



## **GHANA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS REGULATIONS**

### Article 1. **MEMBERSHIP**

1. There shall be an Elections Committee which shall consist of:
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Vice Chairman
  - c. Three Other Members
2. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
3. **The Chairman of the Committee shall be a lawyer with a minimum of five (5) years' experience at the Bar.**
4. At least three (3) members of the Committee including the Chairman shall be lawyers.

### Article 2. **FUNCTIONS OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

The Elections Committee shall have the following functions:

1. to vet and determine the suitability of candidates seeking an elective office in the Association.
2. to compile a register of members qualified to vote in all GFA, RFA, DFA and other elections to any elective office of the Association.
3. liaise with the Electoral Commission for the supervision of voting process including the proper storage of election materials.
4. to educate stakeholders on the process and purpose of the election.

5. perform any other electoral matter that may be referred to the Elections Committee by the GFA.

### Article 3. **APPEALS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

1. Parties affected by the decisions of the Elections Committee shall have the right to appeal.
2. The appeal shall be heard by the GFA Appeals Committee.

### Article 4. **VOTING MATERIALS**

The voting materials shall be prepared by the Electoral Commission.

### Article 5. **ELECTIONS AND VOTING FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES**

Elections shall be held for the following positions in the Association

1. GFA President
2. Chairpersons of the Regional Football Associations
3. Chairpersons of the District Football Associations
4. Membership of the National Executive Committee, Regional Executive Committees and District Executive Committee.

### **Article 6. QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES**

**1. A candidate for any of the positions specified in Article 5 above shall be a person in an Ownership, a Directorship or other Senior Official position with the member for at least two (2) years as contained in the member's record lodged with the GFA over the period. The candidate must not be less than twenty-one (21) years old.**

2. **Ineligible candidates:** The following persons shall not be competent to be elected to or act in any office of the Association, namely, a person.

a. Suspended by the Association, WAFU, CAF or FIFA from taking part in football administration or football related activity pursuant to any applicable disciplinary provisions under the Statutes of the Association, WAFU, CAF or FIFA;

b. Disqualified under section 182(1) of the Companies Code 1963, (Art179)

from being a director of a company

### **6(3). NOMINATION AND SUPPORTING OF CANDIDATE**

1. A member proposing or supporting a person for election to any office of the Association must not have been suspended by the Association, CAF, WAFU or FIFA.
2. Any member of the Association may propose a candidate for the position of the GFA President, or member of the Executive Committee.
3. A candidate for the position of chairperson or member of the Executive Committee of an RFA or a DFA may be proposed and supported by only a member affiliated to the RFA or DFA to which the candidate seeks election.
4. Nomination of a person to the position of:
  - a. GFA President shall be supported by at least ten (10) members of the GFA Congress
  - b. RFA Chairperson shall be supported by at least ten (10) members of the RFA Congress
  - c. DFA Chairperson shall be supported by at least five (5) members of the DFA Congress
5. Nominations or support of candidates shall be in writing, in a form approved by the Elections Committee.
- 6. Where the size of a DFA Congress makes it impracticable for Candidates to obtain five (5) supporters, the Executive Committee may in consultation with the Election Committee, issue guidelines for purposes of the DFA nominations.**
- 7. Nomination or support of a Candidate shall be valid only if it is signed by the President or Board Chairman or Board Secretary or any official who has the power to commit the member.**

8. No member shall nominate or support more than one candidate.
9. No member shall cancel or withdraw its nomination of or support for a candidate.
- 10. Nomination or support of a Candidate shall be executed on a prescribed form in the presence of the General Secretary after payment of a fee to be determined by the GFA.**
11. Nomination to any office presented after the specified deadline shall not be valid.
- 12. A Candidate shall specify his or her consent to the nomination in writing, signed by him or her or by another person authorized by him or her in writing on a form prescribed by the Election Committee.**

Article 7. **VOTING PROCESS**

1. All elections shall be by secret ballot.
2. Every member shall be entitled to one vote
3. Where at the close of nomination for election to an office to which only one person may be elected and only one person has been validly nominated, there shall be no election. The candidate so nominated shall be declared elected
4. Where two or more candidates have been validly nominated the candidate who receives more than fifty per cent (50%) of the valid votes cast shall be the person elected. Where no candidate obtains more than fifty per cent (50%) of the valid votes, another election shall be conducted on the same day. In such case only the two candidates with the highest number of votes shall qualify to contest. The election shall then be decided on a simple majority of the valid votes cast.
5. Where in an election to a position to which more than two persons may be elected the candidates (up to the number of persons required) with the highest number of votes shall be the persons elected. In the event that two or more candidates who would otherwise have been in the elected category tie, there shall be further elections the same day to determine which of them shall be elected.

Article 8. **ELIGIBILITY OF VOTERS**

Persons entitled to attend and vote at elections shall be members of Congress of the GFA, RFA or DFA, as the case may be.

Article 9. **MANAGEMENT OF ELECTIONS**

1. Elections to the offices set out shall be organized and managed by the Elections Committee and conducted by the Electoral Commission of Ghana.

**2. The Elections Committee shall examine nomination, delegates list, petitions and other matters relating to the elections and make such determination relating to them as may be in conformity with these regulations.**

**3. A person against whom the Elections Committee has taken an adverse decision concerning the eligibility or otherwise of a nominee, a candidate, a delegate or a member proposing or supporting a person for election may appeal against the decision within three (3) working days after the decision has been communicated to the person in writing, by notice of appeal to the GFA Appeals Committee. The notice of appeal shall be delivered to the General Secretary.**

4. The decision of the GFA Appeals Committee on the appeal shall be final.

Article 10. **DATES FOR ELECTIONS**

Dates for elections to elective offices of the Association shall be fixed by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Elections Committee.

Article 11. **GUIDELINES**

The Executive Committee may, on the recommendation of the Elections Committee, issue guidelines for managing elections.

Article 12. **ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

These regulations were adopted at the GFA Congress of 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 and came into force on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.