.
4. The decisions of the Executive Committee shall come into force immediately after their publication.

#### **Section 42: Obligation of reserve and loyalty**

1. All members of the Executive Committee shall be bound by the duty of reserve, solidarity and confidentiality. Only the President of FECAFOOT or a person delegated by him shall be able to speak officially on behalf of FECAFOOT.
2. Any violation of the above obligations shall constitute a disciplinary offence punishable by the sanctions provided for by the Statutes, codes and regulations of FECAFOOT.

#### **Section 43: Dismissal of a Member of a body**

1. The Executive Committee may place on the agenda of a session of the General Assembly the dismissal of a Member of FECAFOOT. It may also provisionally suspend a Member of a body, with the exception of members of judicial bodies and independent commissions, until the next General Assembly. The General Assembly may dismiss a Member of a body of FECAFOOT.
2. Any member of the Executive Committee may propose to put such a dismissal on the agenda of the Executive Committee or the General Assembly.
3. The Executive Committee may provisionally suspend a member of a judicial body only on the proposal of the majority (more than 50%) of the members of the body concerned until the next General Assembly.
4. If the suspension is not discussed at the General Assembly, the suspended Member

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shall be automatically rehabilitated.

5. The proposal for dismissal must be reasoned. It shall be sent to the Members of FECAFOOT at the same time as the agenda of the General Assembly.
6. The accused Member shall have the right to defend himself before the General Assembly.
7. The General Assembly or the Executive Committee can only take valid decisions when the majority (more than 50%) of the delegates representing the Members, or for the Executive Committee the majority (more than 50%) of the Members, are present. The General Assembly or the Executive Committee shall decide by secret ballot. To be adopted, the decision must obtain a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the validly cast votes.
8. A Member who is dismissed from a body, even temporarily, shall immediately resign from his functions.

#### **PART 4: PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

##### **Section 44: Duties**

1. The President shall represent FECAFOOT in all acts of civil and sporting life, as well as in court.
2. In particular, he is responsible for:
  - a) the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee by the General Secretariat;
  - b) controlling the functioning of the bodies of FECAFOOT, so that the latter may achieve the goals set by these Statutes;
  - c) controlling the activities of the General Secretariat;
  - d) relations between FECAFOOT and its Members, between FECAFOOT and FIFA, CAF, UNIFFAC, CNOSC, political bodies and other organisations;
  - e) the recruitment of the National Technical Director, Deputy National Technical Directors;
  - f) the recruitment of regional, divisional and sub-divisional technical advisers on

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- the proposal of the National Technical Director;
- g) the recruitment and dismissal of non-executive staff of FECAFOOT;
  - h) the opening of FECAFOOT's accounts;
  - i) authorising revenue and expenditure;
  - j) the follow-up of FECAFOOT's development projects.
3. The President alone shall be entitled to propose to the Executive Committee the appointment or dismissal of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General.
  4. The President shall propose to the Executive Committee the recruitment of coaches and members of the national team management structures.
  5. The President shall propose to the Executive Committee the recruitment of the equipment supplier and sponsors of the national teams.
  6. The President shall chair all sessions of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, the Emergency Committee and the meetings of the ad hoc committees of which he has been appointed President.
  7. The President shall vote in the Executive Committee and, in the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.
  8. If the President is absent or prevented from attending, his powers shall be exercised by the first Vice-President, who shall be delegated powers to do so in the areas determined by the President. If the first Vice-President is prevented from attending, the President's powers shall be exercised by one of the Vice-Presidents in order of precedence.
  9. The President of FECAFOOT shall reside in Yaoundé for the duration of his mandate. He shall be responsible for ensuring the continuity of the services of FECAFOOT.

#### **Section 45: Incompatibilities with the functions of FECAFOOT president**

1. The following functions are incompatible with those of the President of FECAFOOT:
  - a. Member of the executive body of a football club or training structure holding a valid licence;
  - b. Football player with a valid licence;





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- c. Football referee, coach or educator with a valid licence;
  - d. Intermediary or match agent with a valid licence.
  - e. Member of government or member of parliament or any office conferring immunity from prosecution.
  - f. President of a FECAFOOT affiliated football club.
2. The functions of member of an executive body of another national sports federation, because they are likely to generate conflicts of interest, are incompatible with those of the President of FECAFOOT.
  3. Candidates for the post of President of FECAFOOT, who are members of government or who benefit from immunity from prosecution, shall be required to sign an undertaking on their honour to resign from the above-mentioned posts if elected.
  4. The member affected by incompatibility shall have a period of thirty (30) days from the date of his election or appointment to resign from his previous functions and to justify this resignation before the Executive Bureau. Once the thirty (30) day period has elapsed, the First Vice President of the Executive Committee shall automatically assume the interim presidency of FECAFOOT.
    - a. In this case, the election of a new president of FECAFOOT shall take place no later than 04 (four) months following the declaration of forfeiture of the elected president.
    - b. The deposed President is automatically suspended from all football related activities for a period of five years.

#### **Section 46: Specific conditions of eligibility to be President of FECAFOOT**

1. Any Cameroonian of either sex who is not less than twenty-one (21) years and not more than seventy (70) years of age and who fulfils the general conditions of eligibility provided for in these Statutes may be a candidate for the Presidency of FECAFOOT.
2. Each candidate must be endorsed by ten (10) delegates of the General Assembly of FECAFOOT.

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3. Any candidate for the post of president of FECAFOOT must have played an active role in football as a patron, promoter or manager of a football team or school, a player and former player, a league official, a coach, a referee, a sports doctor, a football club official, a sports journalist during the four years preceding the submission of his candidature.
4. Any candidate for the post of president of FECAFOOT shall submit to an integrity check carried out by the FECAFOOT Ethics Committee, the modalities of which shall be defined by the FECAFOOT Code of Ethics.
5. The Ethics Commission shall immediately forward its conclusions to the Electoral Commission, these conclusions being part of the documents for the admissibility of the candidature.
6. Candidates must submit their applications to the General Secretariat no later than twenty (20) days before the date of the elective General Assembly.
7. The Electoral Commission shall make public the lists of candidates ten (10) days before the date of the elective General Assembly. The lists of candidates thus published must reach the delegates to the elective General Assembly with the agenda seven (07) days before the date of the said Assembly.

#### **Section 47: Vacancy of the Presidency**

1. The position of President shall be considered vacant in the event of death, resignation, expulsion, or if the said President becomes incompatible or ineligible during his term of office, or if the President fails to attend six (6) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee without justification.
2. In the event of a vacancy in the Presidency duly recorded by the Extraordinary General Assembly convened by the Executive Committee, the First Vice-President shall act as interim President until the next General Assembly.
3. The Executive Committee shall be obliged to convene the said extraordinary general meeting within 30 days of the events giving rise to the vacancy.
4. In the event of the First Vice-President's unavailability or failure to act, one of the Vice-

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Presidents shall act in the order of precedence.

5. In any case, the interim President shall convene an Extraordinary General Assembly for the election of the President of FECAFOOT and the other Members of the Executive Committee. This General Assembly must be organised within a maximum period of one hundred (100) days from the date of the vacancy.
6. Candidates for the position of President must be Members of the Executive Committee in the event of a vacancy.
7. The new President of FECAFOOT shall be elected by majority, uninominal, direct and secret ballot for the remainder of the term of office.

#### **Section 48: Representation and signature**

1. The President of FECAFOOT shall represent FECAFOOT in all acts of civil and sporting life, as well as in court.
2. He shall commit FECAFOOT by his signature alone.
3. He may appoint a Vice-President or any other Member of the Executive Committee of his choice to carry out a specific mission or to manage a sector of activity.

### **PART 5: EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

#### **Section 49: Organisation and functioning**

1. The Emergency Committee is a restricted formation of the Executive Committee composed of the President of FECAFOOT, the four Vice-Presidents and the President of the Professional Football League or, if need be, one of the two elected representatives of the professional football clubs on the Executive Committee designated by their peers Delegates to the General Assembly of FECAFOOT.
2. The Emergency Committee, which may meet by videoconference, shall deal with all matters requiring resolution between two sessions of the Executive Committee, except:
  - a) The vacancy of the Presidency;
  - b) The recruitment or dismissal of the Secretary General and the Deputy

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3. The sessions of the Emergency Committee shall be convened by the President of FECAFOOT. If it is not possible to convene a meeting within a reasonable time, decisions may be taken by any means that leaves a written record. These decisions shall come into force immediately. The President shall inform the Executive Committee within twenty-four (24) hours of the decisions taken by the Emergency Committee.
4. Any decision taken by the Emergency Committee must be confirmed by the Executive Committee at its next Executive Committee session.
5. The Emergency Committee may only validly deliberate in the presence of at least three (03) of its Members. In all cases, its decisions can only be taken by a majority of at least three (03) votes, the President having the casting vote in case of a tie.
6. If the President is unable to attend, he shall be represented by one of the Vice-Presidents in order of precedence.

#### **Section 50: Incompatibilities**

1. The following functions are incompatible with those of Member of the FECAFOOT Emergency Committee:
  - a) Football player with a valid licence;
  - b) Football referee, coach or educator with a valid licence;
  - c) Intermediary or match agent with a valid licence;
  - d) Member of government;
  - e) President of a Football Club Member of FECAFOOT.
2. The functions of Member of an executive body of another national sports federation, because they are likely to generate conflicts of interest, are incompatible with those of Member of the FECAFOOT Emergency Committee.
3. Members of the Emergency Committee may not at the same time be members of the executive body of a league.
4. The Member affected by incompatibility shall have a period of thirty (30) days from

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## **Section 52: Common provisions of standing committees**

The functions of the committees are to advise and assist the Executive Committee in the exercise of its functions. Their main functions, composition and operation are laid down in these Statutes and/or in specific regulations.

### **Section 53: Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee shall advise the Executive Committee on financial and asset management matters. It shall analyse the ordinary budget, the special budgets as well as the annual accounts of FECAFOOT prepared by the Secretary General and submit them to the Executive Committee for approval. It shall be composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur and four (04) members.

### **Section 54: National and International Competitions Committee**

The FECAFOOT National and International Competitions Committee is responsible for conceiving and organising FECAFOOT national and international competitions.

It is composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur and four (04) members.

It shall also be made up of specialised sub-committees for professional football, youth football, women's football, beach soccer, futsal and corps and veterans when the relevant leagues have not been formed. The composition of the sub-committees shall be established by decision of the Executive Committee on the proposal of the National and International Competitions Committee.

### **Section 55: Central Referees' Committee**

The Central Referees Committee shall apply the Laws of the Game. It shall deal with refereeing matters within FECAFOOT in collaboration with the administration of FECAFOOT and shall manage the training and education of referees. It shall appoint referees for competitions organised by FECAFOOT, the Cameroon Professional Football League, the specialised leagues and the decentralised leagues.

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The Central Referees' Committee shall be composed mainly of former referees. It shall be composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur and four (04) members.

#### **Section 56: Legal Affairs Committee**

The Legal Affairs Committee shall be devoted to the analysis of all legal issues related to football and to the evolution of the Statutes and regulations of FECAFOOT and its Members. It shall be composed of one (01) President, one (01) Vice-President, one (01) Rapporteur and four (04) members.

#### **Section 57: Infrastructure and Equipment Committee**

The Infrastructure and Equipment Committee shall examine any problem relating to stadiums and playing fields as well as other sports infrastructure and equipment, in conjunction with the State and Regional and Local Authorities. It is composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur and four (04) members.

#### **Section 58: Sports Medicine Committee**

The Sports Medicine Committee shall deal with all medical matters related to football. It is composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur and four (04) members.

#### **Section 59: Players' Status Committee**

1. The Players' Status Committee shall establish and ensure the respect of the transfer regulations in accordance with the Regulations on the Statutes and transfers of players of clubs affiliated to FECAFOOT. It shall determine the status of players in the various FECAFOOT competitions. It shall be composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur and four (04) members.
2. Disputes relating to the status of players, involving the association, its Members, players, match officials and intermediaries shall be settled by the National Dispute Resolution Chamber.

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### **Section 60: Marketing, Promotion and Media Committee**

The Marketing, Promotion and Media Committee shall advise the Executive Committee in the elaboration and execution of contracts binding FECAFOOT to various marketing/promotion partners and shall elaborate marketing and promotion strategies. It shall also deal with the working conditions of the media during FECAFOOT events and the collaboration with media groups, in relation with the General Secretariat. It shall be composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur and four (04) members.

### **Section 61: Security Committee**

1. The Security Committee shall be responsible for:
  - a) Organising the protection of persons and property at football matches;
  - b) Ensuring that the number of places available is appropriate;
  - c) Prohibiting access to the stadium to all persons in possession of objects likely to be used as projectiles, pyrotechnic Sections such as lasers, firecrackers, rockets or fireworks, the ignition, projection or bursting of which may cause serious accidents;
  - d) Prohibiting the sale of drinks in packaging other than plastic or cardboard inside the premises;
  - e) Checking the reliability of sports facilities.

It shall be composed of one (01) President, one (01) Vice-President, one (01) Rapporteur and four (04) members.

### **Section 62: Club Licensing Committee**

1. The Executive Committee of FECAFOOT shall establish regulations concerning the system of granting licences to clubs with a view to their participation in FECAFOOT and CAF competitions, in compliance with the minimum standards of the licensing system established by CAF and in compliance with the FIFA Regulations on the Procedure for Granting Licences to Clubs.
2. FECAFOOT shall proceed to the granting of licences to clubs according to the licensing system and the minimum standards established by CAF for the granting of licences.



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3. The licensing system shall include in particular:
    - a. The minimum criteria to be met by clubs in order to be allowed to participate in FECAFOOT and CAF competitions;
    - b. The procedure for granting licences;
    - c. The minimum conditions to be applied by the licensor.

### **Section 63: Ad hoc Committees**

1. The Executive Committee may, if necessary, set up ad hoc committees, on the proposal of the President of FECAFOOT, for a specific purpose and for a limited period. The President of FECAFOOT shall appoint a President, a Vice-President, a rapporteur and the members of the ad hoc committee.
2. The powers of the ad hoc committee shall be defined by a specific regulation or circular issued by the Executive Committee. An ad hoc committee shall report directly to the Executive Committee.
3. The President of FECAFOOT, President of the Executive Committee, may chair an ad hoc committee.

## **PART 7: INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES**

### **Section 64: Types of Independent Committees**

1. The independent committees of FECAFOOT shall include:
  - The Audit and Compliance Committee;
  - The Electoral committee
2. The members of the independent committees cannot be members of the Executive Committee. They shall be elected by the General Assembly of FECAFOOT for a term of four (04) years.

### **Section 65: Audit and Compliance Committee**

1. The Audit and Compliance Committee guarantees the conformity and reliability of the





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accounts and verifies the annual accounts and the annual consolidated accounts as well as the reports of the external auditors. It shall be composed of one (01) President, one (01) Vice-President, one (01) Rapporteur and four (04) members elected by uninominal vote.

2. The Audit and Compliance Committee shall advise and assist the Executive Committee in the examination of FECAFOOT's financial and compliance issues, establish FECAFOOT's organisational regulations and ensure that they are respected.
3. The details of the attributions of the Audit and Compliance Committee, its internal functioning and other procedural matters shall be governed by the Organisational Regulations of FECAFOOT.
4. Any candidate for the post of member of the FECAFOOT Audit and Compliance Committee shall undergo an integrity check conducted by the FECAFOOT Ethics Committee, which shall immediately transmit its conclusions to the Electoral Committee; the said conclusions shall be part of the documents for the admissibility of the candidature.
5. The President and Vice-President of the Audit and Compliance Committee must be independent. They shall not be deemed independent if they or any member of their family (spouse, child, parent, brother/sister, cohabitant, parent of spouse/cohabitant, brother/sister of cohabitant and child of spouse/cohabitant) have, at any time during the four years prior to taking office:
  - Held a paid position or had a contractual relationship (directly or indirectly) with FECAFOOT and/or a league or club (including any related company/organisation),
  - Worked for an external legal advisor of FECAFOOT or for FECAFOOT's auditing entity (and took part in the audit of FECAFOOT's accounts);
  - Held a position, paid or unpaid, in a non-profit organisation which FECAFOOT and/or a member, league or club supports annually.
6. If the President, the Vice-President, the Rapporteur or a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee permanently ceases to hold office during his term of office,

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the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement who shall serve until the next General Assembly.

7. The term of office of the members of the Audit and Compliance Committee is four (04) years. The members may be re-elected or dismissed at any time, but their election or dismissal may only be carried out by the General Assembly.

#### **Section 66: Electoral Commission**

1. The electoral commission shall be the body in charge of organising and supervising the electoral procedure in accordance with the FECAFOOT Electoral Code adopted by the General Assembly.
2. The composition and functioning of the electoral commission shall be governed by the FECAFOOT Electoral Code.

### **PART 8: JUDICIAL BODIES**

#### **Section 67: General provisions of the judicial bodies**

1. The judicial bodies of FECAFOOT are:
  - a) The Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Commission;
  - b) The National Dispute Resolution Chamber;
  - c) The Ethics Committee;
  - d) The Appeals Committee.
2. The competences and functions of the above judicial bodies shall be governed by the Statutes, Codes and Regulations of FECAFOOT.
3. The National Dispute Resolution Chamber and the Ethics Committee are each governed by specific texts.
4. The functions of members of the judicial bodies are incompatible with those of members of another FECAFOOT body.
5. The composition of the judicial bodies shall be determined by these Statutes, the codes and regulations of FECAFOOT as well as by specific texts.

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6. The composition of the judicial bodies should ensure that their members have, as a whole, the knowledge and skills required by their function as well as the specific experience to enable them to perform their tasks properly. The President, Vice-President, Rapporteur and at least one member of the judicial bodies must have a legal background. Their term of office shall be four (04) years. Members are elected by uninominal ballot. They may be re-elected or dismissed at any time, although their election or dismissal may only be done by the General Assembly.
7. The presidents, vice-presidents, rapporteurs and other members of the judicial bodies shall be elected by the General Assembly and shall not be members of another FECAFOOT body.
8. The modalities for the termination of the activities of the members of the judicial bodies are as follows:
  - a) If the President of a judicial body permanently ceases to hold office during his term of office, he shall automatically be replaced by the Vice-President.
  - b) If the Vice-President of a judicial body permanently ceases to hold office during his term of office, he shall automatically be replaced by the most senior member.
  - c) If the rapporteur of a judicial body permanently ceases to hold office during his term of office, he shall automatically be replaced by the first member in the order of election.
9. In the absence of the President, his powers shall be exercised by the Vice-President.
10. Members of judicial bodies must not have previously been found guilty of any matter incompatible with their office.

#### **Section 68: Federal Homologation and Discipline Committee**

1. The Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee may impose the sanctions listed in these Statutes and the FECAFOOT Disciplinary Code on Members, officials,

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players as well as match agents and intermediaries.

2. The jurisdiction of the General Assembly to pronounce suspensions and exclusions of Members is reserved, and the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee to pronounce the provisional suspension of a Member or the provisional dismissal of a Member from an organ as provided for in Sections 15, 16 and 45 of these Statutes is reserved.
3. The Federal Homologation and Disciplinary Committee shall be composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur and four (04) members. Its president, vice-president, rapporteur and at least one of the members must have a legal background. The members of the Commission must be of established reputation.
4. The organisation and functioning of the Committee shall be governed by the FECAFOOT Disciplinary Code.

#### **Section 69: National Dispute Resolution Chamber**

1. The National Dispute Resolution Chamber shall be composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur, two (02) members representing the players, one (01) member representing the coaches and three (03) members representing the clubs appointed by their respective associations. Its president, vice-president, rapporteur and at least one of its members must have a legal background. The members of the Committee must be of established reputation.
2. The organisation and operation of the National Dispute Resolution Chamber shall be governed by the Rules of the National Dispute Resolution Chamber.

#### **Section 70: Ethics Committee**

1. The Ethics Committee may impose the sanctions provided for in these Statutes, the Code of Ethics and the Disciplinary Code of FECAFOOT-on-FECAFOOT officials, managers of the various leagues, delegates to the general assemblies of FECAFOOT and its leagues, officials, players, match organisers and intermediaries.
2. The organisation, composition and functioning of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the FECAFOOT Code of Ethics.

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### **Section 71: Appeals Committee**

1. The Appeals Committee shall hear appeals against decisions adversely affecting a party, with the exception of decisions of the National Dispute Resolution Chamber.
2. The Appeals Committee shall be composed of one (01) president, one (01) vice-president, one (01) rapporteur and four (04) members. Its president, vice-president, rapporteur and at least one of the members must have a legal background. The members of the Commission must be of established reputation.
3. The organisation and functioning of the Appeals Committee are governed by the Disciplinary Code and the Code of Ethics.
4. In case one or more members of the Appeal Committee are candidates for one of the elective positions or are prevented from fulfilling their duties, they shall resign from the Appeal Committee. Each resigning member shall be replaced in accordance with Section 67 paragraph 8 of the FECAFOOT Statutes.
5. The members of the Appeals Committee must formally declare their candidacy for one of the elective offices so that the above-mentioned replacement procedure can be carried out smoothly and without time constraints that could affect the elections.
6. The Appeals Committee shall be assisted by members of the General Secretariat, provided that they are not candidates in one of the elections concerned.

### **Section 72: Disciplinary measures**

Disciplinary measures shall be as follows:

1. Against private individuals and corporate bodies:
  - a) Warning;
  - b) Blame;
  - c) Fine;
  - d) Price refunds.
2. Against private individuals:
  - a) Warning;
  - b) Expulsion;



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- c) Match suspension;
  - d) A ban from the changing rooms and/or the reserve bench;
  - e) A ban from the stadium;
  - f) A ban from carrying out any activity relating to football;
  - g) Community service.
3. Against corporate bodies:
- a) A ban on registering new players;
  - b) The obligation to play behind closed doors;
  - c) Obligation to play on neutral ground;
  - d) A ban on playing in a particular stadium;
  - e) The annulment of the results of matches;
  - f) Expulsion from a competition;
  - g) Forfeiture;
  - h) Reduction of points;
  - i) Loss of the match by penalty;
  - j) Demotion to one or more lower categories;
  - k) Match replay.

### **Section 73: Sports-related disputes, conciliation and arbitration**

1. Disputes of a sporting nature between leagues, clubs, trades, licence holders and FECAFOOT and/or between themselves shall be resolved, in the first instance, according to the rules of FECAFOOT.
2. In the event of exhaustion of the internal appeal procedures of FECAFOOT, one of the parties may, as a last resort at national level, refer the matter to the CCA set up within the CNOSC.
3. Sports-related disputes brought before the CCA set up within the CNOSC by FECAFOOT, its Members, players, officials, intermediaries and match agents shall be subject to a prior and compulsory conciliation.
4. In the event of total or partial non-conciliation and in the absence of an agreement by the parties to the dispute on the jurisdiction of the CCA/CNOSC in matters of





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arbitration, the dispute may only be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Section 74: Prohibition of referral to ordinary courts and option of exclusive jurisdiction**

1. FECAFOOT, its Members, players, officials, intermediaries and match agents shall not bring any sports-related dispute before the ordinary courts, unless specifically stipulated in the FIFA Statutes and regulations. Any dispute shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of FECAFOOT, CAF or FIFA.
2. FECAFOOT shall have jurisdiction over domestic disputes between different Members. FIFA shall have jurisdiction over international disputes between parties belonging to different federations and/or confederations.

**Section 75: Court of Arbitration for Sport**

1. In accordance with the applicable provisions of the FIFA Statutes in force, any appeal against a final decision at national level shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne, Switzerland. CAS shall not deal with appeals relating to a violation of the Laws of the Game, a suspension equal to or less than four matches or three months.
2. FECAFOOT shall ensure that its Members, players, officials, match agents and intermediaries respect all final decisions taken by a FIFA body, a CAF body or the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

**PART 9: GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

**Section 76: General provisions of the General Secretariat**

The General Secretariat shall carry out all the administrative tasks of FECAFOOT, under the leadership of a Secretary General. The staff of the General Secretariat shall observe the Statutes, codes, regulations, decisions and directives of FECAFOOT and shall carry out the tasks assigned to them.

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### **Section 77: Secretary General**

1. The Secretary General shall lead the administration of FECAFOOT. He may be assisted in his task by at least one Deputy Secretary General.
2. He shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President of FECAFOOT, and shall be hired on the basis of an employment contract.
3. His missions shall include:
  - a) The execution of the decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee, in accordance with the instructions of the President of FECAFOOT;
  - b) Participation in the General Assembly and in the sessions of the Executive Committee, the Emergency Committee, standing and ad hoc committees and judicial bodies in an advisory capacity;
  - c) The material organisation of the sessions of the General Assembly, the sessions of the Executive Committee, the Emergency Committee, the various committees and the judicial bodies in liaison with their president;
  - d) Taking the minutes of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Emergency Committee;
  - e) The control of the management of FECAFOOT's assets and the proper keeping of accounts by the Administrative and Financial Director;
  - f) The management of all FECAFOOT correspondence;
  - g) Relations with Members, judicial bodies, committees, FIFA, CAF, UNIFFAC, CNOSC and other federations;
  - h) The organisation of the General Secretariat;
  - i) The proposal to the President of FECAFOOT for the hiring and dismissal of non-executive staff;
  - j) The administration and management of national competitions, except those organised by the specialised leagues and the Cameroon Professional Football League;
  - k) Participation in the administration of international competitions in collaboration with the competent bodies;





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- l) The publication of decisions taken by the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, the Emergency Committee and the judicial bodies.
  4. The Secretary General may neither be a delegate to the General Assembly nor a member of any other body of FECAFOOT.

### **Section 78: Incompatibilities**

1. The following functions are incompatible with those of Secretary General and FECAFOOT employee:
  - a) A member of the executive body or owner of a football club or training facility holding a valid licence;
  - b) A football player with a valid licence;
  - c) A football referee, coach or educator with a valid licence;
  - d) An intermediary or match agent with a valid licence.
  - e) Member of government or any person carrying out an activity conferring immunity from prosecution.
2. The functions of member of an executive body of another national sports federation, because they are likely to generate conflicts of interest, are incompatible with those of Secretary General or Deputy Secretary General of FECAFOOT.
3. The member affected by incompatibility shall have a period of thirty (30) days from the date of his election or appointment to resign from his previous position, on pain of disqualification by the General Assembly.

## **CHAPTER V: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### **Section 79: Fiscal year**

1. The fiscal year of FECAFOOT shall cover one year. It shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December of each year.
2. The income and expenditure of FECAFOOT shall be balanced during the financial year. The President of FECAFOOT shall be the authorising officer of the budget of FECAFOOT. A provision shall be made to support the implementation of the main



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3. The President of FECAFOOT shall present to the General Assembly the consolidated annual accounts of FECAFOOT as at 31 December of each year.
4. The independent audit firm shall present its report to the General Assembly.
5. The General Assembly shall grant or withhold its approval.

### **Section 80: Resources**

1. FECAFOOT's resources shall come from, among others:
  - a) Membership fees
  - b) Revenue from the marketing of rights of which FECAFOOT is co-owner or owner;
  - c) Fines imposed by the competent bodies;
  - d) Revenue of all kinds from competitions, events and contests;
  - e) Income from property;
  - f) Proceeds from the sale of publications, badges, crests and advertising;
  - g) Any donations within the limits permitted by law;
  - h) damages;
  - i) Revenue from organisations using the competition calendar for advertising purposes;
  - j) Subsidies from the State or regional and local authorities;
  - k) Quotas and subsidies from FIFA and CAF;
  - l) Subsidies and receipts in accordance with the objectives pursued by FECAFOOT as well as premiums for participation in FIFA and CAF competitions;
  - m) Any other resources authorised by law.





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2. The President shall order and pay out the revenue. The Administrative and Financial Director shall ensure the collection of the revenue under the control of the Secretary General.

### **Section 81: Expenditure**

The President shall engage, liquidate and order the payment of:

- Regular budget and special budgets;
- Expenses approved by the General Assembly, those of the Executive Committee within the limits of its jurisdiction and possibilities;
- All expenses in accordance with the objectives of FECAFOOT.

### **Section 82: Funds of FECAFOOT**

1. Funds and securities shall be deposited in bank accounts opened in the name of FECAFOOT.
2. The provision of funds to members of the Executive Committee or members of the General Assembly to carry out financial operations of FECAFOOT is prohibited.
3. Members of the Executive Committee or the General Assembly shall not be eligible for loans from FECAFOOT resources.
4. Members of the Executive Committee or the General Assembly may only benefit from the allowances or advantages provided for in the Financial Regulations of FECAFOOT.
5. The withdrawal of funds or securities shall be made regardless of the amount against two signatures: that of the President of FECAFOOT and that of the Secretary General. In case the President of FECAFOOT is unable to sign, the First Vice President shall sign jointly with the Secretary General. In case the Secretary General is unable to sign, the Deputy Secretary General or the Financial Administrative Director shall sign jointly with the President or the 1st Vice-President.
6. The assets of FECAFOOT shall be considered as corporate assets. In case of embezzlement, the managers shall be prosecuted before the competent ordinary courts, notwithstanding the rule of exclusive jurisdiction referred to in Section 74 of these Statutes.



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### **Section 83: Subsidies**

FECAFOOT is required to account to the State and regional and local authorities for funds received from them, which remain public funds subject to the regime of section 67 of Law No. 2018/014 of 11 July 2018 to organise and promote physical and sports activities in Cameroon.

### **Section 84: Accounting principles**

The accounts of FECAFOOT are kept in accordance with the OHADA Accounting Plan.

### **Section 85: Prosecutions**

Any member of a body, a permanent or ad hoc committee of FECAFOOT in charge of a financial operation of FECAFOOT and implicated for embezzlement shall be immediately suspended by the Executive Committee until the next General Assembly, without prejudice to any criminal proceedings that may be instituted against him by the said Committee.

### **Section 86: Independent auditing body**

The independent auditor or audit firm, appointed by the General Assembly, shall audit the accounts approved by the Audit and Compliance Committee in accordance with OHADA accounting principles and shall present a report to the General Assembly. It shall be appointed for a term of two (02) years, renewable.

### **Section 87: Annual contribution**

1. The annual membership fee is due on 31 January of each year. New Members' fees for the current year must be paid within thirty (30) days of the end of the General Assembly at which they were admitted.
2. The amount of the annual membership fee shall be fixed by the General Assembly each year, on the proposal of the Executive Committee. It shall be the same for all Members.
3. Members who fail to pay their membership fees on time shall be suspended as of right.

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The suspension shall be automatically lifted upon payment.

### **Section 88: Compensation**

FECAFOOT may set off its debts to its Members against its assets. As a result, FECAFOOT may automatically deduct the part it is due.

### **Section 89: Percentage**

FECAFOOT may request that a share of the revenue collected be paid to it by its Members on the occasion of any match.

## **CHAPITRE VI: COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS ON COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS**

### **Section 90: Competitions**

1. FECAFOOT shall organise and coordinate all official competitions held within its jurisdiction.
2. FECAFOOT may delegate the powers to organise competitions to a league.

### **Section 91: Licences**

The licence management system governing the participation of clubs in competitions shall be laid down in the General Regulations of FECAFOOT.

### **Section 92: CAF club licences**

1. FECAFOOT shall issue licenses to clubs in accordance with the licensing system laying down the minimum requirements adopted by CAF for the granting of the license.
2. The said club licensing system shall include in particular:
  - a) The minimum criteria to be met by clubs to be admitted to participate in CAF competitions;
  - b) The procedure for granting licences to clubs;

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- c) The minimum requirements to be applied by licensors.

### **Section 93: Rights**

1. FECAFOOT and its Members shall own the income from all rights generated by competitions and other events falling within its jurisdiction.
2. These rights include, in particular: economic rights of all kinds, audio-visual recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotion rights, intellectual property rights, distinctive signs and other rights.
3. The Executive Committee shall determine the type and extent of exploitation of these rights and shall prescribe special provisions to this effect. It may reserve the total exploitation to FECAFOOT, share this exploitation with third parties or delegate it entirely to them.

### **Section 94: Authorisation to broadcast events**

FECAFOOT and its Members alone are competent to authorise the broadcasting of matches and events falling within their jurisdiction on audio-visual media in particular, without restriction or consideration of location, content, dates, techniques or rights.

## **CHAPTER VII: INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS**

### **Section 95: Organisation of international matches and competitions**

1. The organisation of international matches and competitions involving national teams, leagues and/or club teams is the exclusive responsibility of FIFA. No match or competition may take place without prior authorisation from the FIFA Executive Committee. In addition, authorisation from the confederation concerned may be requested in accordance with FIFA regulations.
2. FECAFOOT shall comply with the international match calendar established by FIFA.

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3. Any sporting event organised by FECAFOOT with a non-member association of FIFA or provisional members of the confederations or their clubs shall require the approval of FIFA.

#### **Section 96: Authorisation**

1. Any club, league, group of clubs affiliated to FECAFOOT or trade body recognised by FECAFOOT may only join another association or participate in competitions on the territory of the latter with the authorisation of FECAFOOT, the other association, the confederation(s) concerned, and FIFA.
2. Any club, group of clubs affiliated to FECAFOOT or trade recognised by FECAFOOT may not participate in competitions on the territory of another association without the authorisation of FECAFOOT, the other association(s), FIFA and the confederation(s) concerned in accordance with the FIFA Regulations for International Matches.

#### **Section 97: Management of national teams**

1. The management of national teams is the responsibility of FECAFOOT.
2. In the accomplishment of this task, FECAFOOT may benefit from the contribution of the State. The modalities of benefiting from this contribution shall be the subject of an agreement.

### **CHAPTER VIII: TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Section 98: Decentralised leagues**

FECAFOOT shall ensure the transformation into associations of the existing regional and divisional leagues within a reasonable period of time in application of Law No. 2018/014 of 11 July 2018 on the organisation and promotion of physical and sporting activities in Cameroon.

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### **Section 99: Continuity of service**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 23 paragraphs 1 and 2 and Section 35 paragraph 1, the General Assembly of FECAFOOT, the Executive Committee of FECAFOOT, the General Assemblies of the regional and divisional leagues, the Councils and Boards of the regional and divisional leagues, the independent commissions and the judicial bodies in function shall continue to exercise their functions until the progressive compliance of these bodies with these statutes.

### **Section 100: Electoral process of decentralised and specialised leagues**

The elections within the decentralised and specialised leagues shall be based on the Standard Statutes of the decentralised and specialised leagues and the Electoral Code of FECAFOOT.

## **CHAPTER IX: FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Section 101: Unforeseen cases and cases of force majeure**

The Executive Committee of FECAFOOT shall render a decision in the first and last instance on all cases not provided for in these Statutes or in case of force majeure, without prejudice to a contrary decision of the General Assembly of FECAFOOT.

### **Section 102: Dissolution**

1. The decision to dissolve FECAFOOT shall require a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the votes validly cast, during a General Assembly specially convened for this purpose.
2. In the event of the dissolution of FECAFOOT, its assets shall be placed at the disposal of the national sports organisations which shall manage them until the reconstruction of a new national football association.

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**Section 103: Pre-eminence of the Statutes**

In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of these Statutes and the provisions of a regulation or code, or the Statutes of an affiliated league, the provisions of the regulation or code and the Statutes of the league shall be deemed to be unwritten.

**Section 104: Entry into force**

These statutes, drafted in English and French, were adopted by the General Assembly of FECAFOOT at its ordinary session of 27 May 2023. They shall come into force immediately after their adoption. However, the provisions of these Statutes shall apply to any action that occurred prior to their entry into force, where they are favourable to the person who raises them.

**Done in Yaounde, May 27, 2023**



**THE PRESIDENT**

**ETOO FILS Samuel**



**THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

**DJOUNANG Blaise**