



GFA STATUTES

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1. **“Association”** means “the Ghana Football Association recognized by FIFA, CAF and WAFU.”
2. **“CAF”** means “Confederation Africain de Football.”
3. **“CLUB”** means “An organization of persons with the aim of playing football in leagues and recognized as an entity affiliated to the national Association.”
4. **“CONGRESS”** means “The legislative and supreme body of the Association”.
5. **“DOLB”** means “Division One League Board” which organizes the league

of the 1st Division Clubs.

6. **“Executive Committee”** means “The Executive body of the Association”.

7. **“FIFA”** means “Federation of International Football Association”.

8. **“Football”** means “the game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game as set out in Article 6 of the FIFA Statutes.”

9. **“GENDER”** Any reference to the male gender shall automatically imply the female gender.

10. **“GFA”** means “Ghana Football Association”.

11. “IFAB” means “The International Football Association Board, which authorizes and modifies the Laws of the Game”

12. **“Laws of the Game”** Refers to the Laws of the Game authorized by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

13. **“League”** means “An internal organization subordinate to the national Association in which clubs of the same standing play against each other in an organized competition. For the time being this includes the PLB, DOL and other Leagues”.

14. **“Member”** Is any club or group who pays annual subscription, and has been admitted by the Ghana Football Association Congress.

15. **“NSA”** means “National Sports Authority.”

16. **“National League”** means “The National Premier and National Division One Leagues”.

17. **“Official”** means “Any Executive Committee Member”,
18. **“Player”** means “Any football player licensed by the Ghana Football Association”.
19. **“PLB”** means “Premier League Board” which organizes the league of the Premier Division Clubs.
20. **“DOLB”** means “Division One League Board” which organizes the league of the Division One Clubs.
21. **“FACC”** means “Football Association Cup Committee” which organizes the FA Cup Competition which involves Premier, 1st and 2nd Division Clubs in the country.
22. **“WLB”** means “Women’s League Board” which organizes the National Women’s League.
23. **“RFA”** means “Regional Football Association” which organizes the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Women Football and Juvenile Leagues in all regions of Ghana
24. **“SESSA”** means “Security Services Sports Association.”
25. **“Standing Committees”** means “The Statutory Committees of the Ghana Football Association”.
26. **“WAFU”** means “West Africa Football Union”.
27. Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular may also apply to the plural and vice-versa.

PREAMBLE

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Ghana Football Association (GFA) by the GFA Congress these Statutes are hereby made.

ARTICLE 1 TITLE

1.1 The Association hereby constituted shall be known as **Ghana Football Association** hereinafter referred to as the GFA.

1.2 This document shall be called the Statutes of the Ghana Football Association.

ARTICLE 2 LEGAL FORM, HEAD OFFICE AND AFFILIATION

2.1. The Ghana Football Association is a private organization of an associative nature, incorporated under the Companies Code 1963 Act 179, of Ghana as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

2.2 The Head Office of the Association is in Accra.

2.3 The GFA shall be neutral in matters of politics and religion. It prohibits any form of political, religious, sexual, ethnic or racial discrimination.

2.4. The GFA is formed for an unlimited period.

2.5 The GFA shall have the power to constitute Regional and District Football Associations.

2.6 The Ghana Football Association is a member of FIFA, CAF and WAFU.

Accordingly it is itself obliged to respect the Statutes, Regulations, Directives and Decisions of FIFA, CAF, WAFU and of the Ghana Football Association.

ARTICLE 3 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

3.1. All official documents sent to members shall be in the English Language.

3.2 All official meetings shall be conducted in the English Language.

ARTICLE 4 **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Ghana Football Association shall be;

4.1 To develop, promote, control and regulate the sport of association football in all its forms played by its members throughout Ghana.

4.2 To develop and promote the sport of association football as a means of fostering social integration and moulding the character of the youth in Ghana in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the spirit of fair play.

4.3 To organize competitions in association football in all its forms by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various leagues of which it is composed.

4.4 To develop and promote the game of football among juveniles and the youth and to co-operate with the educational authorities in the promotion of football in Educational Institutions.

4.5 To control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms played by its members throughout Ghana.

4.6 To enforce the Laws of the Game as promulgated from time to time by the IFAB and to protect the game from any form of abuse. Only IFAB article 6 of FIFA Statutes may lay down or alter the Laws of the Game.

4.7 To promote the welfare of clubs and players and to foster a friendly relationship between players and management.

4.8 To ensure that its members comply fully with the Statutes, Regulations, Directives and Decisions of organs of GFA/WAFU/CAF/FIFA.

4.9. To promote good relationship with the body any time charged with the overall organization and control of Sports in Ghana.

4.10 To organize training and competitive programmes and arrange and oversee the participation of National teams at various levels in International Competitions organized by FIFA, CAF and WAFU.

4.11 Fight against doping and take measures to combat the use of prohibited substances in order to protect the health of footballers.

4.12 To formulate policies for the control, training and development of Referees, Coaches, Football Administrators and Medical Officers.

4.13 To settle disputes between/among members or bodies/persons connected either directly or indirectly with the Ghana Football Association.

4.14 Implement a system for granting licenses for Clubs; in accordance with the Club Licensing System setting the minimum requirements adopted by the Association for the granting of the license.

4.15 The Club Licensing System includes in particular:
(a) The minimal criteria to be met by the Clubs in order to be allowed to take part in CAF Competitions.
(b) The procedure for granting the license to the Clubs
(c) The minimal requirements to be applied by the licensors.

ARTICLE 5 **LAWS OF THE GAME**

5.1 Each member of FIFA shall play Association Football in compliance with

the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.

ARTICLE 6 **CONDUCT OF BODIES AND OFFICIALS**

6.1 The bodies and officials of the GFA shall observe the Statutes, regulations, decisions and Code of Ethics of CAF and FIFA in their activities. The Executive Committee may draw up Code of Ethics.

ARTICLE 7 **POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Association shall have the full power and authority to do any act, matter or thing as may be required to give effect to the objects of the Association as described herein, and in addition to the general powers and authority herein conferred on the Association, and without in any way limiting such powers and authority, the Association may not have the power to carry on any business, including, inter alia, ordinary trading operations in the commercial sense. The Association shall have the following powers:

- 7.1 To engage staff on the basis of a policy of fair employment and equal opportunities, acquire assets and enter into commitments for the promotion of its aims and objectives.
- 7.2 To grant practical and financial assistance to individuals and organizations in order to enable them to promote ideas and concepts consistent with the objects of the Association.
- 7.3 To enter into donor funding arrangements with companies or individuals and to solicit and accept fees, donations, bequests, contributions and subscriptions for the funds of the Association, provided however that the Association shall ensure that no donor will derive any monetary advantage from any monies paid to and on behalf of the Association.
- 7.4 To take lease, purchase or otherwise acquire premises, equipment, vehicles, furniture and other property or assets, whether movable or immovable which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the Association, and in order to provide suitable equipment, accommodation and facilities.
- 7.5 To improve, manage, develop, exchange or lease, mortgage, sell, dispose or turn to account and grant options, rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property and rights of the Association.
- 7.6 To deposit or invest the monies and assets of the Association not immediately required in such securities and in such a manner as may from time to time be determined, provided that cash resources and investments will only be made with Financial Institutions licensed by the relevant state agency.

7.7 To borrow, or raise money in such a manner as the Association shall deem fit and in particular to secure payment of any money borrowed by means of mortgage, pledge, charge or lien to secure and guarantee the due performance by the Association of any obligation or liability it may undertake.

7.8 To open and operate banking accounts and to draw, make, accept, endorse, sign, discount, execute, issue cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable documents.

7.9 To make rules and regulations which shall not be inconsistent with the terms of these Statutes.

ARTICLE 8 **LOGO AND FLAG**

8.1 The Logo of the National Association is a black and white coloured football with the National Colours of red, yellow, green and the black star around it.

8.2 The flag of the national association is white with the logo in the middle.

ARTICLE 9 **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

9.1 Discrimination of any kind against a country, a club, any person, group of persons on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

ARTICLE 10 **MEMBERS**

Membership of the Ghana Football Association shall be made up of:

10.1 The Clubs:

- 10.1.1. Premier Division
- 10.1.2. Division One
- 10.1.3. Regional Leagues:
 - 10.1.3.1. 2nd Division
 - 10.1.3.2. Women's Football
 - 10.1.3.3 3rd and 4th Division
 - 10.1.3.4 Juvenile

10.2 The groups linked to football:

- 10.2.1. Schools, Colleges and Universities
- 10.2.2. Security Services Sports Association
- 10.2.3. Coaches

- 10.2.4. Referees
- 10.2.5. Players

ARTICLE 11 CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING THE STATUS OF A MEMBER

11.1 Any club or group eligible under Article 10 above may apply to the GFA for a membership status.

11.2. Every application for membership of the GFA must be accompanied by:

11.2.1 A declaration that the head office of the proposed Member is in the Republic of Ghana in which GFA is the football authority.

11.2.2 A declaration that all its official home matches are played in Ghana.

11.2.3 A declaration that the legal composition of the applicant guarantees that it can make decisions required by its affiliation to GFA independent of an external entity.

11.3. Only the GFA, CAF or FIFA can decide to exempt a candidate from one or more of the above conditions.

ARTICLE 12 PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING THE STATUS OF A MEMBER

12.1. Every application for membership/affiliation from a club must be submitted in writing to the Regional Football Association.

12.2. Every other application for Membership/affiliation to the GFA must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary.

12.3. The application must be accompanied by:

12.3.1. A copy of the applicant's Regulations/Constitution.

12.3.2. A list of its officials, specifying those who are authorized signatories with the right to enter into legally binding

agreements with third parties. Any changes of officials and authorized signatories must be communicated in writing to the General Secretary within seven (7) days of the said change.

12.3.3. A declaration that it agrees to be bound by the statutes, regulations, and directives in their current form and subject to later changes as well as by the decisions of FIFA, CAF, WAFU, GFA and of the leagues of which it is composed.

12.3.4. A declaration that it undertakes to ensure that these Statutes and Regulations are respected by its own members and by any other person (player or official) with whom it has a contract.

12.3.5. A declaration that it recognizes the authority of the Dispute Resolution Committee set up under these statutes in respect of dispute not within the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary, Appeals and the Players' Statutes Committees of the Association.

12.3.6. A declaration that it will not resort to the ordinary law courts for redress and will limit itself to the internal disputes resolution mechanisms instituted by the Association.

12.3.7. A declaration that it undertakes to organize or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of the GFA.

12.3.8. A copy of the minutes of its last general assembly or constitutional meeting and the last year's audited accounts, where appropriate.

ARTICLE 13

DECISION ON AFFILIATION

13.1. The GFA Congress has the sole right to decide on the affiliation of a member.

13.2. The GFA Congress has the sole right to determine affiliation/subscription fees to be paid by members upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

13.3. Affiliation may not be refused unless the objectives of the applicant is incompatible with these statutes.

ARTICLE 14 **LEGAL FORM OF MEMBERS OF GFA**

14.1. The Association is incorporated under the companies Code, 1963 (Act 179) and that the liability of its members is limited by guarantee.

14.2 This does not exclude cases of members being subject to a special legal form by a specific legislation.

ARTICLE 15 **THE LEAGUES**

15.1. The clubs make up the leagues in the championship in which they take part.

15.2. The leagues are subordinate to the GFA which approves their constitutions and/or regulations along with any amendments thereto.

15.3. The GFA delegates to the leagues the rights and obligations required to achieve the objectives set for them.

15.4. The leagues recognized under these statutes are:

15.4.1 Premier Division

15.4.2 Division One

15.4.3 Regional Leagues;

15.4.3.1 2nd Division

15.4.3.2 3rd & 4th Division

15.4.3.3 Women Football League

15.4.3.4 Juvenile League

ARTICLE 16

MEMBERS' RIGHTS

16.1 Members of the GFA have rights which include but not limited to the following:

16.1.1 The right to know in advance the agenda of any Congress, to be called to the meeting within the prescribed time, to take part in the meeting and to exercise their right to vote:

16.1.2 The right to be informed of the affairs of the GFA through Members registered addresses, official mouth piece of the GFA or the media.

16.1.3 The right to take part in the competitions held under the auspices of the GFA, where appropriate.

16.1.4 The right to nominate candidates for the Presidency of the Association.

16.1.5 All other rights arising out of these statutes or those recognized by the regulations, directives and decisions of the GFA.

ARTICLE 17

MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS

17.1. Every member of the GFA has:

17.1.1. An obligation to be loyal to the GFA, meaning, in particular, that the member must abstain from any actions that will bring the name of the GFA into disrepute or adversely affect the interests of the GFA:

17.1.2. An obligation to settle all sums due by way of subscriptions/Affiliation fees:

17.1.3. An obligation to be bound by the statutes, regulations directives and decisions of

FIFA, CAF, WAFU, the GFA and where relevant,
of the leagues of which it is composed:

17.1.4. An obligation to communicate to the GFA any amendment of the member's constitution and or regulations, and a list of its officials or persons who are authorized signatories, with the right to enter into legally binding agreements with third parties

17.1.5. An obligation to ensure that the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF, WAFU and GFA are respected by its own members and by any other person (player or official) with whom it has a contract

17.1.6. An obligation to take part in competitions organized by the Ghana Football Association

17.1.7. An obligation to observe the Laws of the Game of the IFAB and to ensure that these are likewise observed by its members

17.1.8. An obligation for the members of Congress to elect or endorse where appropriate members of the Executive Committee.

17.1.9. An obligation not to maintain any relations of a sporting nature with non-recognised entities such as non-affiliated clubs, third parties or with members that have been suspended or expelled.

17.1.10. An obligation to observe the conditions specified for the duration of its affiliation.

17.1.11. An obligation to ensure that any dispute involving one member and another or one member and its players or officials or employees relating to the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CAF, WAFU and GFA and the Leagues of which it is composed, must be subject to the GFA Dispute Resolution Mechanism, the sole

authority of an arbitration constituted under the Arbitration Act 1961 (Act 38) as amended which will settle the said dispute.

17.1.12. No Club, Official or Member of a club, player or supporter of a club or official of the Association shall take the GFA to the ordinary Law Courts of the Land on any matter arising out of the Statutes and Regulations of the GFA.

17.1.13 Where a person, group of persons or a supporter(s) of a club commences an action in the courts against the Association in the interest of any club, that club shall within seven days of such action coming to its notice, notify the Association in writing of its involvement, interest or otherwise in that action.

17.1.14 Where the club disassociates itself from such an action, it shall immediately make its stand publicly known by the publication in the media-print or electronic and shall file a Statement of disclaimer in court where such an action has been commenced.

17.1.1.15 Where a club on becoming aware of such an action fails to declare its stand in the manner provided in paragraphs (17.1.13) and (17.1.14) above that club shall be deemed to have abetted that action and provision of Article 21 hereunder shall apply.

17.1.1.16 Any club which violates these provisions of the Statutes and Regulations of the Association shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Association but without prejudice to its rights under the Constitution of the Republic of Ghana.

17.1.1.17 Where a club ceases to be a member of the Association by reason of a violation of these provisions of the Statutes, Congress shall have no mandate under any circumstance to pardon such a member.

17.1.18 An obligation to observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behaviour as an expression of fair play.

17.1.19 All other obligations arising out of these statutes or out of the regulations, directives and decisions of GFA.

ARTICLE 18 **SUSPENSION**

18.1. The Congress shall be responsible for the suspension of any member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend with immediate effect any member guilty of serious or repeated violations of its obligations. Such suspension shall last until the next Congress unless it is lifted earlier.

18.2. Any suspension shall be confirmed by a three quarters majority of votes cast at Congress.

18.3. Suspended members shall automatically lose the rights and privileges linked with their membership. Other members shall cease sporting contacts with a suspended member. The Disciplinary Committee of the GFA may impose further sanctions.

18.4. The GFA Congress may suspend any of its members for a maximum period of two years.

ARTICLE 19 **LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

19.1. A member's status may be terminated by the resignation of the member, its expulsion or dissolution or winding-up.

19.2. The loss of a member's status shall not relieve the member of its financial obligations which have already accrued towards the GFA or members of the GFA.

19.3. The loss of a member's status entitles the players of the club where appropriate to apply to be declared free agent by the GFA Players' Status Committee.

19.4. A Club suspended from the GFA is automatically relegated to the lowest league of the Association, and in the event of the club reacquiring its membership status, it has to re-enter at this level.

ARTICLE 20 **RESIGNATION**

20.1. Any member may resign from the GFA. Notice of such resignation must reach the GFA Secretariat by registered mail not later than fourteen (14) days after the resignation.

20.2. Members who have resigned cannot be readmitted to the GFA without a Congress resolution and having fulfilled all their outstanding financial commitments to the GFA.

ARTICLE 21 **EXPULSION**

21.1. The GFA Congress may expel any member if:

21.1.1 It fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards the GFA for two consecutive years in spite of three written reminders to that effect.

21.1.2.1. A member has been found guilty of a serious violation of the Statutes, Regulations, Decisions or Code of Ethics of FIFA, CAF, WAFU or the GFA by the GFA Disciplinary Committee.

21.1.3. The member, its officer(s) or supporter(s) resort(s) to the ordinary law court contrary to the statutes of the GFA, WAFU, CAF and FIFA

21.1.4. The member, its officer(s) or supporter(s) resorts to the ordinary law court without recourse to the GFA dispute resolution mechanisms as provided for in the Statutes of the GFA.

21.2. The expulsion of a member can only be effected by a duly constituted meeting of Congress with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of votes cast.

ARTICLE 22

ORGANS

22.1. The GFA shall have the following organs in its set up:

- 22.1.1 The GFA Congress
- 22.1.2 The Executive Committee
- 22.1.3 The Emergency Committee
- 22.1.4 The General Secretariat
- 22.1.5 The Judicial Bodies (Disciplinary, Appeals
and Ethics
Committees)

22.2. Members of the various organs shall either be elected or appointed into their respective offices through a procedure that guarantees its complete independence.

22.3. The Executive Committee has the authority to constitute Standing Committees and, if required, ad hoc committees.

- 23.3.5.3 Approval of the minutes of the previous Congress
- 23.3.5.4 An address by the President
- 23.3.5.5 Activity report covering the period since the previous ordinary Congress
- 23.3.5.6 Suspension or expulsion of a member, where appropriate
- 23.3.5.7 To consider and adopt the Audited Accounts and reports of the External Auditors for the previous year.
- 23.3.5.8 Election of the President of the GFA, where Applicable
- 23.3.5.9 Endorsement of the Executive Committee where applicable Members,
- 23.3.5.10. Any other matters

23.4 Congress shall appoint delegates to edit minutes of previous meetings.

23.5 **EXTRA-ORDINARY CONGRESS**

An extra-ordinary session of the GFA Congress shall be convened by the Executive Committee under any of the following circumstances:

- 23.5.1. Upon the request of not less than half of the Members of the Executive Committee; or
- 23.5.2. By a resolution of not less than seven (7) Regional Football Associations (RFAS'); or
- 23.5.3. On the request of not less than 25 national league

clubs, at least 8 of which shall be from the
premier division.

23.6. Only the business for which the meeting is convened shall be discussed.

23.7. The agenda and other relevant documents must be sent out to the members at least five (5) days before the meeting.

23.8. The agenda may not be changed under any circumstances.

ARTICLE 24 **COMPOSITION**

24.1 The GFA Congress shall be made up of the President and one hundred and twenty-three (123) delegates constituted as follows:

- 24.1.1. Three delegates from each of the ten (10) RFAS' - 30
 - 24.1.2. Two delegates from each of the 16 Premier Clubs - 32
 - 24.1.3. One delegate from each of the 48 Division One Clubs - 48
 - 24.1.4. Security Services Sports Association (SESSA) - 1
 - 24.1.5. Schools and Colleges - 1
 - 24.1.6. Tertiary Institutions - 1
 - 24.1.8. Coaches - 2
 - 24.1.9. Referees - 2
 - 24.1.10. Women Football Clubs - 2
 - 24.1.11. Juvenile Football Clubs - 2
 - 24.1.12. Players - 2
- Total - ~~123~~

ARTICLE 25 **AREAS OF AUTHORITY**

25.1 Congress shall be responsible for the following:

- 25.1.1. Adoption or amendment of the Statutes and Regulations of the GFA.
- 25.1.2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
- 25.1.3. Approval of the annual audited accounts.
- 25.1.4. Approval of the activities report of the Executive Committee.
- 25.1.5. Ratification of decisions of the Executive Committee.
- 25.1.6. Appointment of an External Auditor based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee.
- 25.1.7. Election of the President.
- 25.1.8. Admission, suspension or expulsion of an official or a member

- 25.1.9. Acceptance of the resignation of a member
- 25.1.10. Dismissal of member(s) of the Executive Committee
- 25.1.11 To confer the title of Honorary Member or Honorary President
- 25.1.12 The determination of the subscription, affiliation, fines and other fees or levies.

ARTICLE 26 **QUORUM**

26.1. The quorum for a valid session of the Congress shall be 50% of the total membership of Congress entitled to attend and vote.

26.2. If the quorum is not achieved, a second Congress shall take place 24 hours after the first, with the same agenda. No quorum is required for this second meeting unless any item on the agenda envisages the amendment of the Statutes of the GFA, the election of the President of the Association, the dismissal of one or a number of members of an organ of the GFA, the expulsion of a member of the GFA or the dissolution of the GFA.

ARTICLE 27 **CONDUCT OF THE GFA CONGRESS**

27.1. The GFA Congress shall be chaired by the President of the Association.

27.2. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall chair the Congress. In the absence of the Vice President, the Executive Committee may nominate one of its members to chair the Congress.

27.3. The President is responsible for the smooth running of the meeting. (With this in mind he is entitled to curtail long speeches by Members.

27.4. The President shall conduct the business of Congress in compliance with the Rules of Procedure of the Congress.

27.5. The President shall chair all meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE 28 **ELECTIONS**

28.1 All elections shall be by Secret Ballot.

28.2 Elections to all offices of the Association shall be managed by the Elections Committee and supervised by the Electoral Commission of Ghana under these Statutes or any other regulations made by the Association.

ARTICLE 29 **VOTING AND DECISION MAKING**

29.1 Decisions of Congress shall be taken by majority of the votes validly cast by the official delegates voting unless otherwise stipulated under these statutes.

29.2 Decisions shall be taken by a show of hands, unless a majority of voting delegates request a secret ballot.

29.3 Decisions relating to any change of head office of the GFA, any amendment to the statutes and regulations, any modifications to the agenda of the ordinary Congress, the dismissal of a member of an organ, bestowing of the title of Honorary President or honorary member, the expulsion of a member of the GFA or the dissolution of the GFA shall require a majority of $\frac{3}{4}$ of votes validly cast by the official delegates present and voting in favour.

29.4 All delegates to Congress shall have a single vote each with the exception of the President. In the absence of the President whoever acts as President shall have no vote.

29.5 Spoiled voting slips, blank voting slips, or any other forms of abstention shall not be included in the count of validly cast votes.

29.6 Decision(s) taken by Congress shall come into force from the date of Congress, unless Congress decides otherwise or delegates this decision to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 30 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
COMPOSITION

30.1. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall be constituted as follows:

30.1.1 The President, duly elected by Congress

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30.1.2(a) Six (6) persons duly elected by the Premier League Clubs - 6

30(1)(2)(b) Four (4) persons duly elected by the Division One League Clubs - 4

30.1.3 Ten (10) persons duly elected as Chairmen of the ten (10)

Regional Football Associations (RFAs)
- 10

30.1.4 One (1) person duly elected by the Constituent Bodies:

- a. Coaches,
- b. Referees,
- c. Clubs of the National Women's League,
- d. Clubs of the Juvenile Football League,
- e. Players,
- f. Security Services Sports Association
- g. Schools and Colleges sports, and
- h. Tertiary Institutions sports.

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Total - 22

30.2. The Executive Committee may invite whoever it deems fit to attend any of its meetings.

30.3. At the maiden meeting of the Executive Committee the President shall appoint from its membership of the Executive Committee, the Vice President of the GFA and three other members who shall together with the President form the five (5) members of the Emergency Committee.

30.4. Members shall retain their positions on the Executive Committee for the whole duration of their mandate and may only be removed from their functions by a decision taken in conformity with these Statutes.

30.5. If a member of the Executive Committee absents himself from meetings of the Executive Committee for three (3) consecutive times without just cause, the Committee shall report his conduct to the next Congress.

30.6. The Executive Committee's decisions shall be adopted by a majority of the members present and voting. In the event of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.

30.7. When a person ceases to be a member of the Executive Committee, the newly elected person for the position shall serve the unexpired term of the vacancy created on the Executive Committee

ARTICLE 31 **LENGTH OF MANDATES**

31.1. The President shall be elected by Congress. The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by their respective constituent bodies. The Regional Association's Chairmen shall be elected by their respective Congresses

31.2. The length of mandate of the President, members of the Executive Committee and the Regional and District Football Association Chairmen shall be four (4) years: Their mandate shall begin immediately after they have been sworn-in at a Congress which shall be organized separately from the one in which the President/Chairmen were elected. The President and members of the Executive Committee are eligible for re-election.

31.3. In the event of the office of the President becoming vacant, the Vice President shall act in his stead until an election is held at the next Congress.

31.4. A vacancy in any office of the Executive Committee shall occur under any of the following circumstances:

29.4.1. Upon the death of the member; or

31.4.2. Upon the resignation of the Member; or

31.4.3. If he is incapable of discharging the functions of his office by reason of infirmity of mind or body as certified by a registered medical practitioner; or

31.4.4. If a member absents himself from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee without prior permission or reasonable cause;

31.4.5 If a member is found guilty of having conducted himself in any manner likely to prejudice the objects or activities of the Association and such conduct has the effect of bringing the name of the Association into disrepute; or

31.4.6 He is the subject of a decision of the Executive Committee, Congress, WAFU, CAF, or FIFA that he be suspended permanently or temporarily from taking part in football management and/or football administration and/or any football related activity pursuant to any applicable disciplinary provisions under the Rules or the Statutes of GFA, WAFU, CAF or FIFA.

31.4.7. If the Member resorts to the law court without recourse to these statutes.

31.5. If a position becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall inform the Chairman of the Elections Committee who shall conduct elections to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE 32 **MEETINGS**

32.1. The Executive Committee shall meet as required, but at least six (6) times a year.

32.2. At the request of at least 1/3 of the members, the President shall convene a meeting within two weeks following the request. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall convene the meeting. In the absence of the Vice President, the Executive Committee may appoint one of its Members to convene the meeting.

32.3. The members must submit the points they wish to appear on the agenda for the meeting to the General Secretary at least two (2) weeks before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least seven (7) days before the meeting.

- 32.4. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee may, however, invite any person(s) it deems fit to attend its meetings. The invitees may only express their opinion(s) with the permission of the President, but shall have no voting rights.
- 32.5. For the deliberations to be valid, a quorum of 50% plus one of the members shall be required. If the quorum is not reached at the first meeting, a minimum of six (6) members shall form a quorum at a subsequent meeting called within twenty-four (24) hours. The agenda for the postponed meeting shall remain the same as the first meeting.

ARTICLE 33 **AREAS OF AUTHORITY**

- 33.1. To manage the affairs of the GFA.
- 33.2. To represent and commit the GFA in its relationship with third parties.
- 33.3. It shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the recommendation of the President.
- 33.4. To prepare and convene the ordinary and where appropriate an extra- ordinary Congress.
- 33.5. It shall decide on financial matters, and in particular examine and approve the budget estimates presented by the General Secretary.
- 33.6. To appoint and where appropriate member(s) of the Judicial Organs.
- 33.7. To appoint and, where appropriate, member(s) of the Standing Committees.
- 33.8. To maintain good relations with the International and National Sporting bodies, and also to exercise the right to propose representatives of the GFA for election to their various bodies.

- 33.9. To propose any person suitable to be awarded the title of Honorary President or Honorary member of the GFA to the Congress.
- 33.10. At its own discretion, it may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority and call on the services of advisers or grant mandates to third parties.
- 33.11. It may delegate in totality or in part some of its responsibilities to its members individually or grouped as a Committee or to the General Secretary as dictated by its established methods of management.
- 33.12. It may delegate some of its powers to the competent Committees, reserving the right to exercise them whenever it is deemed necessary.
- 33.13. To recommend persons for appointment to the CAF list of Match Commissioners.
- 33.14. To fix dates for elections.

ARTICLE 34

DECISIONS

34.1. The Executive Committee or the Emergency Committee at a meeting shall make decisions by a simple majority of the members present. Voting by proxy is not allowed. Provided always that the Executive Committee or the Emergency Committee shall be at liberty to make decisions electronically, when an issue is sent to them electronically. Any decision taken electronically shall be captured in the next minutes of the Committee.

34.2. Any member of the Executive Committee shall excuse himself from the deliberations of any of its meetings if there is any risk or possibility of him having an interest in the subject matter of the discussion.

34.3. Except in circumstances as described under Article 34.2 above, each member shall be entitled to express his opinion on any subject matter put before the Executive Committee for discussion.

34.4. Decisions of the Executive Committee must be recorded in the minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee.

34.5. Decisions shall be taken by a show of hands, unless a majority of the delegates with voting rights request a secret ballot.

34.6. The Executive Committee shall have the power to review its own decisions by 75% or more of members present and voting.

34.7. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall take immediate effect unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee

ARTICLE 35

MISCONDUCT

35.1 Any member of the Executive Committee shall be guilty of a misconduct if he conducts himself in any manner prejudicial to the interest of the Association, and in particular if:

35.1.1 He embezzles funds belonging to the Association; or

35.1.2 He is found to be inefficient or negligent in the discharge of his functions; or

35.1.3 Without permission or reasonable excuse he absents himself from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee or the Emergency Committee provided always in the case of his absence from the Emergency Committee, his removal under Article 35(2) shall only affect his membership of the emergency Committee; or

35.1.4 He engages in any act that is likely to bring the name of the Association into disrepute; or

35.1.5 Resorts to the ordinary law court for redress without recourse to the internal dispute resolution mechanisms instituted by the Association.

35.2 **REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

35.2.1 Any member of the Executive Committee who is found guilty of misconduct shall be removed by a vote of not less than 75% of the members of Congress present and voting.

35.2.2 The procedure for the removal of a member of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

35.2.2.1 A request for the removal of a member shall be signed by at least ½ of the members of the Executive Committee or;

35.2.2.2 By a resolution of not less than seven (7) Regional Football Association (RFAs); or

35.2.2.3 On the request of not less than twenty-five (25) national league clubs, at least eight (8) of which shall be from the premier division

35.2.3 The request, stating the grounds for the removal, shall immediately request the GFA Secretariat to convene an

Extra Ordinary Congress. A copy of the grounds for removal shall be served on the member(s) concerned.

35.2.4 Congress shall consider any allegations of misconduct raised in the request and if it is satisfied that a prima facie case has been made for the member(s) to answer, it shall give the member(s) a hearing.

35.2.5 Congress shall consider both the allegations and the defense and vote on the matter.

35.2.6 Voting for the purpose of removing a member shall be by secret ballot which shall be carried by a vote of not less than 75% of the Members of Congress present and voting.

35.2.7 A member so removed shall cease to hold office forthwith. For the avoidance of doubt, not later than the day Congress votes him out of office.

ARTICLE 36 **PRESIDENT**

36.1. The President shall be the legal representative of the GFA.

36.2. He shall preside over all meetings of the Congress and the Executive and Emergency Committees.

36.3. He shall implement, through the Secretariat the decisions taken by Congress and the Executive Committee.

36.4. He shall be responsible for maintaining good relations between the GFA and other national associations, WAFU, CAF and FIFA as well as the relevant state agencies and international organizations.

36.5. If the President is absent or unavailable, the Vice-President shall act, failing which the Executive Committee shall elect one of its members to act as President.

36.6. The President shall ensure that all organs of the GFA function effectively to achieve the objectives specified by these statutes.

ARTICLE 37 **REPRESENTATION AND SIGNATURE**

37.1. The Executive Committee shall represent the GFA in all negotiations with third parties.

37.2. The President shall sign jointly with the General Secretary all documents and letters binding the GFA or in the absence of either or both of them, by person(s) duly authorised to do so.

ARTICLE 38 **EXTERNAL AUDITORS**

38.1. The accounts of the GFA shall be audited by a qualified external auditor who shall be independent of the GFA. The external auditor shall present his findings and opinions to the GFA Congress.

38.2. The External auditor shall be appointed each year by Congress on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The mandate of the external auditor shall be renewed annually. The Congress reserves onto itself the right to change the auditor.

ARTICLE 39 **JUDICIAL ORGANS**

39.1. The judicial organs of the GFA shall be:

- 39.1.1. The Disciplinary Committee
- 39.1.2. The Appeals Committee
- 39.1.3 Ethics Committee

39.2. Without prejudice to the areas of authority reserved for Congress, the above bodies are authorized to impose the various disciplinary measures stipulated by these Statutes.

39.3 **PROSECUTOR**

The Executive Committee shall appoint as many Prosecutors as possible for the smooth and effective prosecution of cases. A Prosecutor may be a lawyer of at least five (5) years standing at the bar, a retired police officer from the rank of ASP onwards who

has done prosecution in the court whilst in active service or any other persons the GFA may deem fit.

39.4 DUTIES OF THE PROSECUTOR

The duties of the Prosecutors are but not limited to the following:

- 39.4.1 to investigate and prefer charges.**
- 39.4.2 to present charges to the Disciplinary Committee.**
- 39.4.3 adduce evidence to support the charge.**
- 39.4.4 to make submission in support of the charge.**
- 39.4.5 to prosecute cases before the Appeals Committee.**
- 39.4.6 to prosecute matters before the Ethics Committee or before any other Committee of the GFA, if required.**

ARTICLE 40 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

40.1. Club(s), player(s), officials of clubs, and officials of the GFA who willfully or negligently violate the provisions of the GFA Statutes, regulations and decisions of the competent bodies, or who behave in an unsporting or unreasonable manner may be penalized in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes as well as the GFA, CAF and FIFA Disciplinary Code.

40.2. The GFA may impose the following penalties against natural and legal persons:

- 40.2.1 Warning;
- 40.2.2 Reprimand;
- 40.2.3 Fine;
- 40.2.4 Return of prizes;

40.3. For natural persons:

- 40.3.1 Caution;
- 40.3.2 Expulsion;
- 40.3.3 Match suspension;
- 40.3.4 Ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes bench;
- 40.3.5 Ban from entering a stadium;
- 40.3.6 Ban on taking part in any football-related activity
- 40.3.7 Social Work

40.4 For legal persons:

- 40.4.1 Ban on registering new players;
- 40.4.2 Playing a match behind closed doors;
- 40.4.3 Playing a match on a neutral venue;
- 40.4.4 Ban on playing in a particular stadium;
- 40.4.5 Annulment of the result of a match;
- 40.4.6 Expulsion;
- 40.4.7 Awarding of match points by default;
- 40.4.8 Deduction of points;
- 40.4.9 Relegation to a lower division;
- 40.4.10 Fine;
- 40.4.11 Suspension;
- 40.4.12 Re-play of a match

40.5 For any infringement of the GFA Statutes and regulations or in the event of any dispute related to the leagues and competitions organized by the GFA, the Disciplinary and Appeals Committee may impose upon clubs, officials and players the penalties mentioned.

40.6 Clubs may only be suspended by Congress or, in cases of absolute and urgent necessity, the Executive Committee, subject to ratification by the next Congress.

40.7 Suspended clubs shall forfeit their right to vote at Congress and shall not be allowed to take part in GFA Competitions.

ARTICLE 41

THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

There shall be as many Disciplinary Committees as the Executive Committee deems necessary for smooth and prompt adjudication of cases. Each Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and three (3) other members. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be qualified Lawyers of at least five (5) years standing.

41.1. Any three (3) members including the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall form a quorum.

41.2. The General Secretary shall provide a Secretary who shall not be a member of the Committee.

41.3 Functions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be:

41.3.1 To adjudicate in cases arising out of a match or matches organized or sanctioned

by the GFA or any international Association to which the GFA is affiliated.

41.3.2 To deal with offences involving violence, assault and misconduct or indiscipline of Players, Match Officials, Team Officials and Supporters in connection with any match. This includes incidents before, during and after the match. It also includes a match that was not played or abandoned.

41.3.3 To deal with offences involving the infringement of the Laws of the Game, the Regulations of all International Bodies to which the GFA is affiliated and the Statutes and Regulations of the GFA.

41.3.4 The Committee may decide to invite any person or persons to assist the Committee in the discharge of its duties.

41.3.5 To study match reports from either the National, or Regional Football Associations and other independent reports and take the necessary decisions.

41.4. Any club or club official or player, or match official who is dissatisfied or aggrieved by a decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to appeal to the Appeals Committee within three (3) days of being notified in writing of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

41.5. Except in cases of violence or misconduct the Disciplinary Committee shall not be obliged to invite clubs, club officials, match official(s) member(s) of a club(s) or player(s) to their sittings.

41.6. An appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee of the Regional Football Association shall be heard by the GFA Disciplinary Committee as an appellate Committee whose decision shall be final.

41.7. The Disciplinary Committee may also refer to television and video recordings. They may be used to elicit evidence but only as far as the disciplinary aspect of the case being dealt with is concerned and shall not affect the referees decision regarding facts connected with play.

ARTICLE 42 **APPEALS COMMITTEE**

40.1. The Appeals Committee shall be constituted by ten (10) members. Five (5) of whom shall be empanelled to hear a given case. Seven (7) members shall be empanelled from the ten (10) to hear all Applications for Review.

42.2. The Committee shall be composed of:

42.2.1 Ten (10) persons appointed by the GFA Executive Committee.

42.2.2 There shall be a Secretary to the Appeals Committee with no voting rights.

42.3 The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be a Justice of the Superior Court of judicature or a Legal Practitioner of not less than ten (10) years standing at the Bar. The Vice-Chairman shall be a lawyer of at least 5 years standing.

42.4. The Appeals Committee shall be duly constituted for its work by five members appointed by the Chairman.

42.5. The Appeals Committee shall hear and determine appeals from decisions of the Disciplinary Committee, Players' Status Committee and the Ethics Committee of the GFA. It is hereby provided that an appeal shall lie to the Appeals Committee at the instance of a club, official or player of a club or match official or Licensed Player Agent.

42.6. The Appeals Committee shall have power to adjudicate or settle grievances and differences referred to it by the GFA.

42.7. The decision of the Appeals Committee in any matter shall be final provided that the Appeals Committee shall have power to review its own decision either suo motu or on an application by an aggrieved party.

42.8 An application for review shall be accompanied by a fee to be approved by Congress and communicated to members.

42.9 The Appeals Committee shall have no power to entertain an application

for review unless such application is lodged with the GFA Secretariat not later than three (3) days after the decision has been communicated in writing to the club, official or player or match official and accordingly the Appeals Committee shall have no power to review its own decision after the expiry of the period specified above.

42.10 In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman the Longest

Serving-Member of the Committee shall preside and constitute a five (5) man committee to hear appeals and a seven (7) man committee to hear Reviews.

ARTICLE 43 **ETHICS COMMITTEE**

43.1 The functions of the Ethics Committee shall be governed by the GFA Code of Ethics.

43.2 The Ethics Committee may pronounce the sanctions described in these Statutes, the FIFA Code of Ethics, FIFA and GFA Disciplinary Codes.

43.3 The Executive Committee shall appoint persons to the 5-member Committee as per the provision in the GFA Code of Ethics.

ARTICLE 44 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

44.1 The GFA, its members and its officials undertake not to take any dispute to the ordinary law courts unless specifically provided for in the Statutes of the GFA or FIFA. Members are required to submit any such disputes to the jurisdiction of the appropriate organs of the GFA, WAFU, CAF or FIFA.

44.2 The GFA shall have jurisdiction over internal disputes, that is disputes

between parties belonging to the GFA, while FIFA shall have jurisdiction on international disputes that is disputes between two national Associations and/or Confederations.

44.3 **COMPOSITION OF THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

43.3.1 There shall be a Dispute Resolution Committee of the GFA to resolve disputes within the Association. The Dispute Resolution Committee shall be appointed on an adhoc basis by the Executive Committee.

44.4 The functions and duties of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be to:

44.4.1 Determine and decide on disputes not within the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary, Appeals, and the Players' Status Committee of the Association.

44.4.2 Investigate and decide on disputes involving the ownership, control or management of a member.

44.5. A member or person claiming any right or having any grievance relating to any of the matters set out in Article 44.4 may notify the General Secretary of his claim. The notice shall set out the name of the party or person against whom the claim is made, the nature of the claim and a summary of the facts on which the claim is founded.

44.6 The party making the claim shall not later than seven (7) days from the date of the claim notify the General Secretary of the name and address of the person nominated by the party to serve on the Dispute Resolution Committee.

44.7 The party against whom the claim is made shall not later than seven (7) days of being notified of the claim deliver to the General Secretary and/or to the party making the claim the name and address of the person nominated by the party to serve on the Dispute Resolution Committee.

44.8 The General Secretary shall set a date, not later than seven (7) days from the date of receipt of the names and address of the persons nominated under Article 44.6 and 44.7 and convene the first meeting of the arbitrators.

44.9 The persons nominated by the parties within three (3) days of being appointed shall appoint an umpire, failing which the General Secretary shall within three (3) days appoint an umpire.

44.10. The award of the arbitrator shall be final.

44.11. No member or officer of any member shall have the right to institute any proceedings in any Law Court in respect of disputes which the Dispute Resolution Committee is empowered by these Statutes to determine.

44.12. Where the arbitrators are unable to agree on any matter or any issue in any matter, they shall refer the matter or issue to an umpire and the award of the umpire on the matter or issue shall be final.

44.13. The conduct of proceedings by and the powers of the Dispute Resolution Committee shall be in accordance with the Arbitration Act 1961, AC 38 as if the Dispute Resolution Committee was appointed under an arbitration agreement by the parties.

44.14. The cost for the services of the Arbitrators and the Umpire shall be borne by the parties.

ARTICLE 45 **COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORTS (CAS)**

45.1 In accordance with Articles 62 and 63 of the FIFA Statutes, any appeal against a binding decision of an organ of FIFA

shall be dealt with by CAS which shall be recognized by the GFA and its members as an independent judicial authority whose decision they will respect. The CAS shall however, not have jurisdiction on any disputes relating to:

45.1.1 The violation of the Laws of the Game
45.1.2 Suspension of up to 4 matches or 3 months
45.1.3 Decisions passed by an independent and
duly constituted Arbitration Committee of
the GFA

45.2 The GFA shall ensure that itself and its members, match and players' agents will fully comply with the final and binding decisions by FIFA or by the CAS.

ARTICLE 46 **INTERNATIONAL MATCHES**

46.1 The GFA shall ensure that no international matches take place in Ghana without the prior permission of the FIFA Executive Committee, and further that it will take steps to comply with the international match calendar of FIFA.

ARTICLE 47 **APPROVAL**

47.1 The GFA shall ensure that itself and its members do not participate in any competition of another national Association or Confederation without the prior permission of FIFA.

ARTICLE 48 **THE GFA SECRETARIAT**

48.1. The GFA Secretariat is the permanent administrative organ of the GFA.

48.2. It shall be responsible for all the administrative work of the GFA which shall be carried out under the direction of the General Secretary.

48.3. The functions of the Secretariat shall be:

48.3.1. To implement the decisions of the organs and Standing Committees of the GFA.

48.3.2 To make the necessary arrangement for the meeting of Congress, the Executive Committee, Emergency

Committees the Standing and ad hoc
Committees of the
GFA.

- 48.3.3 To produce the minutes of Congress, Executive Committee and Emergency Committee meetings.
- 48.3.4 To handle the correspondence of the GFA.
- 48.3.5 To keep the accounts of the GFA
- 48.3.6 To be responsible for public relations.
- 48.3.7 To handle such other assignments as may be referred to it by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 49 **THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

49.1. The General Secretary shall be the head of the General Secretariat of the GFA.

49.2. He shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. He shall discharge his duties on the basis of a contract of employment.

49.3. He shall be responsible for the implementation of all of the functions of the General Secretariat

49.4. He shall take part in the meetings of Congress, and the meetings of the Executive Committee but without the right to vote, and in those of the Standing Committees in a consultative role. If he is unable to attend, he shall designate one of his deputies.

49.5. He shall provide secretarial support for the Standing Committees.

49.6. He may act as the GFA's legal representative if empowered specifically by the Executive Committee.

49.7. He shall prepare the agenda of meetings of Congress, Executive Committee and the Standing Committees in consultation with the President.

49.8. He shall be responsible for compiling the minutes of the meetings of Congress, the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the Standing Committees.

49.9. He shall be responsible for GFA correspondence and public relations.

49.10. He shall be responsible for managing the finances of GFA and keeping proper accounts. To this end, he shall:

49.10.1. Co-operate with the Finance Committee to prepare the financial statements and the annual budget for submission to the Executive Committee.

49.10.2 Certify all documents relating to expenses and income.

49.11. He shall be responsible for the recruitment and dismissal of all staff, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

49.12. He shall submit to the Executive Committee proposals concerning the appointment and dismissal of the Deputy General Secretaries and other staff of the Secretariat.

ARTICLE 50 **EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

50.1 There shall be an emergency Committee to take decisions between meetings of the Executive Committee.

50.2. The Emergency Committee shall be made up of the President, the Vice President and three (3) Members of the Executive Committee. Any three (3) members including the President or the Vice-President shall form a quorum for meetings of the Emergency Committee.

50.3. The Executive Committee shall from time to time spell out the areas of authority of the Emergency Committee. The Emergency Committee shall have power to decide on financial matters provided always that this power

shall exclude the approval of budget estimates submitted by the General

Secretary. The above notwithstanding, the Emergency Committee shall have no power to take decisions relating to Art. 33 (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (13).

50.4. All decisions taken by the Emergency Committee in conformity with Article

50.3 shall be binding and shall be ratified by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

50.5. The President or in his absence the Vice-President shall be responsible

for convening Emergency Committee meetings.

ARTICLE 51 **REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS**

51.1 There shall be Regional Football Associations which shall organize

football in the regions on behalf of the Ghana Football Association.

51.2 The organization, administration and activities of the Regional Football

Association shall be in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes

and other guidelines approved from time to time by the Executive

Committee of the GFA.

51.3 The Regional Football Association Congress shall consist of the following members:

51.3.1 The 2nd Division Clubs - 2 delegates from each club.

51.3.2 The 3rd Division Clubs (two elected delegates from each District)

51.3.3 The Juvenile Football Clubs (two representatives from the Juvenile Clubs)

51.3.4 Third Cycle Educational Institutions Sports Association - one delegate

- 51.3.5 The Regional Womens' Football - two delegates
- 51.3.6 The Regional Referees - two delegates
- 51.3.7 The Regional Coaches - two delegates
- 51.3.8 The Regional Players - two delegates

51.4 The structure of the Regional Football Association shall as far as possible conform to the structure of the GFA.

51.5 It shall hold Annual Congress of representatives of its constituent members as in Article 51.3 above to receive and consider among other matters, reports of the Regional Executive Committee including audited financial statements.

ARTICLE 52 AREAS OF AUTHORITY

52.1. It shall organize the Regional 2nd Division League.

52.2. It shall supervise the activities of the Regional Womens' Football Committee and the District Football Association which shall operate on the lines of the RFA.

52.3. It shall supervise the activities of the Regional Juvenile Football Committee.

52.4. Liaise with the DOLB to declare Regional champions.

52.5. It shall implement the decisions of the GFA at the District level in furtherance of the objectives of the GFA.

ARTICLE 53 LIMITATION OF POWERS OF THE REGIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

53.1. An obligation not to enact or operate under statutes and Regulations

which are inconsistent with the provisions of the GFA Statutes except with the prior approval in writing of the Executive Committee.

53.2 The Regional Football Association shall not have the power to print or sell player registration licences.

53.3 The Regional Football Associations and the District Football Associations shall have no power to take decisions in any of the following except with the prior approval in writing of the Executive Committee of the GFA. These are:

53.3.1 Abridgement of the 2nd Division Leagues.

53.3.2 Expulsion of Clubs from the League

53.3.3 Formation of a Regional Club to participate in the Middle League Competition for promotion to Division One.

53.3.4 Re-registration of players for a chosen club to represent the Region in the Middle League Competition.

53.4 Any such decision taken in contravention of these Statutes shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 54 **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

54.1 The Regional Executive Committee shall consist of:

54.1.1 The Chairman elected by the Regional Congress. The Chairman shall appoint one of the members of the Executive Committee as Vice-Chairman.

54.1.2 Five (5) persons elected by the Second Division Clubs in the region.

- 54.1.3 Three (3) persons elected by the 3rd and 4th Division Clubs in the region
- 54.1.4 Two (2) persons elected by the Juvenile Football Clubs in the region
- 54.1.5 One (1) person elected by the Women Football Clubs in the region
- 54.1.6 One (1) person elected by the Referees in the region
- 54.1.7 One (1) person elected by the Coaches in the region

ARTICLE 55 **DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS**

55.1 There shall be District Football Association which shall organize the 3rd Division and other lower Division Leagues in the District.

55.2 The organization, administration and activities of the District Football Association shall be in accordance with the provision of these Statutes and other guidelines approved from time to time by the Executive Committee of the GFA.

55.3 The District Football Association Congress shall consist of the following members:

- 55.3.1 The 3rd Division Clubs - 2 delegates from each club
- 55.3.2 The 4th and 5th Division Clubs - 1 delegate from each club
- 55.3.3 The Juvenile Football Clubs - 2 delegates elected from each club
- 55.3.4 Schools and Colleges Sports Association - 1 delegate
- 55.3.5 The District Women's Football Clubs - 2 delegates
- 55.3.6 The Referees in the District - 2 delegates
- 55.3.7 The Coaches in the District - 2 delegates

55.3.8 Players
delegates

- 2

55.4 The Structure of the District Football Association shall as far as possible conform to the structure of the Regional Football Association (RFA)

55.5 It shall hold Annual Congress of representatives as in Article 55.3 above to receive and consider among other matters, reports of the District Executive Committee including audited financial statements.

ARTICLE 56 **AREAS OF AUTHORITY**

56.1 It shall organize the 3rd Division and Juvenile Leagues

56.2 It shall supervise the District Women's Football Committee

56.3 It shall supervise the activities of the District Juvenile Football Committee

56.4 Liaise with the Regional Football Association for the organization of middle league for promotion to 2nd Division

56.5 It shall implement the decisions of the Regional Football Association at the District level in further of the objectives of the Ghana Football Association.

ARTICLE 57 **LIMITATION OF POWERS OF THE DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS**

57.1 An obligation not to enact or operate under Statutes and Regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of the GFA Statutes except with the prior approval in writing of the Executive Committee.

57.2 The District Football Association shall not have the power to print or sell player registration licence.

57.3 The District Football Association shall have no power to take any of the following except with the prior approval in writing of the Executive Committee of the GFA. These are:

57.3.1 Abridgement of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Division Leagues.

57.3.2 Expulsion of clubs from the league.

57.3.3 Formation of a District Club to participate in the

to Division Middle League Competition for promotion
Two.

57.3.4 Re-registration of players for a chosen club
to represent the District in the Middle League
Competition.

57.4 Any such decision taken in contravention of these Statutes
shall be null and void.

ARTICLE 58 **THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

58.1 The District Executive Committee shall consist of:

58.1.1 The Chairman elected by the District Congress.
The

Chairman shall appoint one of the members of the
Executive
Committee as Vice-Chairman

58.1.2 Five (5) persons elected by the 3rd Division Clubs in the
District.

58.1.3 Three (3) persons elected by the 4th and 5th Division Clubs
in the District.

58.1.4 Two (2) persons elected by the Juvenile Football Clubs in
the District.

58.1.5 One (1) person elected by the Women Football Clubs in the
District.

58.1.6 One (1) person elected by the Referees in the
District.

ARTICLE 59 - **STANDING COMMITTEES**

59.1. The Standing Committees of the GFA are:

- 59.1.1. National Juvenile Committee
- 59.1.2. Finance Committee
- 59.1.3. Technical & Development Committee
- 59.1.4. Medical Committee
- 59.1.5. Referees Committee
- 59.1.6. Media and Public Relations Committee
- 59.1.7. International Relations Committee
- 59.1.8. Players' Status Committee
- 59.1.9. Premier League Board
- 59.1.10. Division One League Board
- 59.1.11. FA Cup Committee
- 59.1.12. Women's League Board
- 59.1.13. Legal Committee
- 59.1.14. Public Interest Committee
- 59.1.15. Elections Committee
- 59.1.16. Club Licensing Board
- 59.1.17. Club Licensing Appeals Committee

59.2. The Executive Committee shall determine how many
members should be appointed to each Standing Committee.

59.3. The Executive Committee may set up ad hoc Committee as and when it deems it necessary to do so.

ARTICLE 60 **NATIONAL JUVENILE COMMITTEE**

60.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons that will be appointed as members of the Committee. The GFA shall provide a Secretary.

60.2 **DUTIES**

60.2.1. To be responsible for the orderly development, control, promotion, management, organization and administration of Juvenile Football in the country.

60.2.2. To formulate Bye-Laws for juvenile football in the country.

60.2.3. To assist in the organization of the National Juvenile Teams.

60.2.4. To instill high ideals of discipline, fair play, patriotism and sportsmanship in juvenile football in the country.

ARTICLE 61 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

61.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee. The GFA shall provide a Secretary.

61.2 The Committee shall:

61.2.1. Cooperate with the General Secretary to prepare and submit the Annual Budget of the various Committees of the GFA before the commencement of the football season;

61.2.2. Monitor the Working of the Budget and make recommendations to the Executive Committee;

61.2.3. Review the Accounts of the GFA and send periodic reports and recommendations to the Executive Committee;

61.3.4 Advise the GFA on other financial transactions or investments.

ARTICLE 62 **TECHNICAL AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

62.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee. The GFA shall provide a Secretary.

62.2 DUTIES

62.2.1. To be responsible for the welfare of the technical handlers and players of the National Teams.

62.2.2. To organize coaching courses for Coaches in order to improve the techniques of coaching.

62.2.3. To educate Coaches, Players, Clubs and the spectating public on the Laws of the Game and the Regulations of the GFA and the International Bodies to which the GFA is affiliated.

62.2.4. To arrange Courses and Conferences for Match Officials, Team Officials, Instructors, Trainers and Administrators.

62.2.5. To assess the training programme of the National Teams, examine Reports on Players made by the Handlers (Team Managers, Coaches and the Welfare Officers), analyze International Matches and advise the GFA.

ARTICLE 63 MEDICAL COMMITTEE

63.1. The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee. The GFA shall provide a secretary to the Committee.

63.2 DUTIES

63.2.1. To assist Doctors attached to the National Teams to prepare various data on the players of the National Teams.

63.2.2. To advise on all problems of Medicine, Physiology, Hygiene, and Diet.

63.2.3. To propose steps that may improve the physical health of players, and
guarantee their physical fitness.

63.2.4. To prepare memoranda concerning medical services for footballers

63.2.5. To draw up regulations, directives and instructions relating to medicine
and in particular in relation to doping.

ARTICLE 64 REFEREES COMMITTEE AND MATCH REVIEW COMMITTEE

64.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be
appointed as members of the Committee. The GFA shall provide a
Secretary.

64.2 DUTIES OF THE REFEREES COMMITTEE

64(2)(1) To organize refresher courses for Referees to update their techniques and knowledge in refereeing.

64(2)(2). To supervise the activities of Match Officials

64(2)(3) To organize refresher courses for Referees to update their techniques and knowledge in refereeing.

64(2)(4) To liaise with the Referees Association of Ghana (RAG) and ensure that suitable candidates are recruited to become referees.

64(2)(5) To recommend to the GFA, a list of referees at the beginning of every season.

64(2)(6) To recommend the suspension or removal from the referees list, those found to be incompetent or guilty of serious misconduct.

64(2)(7) To appoint referees for Premier, First Division, FA Cup, National Women and International matches.

64(2)(8) To study the reports of match officials and make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 64(3)

64.3 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Match Review Committee. The GFA shall provide a Secretary to the Match Review Committee.

64.4 DUTIES OF MATCH REVIEW COMMITTEE

64.4.1 To receive for their review complaints from clubs on officiating by match officials and study same. Club, official or players shall not talk negatively about match officials in the media or any other forum.

64.4.2 To, on its own, study the video of all matches and make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

64.4.3 To recommend to the Executive Committee for their action:

- a. reward for excellent officiating;**
- b. suspension for poor officiating;**
- c. removal from the referees list of officials found to be grossly incompetent or guilty of serious misconduct.**

ARTICLE 65 MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

65.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee.

DUTIES

65.1.1. To assist the General Secretariat in educating the general public on the activities of the GFA and its Committees.

65.1.2. To monitor and advise the General Secretary on Public Relations and

Media activities.

65.1.3 To ensure effective publicity for all activities of GFA.

ARTICLE 66 **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

66.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee. The Secretary shall be the General Secretary of the GFA.

66.2 **DUTIES**

66.2.1. To seek the welfare of GFA in International fora

66.2.2. To advise the GFA on its commitments to the International bodies to which it is affiliated.

65.2.3. Scout for suitable and qualified Ghanaians and advise the Association to prepare them for service on International Football Organisations.

ARTICLE 67 **PLAYERS' STATUS COMMITTEE**

67.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee.

67.2 **DUTIES**

The Committee shall deal with:

67.2.1. Contractual disputes between a club and a player

67.2.2. Transfer disputes between clubs

67.2.3. Application for free agent status from a player

67.2.4. Employment-related disputes between a club or the GFA and a coach

67.2.5. Disputes in relation to training compensation and solidarity contribution

67.2.6. Any other matters that regarding the status and/or eligibility of a player

67.2.7. The decision of the Players' Status Committee shall be enforced without reference to the Disciplinary Committee of the GFA and an appeal against any decision

of the Committee shall be filed within three (3) days upon receipt of the decision by the party.

67.2.8. An appeal against a decision of the Committee may be lodged with the

Appeals Committee of the GFA in accordance with this Regulation whose decision shall be final.

ARTICLE 68 **PREMIER LEAGUE BOARD**

68.1. The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee.

68.2. The Secretary to the Committee shall be appointed by the GFA.

68.3. The Board shall meet as often as it deems fit.

68.4. THE DUTIES OF THE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

68.4.1. To process licences for players of all Premier League clubs for registration by the GFA.

68.4.2 To prepare fixtures, and print tickets for Premier League matches for the approval of the Executive Committee.

68.4.3 To implement GFA policies and programmes regarding the Premier League Competition and offer to GFA such advice as it deems fit.

68.4.4 To ratify results of matches.

68.4.5 To act as ex-officio representatives of the GFA at matches.

68.4.6 To evaluate match reports and refer disciplinary matters and protests to the Disciplinary Committee for determination provided that this provision shall not be construed as ousting the authority of the GFA to refer disciplinary matters and protests direct to the Disciplinary Committee if the GFA considers that it is expedient so to do.

68.4.7 To arrange for sponsorship for the league and notify the GFA for approval accordingly.

68.4.8 To recommend to the GFA such amendments in the GFA Statutes and Regulations as the Board shall consider appropriate.

68.4.9 To ensure that Premier League Clubs have been duly incorporated as companies limited by either shares or guarantee.

68.4.10 To perform any other duties which the GFA may from time to time assign to the Board, PROVIDED always that the Board shall not have responsibility for and shall not in any way handle or execute any of the following:

68.4.10.1 International Player Transfers

68.4.10.2 Disciplinary matters such as provided for in Article 40 of this Statutes.

68.4.10.3 Appointment of match officials, and

68.4.10.4 Shall not commit the GFA financially without prior consultation with and approval by the GFA Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 69

DIVISION ONE LEAGUE BOARD

69.1. The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee.

69.2. There shall be a Secretary to the Committee appointed by the GFA.

69.3. The duties of the Committee shall include the following:

69.3.1. To prepare fixtures for and organize the Division One League upon the approval of the Executive Committee

69.3.2. To implement GFA policies regarding the Division One League

69.3.3. To assist Regional Football Associations to organize and declare their Regional Football League and FA Cup Champions.

69.3.4 To recommend for appointment Match Commissioners for the Zonal First Division Leagues.

69.3.5 To act as ex-officio representatives of GFA at matches

69.3.6 To evaluate match reports and refer disciplinary matters and protest to the Disciplinary Committee, provided that nothing shall prevent the GFA from referring disciplinary matters and protests to the Disciplinary Committee if it considers it expedient to do so.

69.3.7 To recommend to the GFA such amendments in the GFA Rules and Regulations as the Committee shall consider appropriate.

69.3.8 To perform any other duties which the GFA may from time to time assign to the Board, PROVIDED ALWAYS that the DOL, shall not have responsibility for and shall not in any way handle or execute any of the following:

69.3.8.1 International Player Transfers

69.3.8.2 Disciplinary matters such as provided for in Article 40 of this Statutes.

69.3.8.3 Appointment of match officials, and

69.3.8.4 Shall not commit the GFA financially without prior consultation with and approval of the GFA Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 70 **FA CUP COMMITTEE**

70.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee.

70.2 The Secretary to the Committee shall be appointed by the GFA

70.3 The Committee shall meet as often as it deems fit.

70.4 The duties of the Committee shall include the following:

70.4.1 To prepare fixtures and print tickets for FA Cup matches for the approval of the Executive Committee.

70.4.2 To implement policies and programmes regarding the FA Cup Competition and offer such advice as the Committee may deem fit to the Executive Committee.

70.4.3 To ratify results of FA Cup matches.

70.4.4 To act as ex-officio representative of the GFA at matches.

70.4.5 To evaluate match reports and refer disciplinary matters and protest(s) to the Disciplinary Committee for determination provided that this provision shall not be construed as ousting the authority of the GFA to refer disciplinary matters and protests direct to the Disciplinary Committee if the GFA considers that it is expedient so to do.

70.4.6 To arrange for sponsorship for the FA Cup Competition and notify the GFA for approval accordingly.

70.4.7 To recommend to the GFA such amendment in the GFA

Regulations as the Committee shall consider appropriate.

70.4.8 To perform any other duties which the GFA may from time to time assign to the Committee, PROVIDED always that the Committee shall not have responsibility for and shall not in any way handle or execute any of the following:

70.4.8.1 Disciplinary matters such as provided for in Article 40 of this Statutes

70.4.8.2 Appointment of match officials and

70.4.8.3 Shall not commit the GFA financially without prior consultation with and approval by the GFA Executive Committee

ARTICLE 71 **WOMEN'S LEAGUE BOARD**

71.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Board.

71.2. There shall be a Secretary appointed by the GFA.

71.3 **DUTIES**

71.3.1 To be responsible for the orderly development, control, promotion, management, organization and administration of Women Soccer in the Country.

71.3.2 To be responsible for the organization of the National Women Football Team(s).

71.3.3 To instill high ideals of discipline, fair play, patriotism, and sportsmanship in Women Football in the Country.

71.3.4 Assist Regional/District Football Association to organize Women Football competitions.

71.3.5 The Board shall not in any way commit the GFA financially without prior consultation and approval of the GFA Executive Committee.

71.3.6 The Board shall have the power to seek financial help, assistance,
sponsorship for the development and promotion of Women Football in the country.

ARTICLE 72 **LEGAL COMMITTEE**

72.1 The Executive Committee shall determine the number of persons to be appointed as members of the Committee. The GFA shall provide a Secretary to the Committee.

72.2 **DUTIES**

72.2.1. To advise on all legal matters affecting the GFA

72.2.2. To advise the GFA on domestic and international transfers

72.2.3. To advise on all contracts involving the GFA

72.2.4 The GFA may engage, either with or without a fee, the Chairman or Vice- Chairman or both to represent it in any suit.

72.2.5. To draw guidelines for appointment of licensed /match agents and
make recommendations to the GFA for the appointment of such agent.

ARTICLE 73 **PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEE**

73.1 There shall be a 5-member Public Interest Committee. The functions of
the Committee shall include:

73.2. To liaise with the Ministry responsible for Sports in terms of provision of
the necessary facilities required for building the national football teams.

73.3 To liaise with the Ministry responsible for Sports in the provision of funds
by the Government for purposes of building the National football teams.

73.4 In accordance with directives of the Executive Committee and the Ministry,

formulate policies, which are necessary for building strong National teams.

73.5 Any other functions as ascribed by the Executive Committee with respect to the Protocol on GFA/Government relations.

ARTICLE 74 **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

74.1 There shall be an Elections Committee which shall consist of:

- 74.1.1 Chairman
- 74.1.2 Vice-Chairman
- 74.1.3 Three (3) other members

74.2 The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the GFA Executive Committee

74.3 The Chairman of the Committee shall be a lawyer with a minimum of ten (10) years experience at the bar.

74.4 At least three (3) members of the Committee including the Chairman shall be lawyers.

74.5 Any three (3) members including the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall form a quorum

74.6 The General Secretary shall provide a Secretary who shall not be a member of the Committee

74.7 Functions of the Elections Committee shall be:

74.7.1 to vet and determine the suitability of candidates seeking an elective office in the Association.

74.7.2 to compile a register of members qualified to vote in all GFA, RFA, DFA and other elections to any elective office of the Association.

74.7.3 to educate stakeholders on the process and purpose of the election.

74.7.4 liaise with the Electoral Commission for the supervision of voting process including the storage of election materials.

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

ARTICLE 75 **CLUB LICENSING BOARD**

1. There shall be a Club Licensing Board composed of seven (7) members.

2. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and five (5) other members shall be appointed by the GFA Executive Committee

3. The composition of membership shall take into account the requisite skill needed for the discharge of the statutory functions such as, legal, administrative, finance, technical, security, etc.

4. Five (5) out of the seven members including the Chairman or the Vice Chairman shall form a quorum.

5. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, members present shall elect one of them as Chairman for the meeting.

6. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

7. The Executive Committee shall designate one of the Secretariat regular staff as Licensing Manager and Secretary to the Board.

8. The Club Licensing Board shall decide on whether to issue a license to an applicant on the basis of the document submitted by the applicant in accordance with the provisions of the GFA Club Licensing Regulations, by the deadline set by the GFA.

9. The license shall be jointly signed by the President of the GFA and the
Chairman of the Club Licensing Board.

ARTICLE 76 **CLUB LICENSING APPEALS COMMITTEE**
(CLAC)

1. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and
three (3) others as members of the Club Licensing Appeals Committee.
2. Three (3) members including the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman shall
form a quorum
3. The Committee shall decide on appeals submitted in writing and make a
final and binding decision on whether a license shall be granted.
4. Appeals may only be lodged by:
 - i. A license applicant following a refusal
 - ii. The GFA (Licensor)
5. The Committee shall make determination based on the decision of the
first instance body and all the evidence provided by the license applicant
or the licensor (GFA) with its written request for appeal and within the
deadline determined in the appeal procedure by the Chairman.
6. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, members present
shall elect one of them as Chairman for the meeting.

ARTICLE 77 **FINANCIAL PERIOD**

77.1 The financial period for the Association shall cover the period August - July.

ARTICLE 78 **REVENUE**

78.1 The sources of revenue of the Association shall include, but not limited to:

- 78.1.1 Annual subscription fees for members;
- 78.1.2 National competition entry fees;
- 78.1.3 Player registration fee;
- 78.1.4 Gate shares from matches;
- 78.1.5 Sponsorships;
- 78.1.6 Donations;
- 78.1.7 Loans;
- 78.1.8 State grants;
- 78.1.9 Returns of investments;
- 78.1.10 Broadcast rights;
- 78.1.11 Advertising;
- 78.1.12 Royalties;
- 78.1.13 Patent and Trademark Rights;
- 78.1.14 Grants from WAFU, CAF, FIFA

ARTICLE 79

EXPENDITURE PROFILE

79.1 The expenditure profile of the Association shall include but not limited to:

79.1.1. The expenses stipulated in the annual budget approved by the Executive Committee;

79.1.2. Such other expenses as are approved by Congress and those that the Executive Committee is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority.

79.1.3. All other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by the GFA

ARTICLE 80

ORGANIZATION OF COMPETITIONS

80.1. The GFA shall be responsible for the organization and co-ordination of

official matches and competitions such as:

80.1.1. Premier League

80.1.2 F. A Cup Competition

80.1.3 Division One League

80.1.4 Regional 2nd Division League

80.1.5 District 3rd and 4th Division Leagues

80.1.6 Juvenile Leagues

80.1.7 Women Football Leagues

80.1.8 Friendly matches (domestic and international)

80.1.9 CAF sanctioned matches (Champions League/Confederation)

80.1.10 WAFU sanctioned matches.

80.2. The Executive Committee of the GFA may delegate power to other bodies to organize their own competitions.

80.3. The Executive Committee may sanction the organization of any football competition/match within Ghana.

ARTICLE 81

JOINT OWNERSHIP

81.1 It shall be unlawful for any commercial enterprise, (including holding

companies and subsidiary companies), private person, or any other legal entity to have the controlling interest in more than one club.

ARTICLE 82 - OWNERSHIP, COMMERCIAL & MEDIA RIGHTS OF GFA COMPETITIONS

82.1 The ownership, organisation, control and management of all the competitions of the GFA and any rights associated with them of any nature shall be vested entirely and exclusively in Ghana Football Association (the “GFA”).

82.2 In relation to each match in any GFA organised competition, the GFA shall itself be exclusively entitled to, or otherwise to authorise or grant to others, rights of access to and attendance at the ground of the Home Club (“Access Rights”) for the purposes of transmitting or filming or otherwise recording on or by any media, any audio and/or visual materials depicting or describing all or any part or parts of a match (the “Copyright Materials”).

82.3 In relation to each match, the GFA shall itself be exclusively entitled throughout the world, or to grant to or otherwise authorise others:

82.3.1 on a live, delayed, recorded or highlighted basis to broadcast or otherwise transmit by any method whatsoever (now known or hereinafter devised) the Copyright Materials by way of any and all forms of television or similar technology (now known or hereinafter devised) including, without limitation, free to air television, pay television, pay per view, “not-video-on-demand” internet or other on-line media and “video-on-demand” (the “Television Rights”).

82.3.2 on a live or delayed basis to broadcast or to otherwise transmit the Copyright Materials (or audio) by way of radio broadcast or internet, or other on-line media or similar technology (now known or hereinafter devised) (the “Radio Rights”).

82.3.3 to use, sell, publish, distribute and otherwise exploit the Copyright Materials in any manner whatsoever including, without limitation, clip licensing, videos, CD Rom, CDI, internet or other on-line media (the “Footage Rights”).

82.3.4 In relation to each match, the GFA shall be exclusively entitled, either by itself or to authorise others, to use sell or otherwise exploit all commercial and other marketing rights associated with its competitions including, without limitation, fixture list copyright, sponsorship, supplier rights, licences, perimeter board branding or other commercial arrangements (the “Marketing Rights”).

82.4 Clubs shall comply with the terms of all contracts entered into by the GFA from time to time in relation to Access Rights, the Television Rights, the Radio Rights, the Footage Rights and the Marketing Rights (collectively the “Commercial Contracts”) in relation to the any GFA competition.

ARTICLE 83

DISMISSAL OF OFFICIAL OR MEMBER

83.1. The Executive Committee may place the dismissal of an official or

member on the agenda for Congress. Any member may submit a proposal

to the Executive Committee to place such a motion for dismissal on the agenda.

83.2. The motion for dismissal must be justified. It should be sent out to the members of the GFA together with the agenda for Congress.

83.3. The official or member in question has the right to speak in his defense at

Congress.

83.4. If the motion for dismissal is upheld, the Congress shall take the

appropriate decision by means of a secret ballot. The motion must be

supported by a majority of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes validly cast by the official

delegates present and voting.

ARTICLE 84

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

84.1 In the event of dissolution, the net assets shall be sold and the proceeds

thereof shared proportional to the members with voting rights. The final

Congress may, however, decide on another destination for the disposal of

assets on the basis of a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority.

ARTICLE 85

APPLICATION OF STATUTES

85.1. In case of doubt as to the meaning or interpretation of these Statutes the

Executive Committee shall be the final arbiter.

85.2. Should any of the provisions of these Statutes be in conflict with the

Articles of CAF or FIFA then the rules or Articles of CAF or FIFA shall

apply, unless such a conflict is specifically allowed or condoned by CAF or FIFA.

85.3. Should these Statutes be silent on any matter that may arise, the Articles and Rules of CAF or FIFA shall apply and if they are silent the Executive Committee shall give a ruling on such a matter which shall be final and binding.

85.4 For the purposes of computation of time in these Statutes or any Regulations or Rules of the Ghana Football Association;

(a) Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays shall not be counted'

(b) Days shall start reckoning from the next working day of the week;

(c) One(1) day shall mean until 5pm of the next working day

(d) Twenty-Four(24) hours shall mean until 5pm of the next working day.

ARTICLE 86 **EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

86.1 The Executive Committee shall ensure that the Statutes of the GFA are

applied, and adopts the executive arrangements required for their application.

ARTICLE 87 **DISSOLUTION**

86.1 Any decision relating to the dissolution of the GFA requires a majority of $\frac{3}{4}$

of all of the members of the GFA, obtained in the course of Congress

specially convened for the purpose.

ARTICLE 88 **AMENDMENTS**

88.1 These Statutes or any provision thereof that the GFA may hereafter bring

into force may be amended by a resolution of $\frac{3}{4}$ or seventy five percent

(75%) of the votes of those members entitled to vote and present at the time of voting at an Annual or Extraordinary Congress provided that 14 days notice of the intended amendment has been given before the said meeting.

ARTICLE 89 **INDEMNITY**

89.1 The officials of the Association shall be and are hereby indemnified against all losses, charges, damages and all other expenses and liability they may incur or be put to concerning the bona fide execution of their duties as officials of the Association.

ARTICLE 90 **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

90(1) All decisions taken by the Congress, Executive Council, Management

Board of the GFA in conformity with the Statutes preceding these statutes shall be deemed to be valid until otherwise varied under the statutes.

90(2) All contracts entered into between the GFA and third parties in conformity

with the existing statutes shall continue to have legal effect until otherwise amended, or modified under these statutes.

90(3) All decisions taken by Committees existing before the coming into force of

these Statutes shall have the legal effect.

90(4) These statutes were adopted at the GFA Congress of 28th August, 2013.

They came into force on the 29th August, 2013.