



World Minifootball Federation

Statutes

DEFINITIONS

The terms given below denote the following:

1. **WMF:** World Minifootball Federation. World Minifootball Federation is the World governing body of Minifootball and a non-profit organization.
2. **Statutes:** highest legal document of WMF.
3. **Minifootball:** small sided indoor and outdoor Minifootball played as 5, 6, 7, 8 a-side and Arena soccer.
4. **Organisation:** a minifootball federation or association recognized as such by WMF. It is a member of WMF, unless a different meaning is evident from the context.
5. **League:** an organisation that is subordinate to an association.
6. **Country:** an independent state recognized by the international community or a Self-Governed Territory with a NOC recognised by IOC.
7. **Confederation:** continental federation, a group of organizations recognized by WMF that belong to the same continent (or assimilable geographic region).
8. **Confederation contract:** Contract between WMF and any confederation. A Confederation contract can regulate the relationship of the continental and world federation, but these statutes are always supreme.
9. **Committee:** body of the WMF.
10. **Executive Committee** (hereinafter: EC): the strategic and oversight body of WMF.
11. **Working Methods** (hereinafter WM): instructions how a certain committee operates in terms of its competences.
12. **General Assembly** (hereinafter: GA): the supreme and legislative body of WMF.
13. **Administration:** is the executive, operational and administrative body of WMF.
14. **Secretary General** (hereinafter SG): The SG is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of WMF.
15. **International Minifootball Rules** (hereinafter: IMR): the rules of organizations Minifootball issued by the EC in accordance with these Statutes.
16. **Internal Regulations:** documents created by WMF or its bodies, contains rules and regulations, which are not written in these Statutes.

17. **Member organisation:** a non-profit organisation that has been admitted into membership of WMF by the GA. A member organisation can be full member or affiliated member of WMF.
18. **Full member:** national Minifootball organizations, which fulfil and respect all the conditions written in these Statutes. Full members are registered in their country as non-profit and non-governmental national Minifootball organizations, which promote, develop and organise Minifootball at national level.
19. **Provisional member:** provisional members shall be bodies, which only partially fulfil membership conditions written in these Statutes.
20. **Affiliated member:** the affiliated members are continental or national Minifootball organizations non-profit or private entities, which bring the teams to WMF events or has another value that the GA recognized as a contribution for WMF. Affiliated membership to WMF is granted to members who meet the conditions written in these Statutes and fulfil their obligations as affiliated members written in these Statutes.
21. **Official:** any board member (including the members of the EC), committee member, referee and assistant referee, coach, trainer and any other person responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters in WMF; a confederation, a member organisation, a league or a club as well as all other persons obliged to comply with the WMF Statutes (except players and intermediaries).
22. **Club:** a member of an organisation (that is a member organisation of WMF) or a member of a league recognized by a member organisation that enters at least one team in a competition.
23. **Player:** any Minifootball player registered by an organisation.
24. **Organisation Minifootball:** the game controlled by WMF and organised by WMF, the confederations and/or the member organizations in accordance with the IMR.
25. **Official competition:** a competition for representative teams organised by WMF or any confederation.
26. **Stakeholder:** a person, entity or organisation which is not a member organisation and/or body of WMF but has an interest or concern in the WMF's activities, which may affect or be affected by WMF's actions, objectives and policies, in particular clubs, players, coaches and amateur leagues.

NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders.
Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

PART 1 — GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1: Name and Headquarters

1. The registered name of the organisation is World Minifootball Federation, z. s.
2. WMF is a federation registered by the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic in accordance with Section 4. § 3045 ff. of the Czech Civil Code (case number: L 68536).
3. WMF's headquarter is in Prague (Czech Republic) and may only be transferred to another location following a resolution passed by the GA. The address inside the same location can be changed by the EC decision. Branch offices can be decided by EC.

Section 2: Objectives

The objectives of the WMF are:

1. To improve the game of Minifootball constantly and promote it globally in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programs.
2. To organise its own international competitions.
3. To draw up regulations and provisions governing the game of Minifootball and related matters and to ensure their enforcement.
4. To control every type of organisation Minifootball by taking appropriate steps to prevent infringements of the Statutes, regulations or decisions of the GA or of the IMR.
5. To use its efforts to ensure that the game of Minifootball is available to and resourced for all who wish to participate, regardless of gender or age.
6. To promote the development of women's Minifootball, and
7. To promote integrity, ethics and fair play with a view to preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardize the integrity of matches, competitions, players, officials and member organizations or give rise to abuse of organisation Minifootball.

Section 3: Human Rights

WMF is committed to respecting all internationally recognized human rights and shall strive to promote the protection of these rights.

Section 4: Non-discrimination, gender equality and stance against racism

Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people because race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, disability, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

Section 5: Promoting friendly relations

1. WMF shall promote friendly relations between and among member organizations, confederations, clubs, officials and players; and in society for humanitarian objectives.
2. WMF shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any dispute that may arise between or among member organizations, confederations, clubs, officials and players.

Section 6: Players

The EC shall regulate the status of players (professional and/or amateur), as well as questions relating to these matters, in particular the encouragement of player training by clubs and the protection of representative teams, in the form of special regulations from time to time.

Section 7: International Minifootball Rules (IMR)

1. Each member organisation shall play Minifootball in compliance with the IMR issued by the EC. Only the EC may lay down and alter the IMR.
2. Each member organisation shall play at least one discipline (form) of Minifootball.

Section 8: Conduct of bodies, officials and others

1. All bodies and officials must observe the Statutes, regulations, decisions and Code of Ethics of WMF in their activities.
2. Every person and organisation involved in the game of Minifootball is obliged to observe the Statutes and regulations of the WMF as well as the principles of fair play.

Section 9: Official Language

1. English is the official language of the WMF. English is the official language for minutes, official correspondence and announcements.

2. Member organizations are responsible for translations into the language(s) of their country.
3. English is the official language at the GA. Delegates may speak in their mother tongue if they ensure interpretation into the official GA language by an interpreter.
4. The Statutes, Internal Regulations, decisions and announcements of WMF shall be published in the official language. If there is any divergence in the wording, the English text shall be authoritative.

PART 2 — MEMBERSHIP

Section 10. Membership

Members of WMF shall fall into one of the following classifications:

1. Full Members

Full Members shall be Minifootball bodies of countries, which are recognized by the WMF who met the conditions of the full members written in these Statutes. Only one such body from any country may become a member.

2. Provisional Members

Provisional members shall be bodies, which only partially fulfil membership qualifications and they were granted for provisional statutes until next GA. A provisional member does not have voting rights but does have the right to nominate delegates to attend and speak at the General Assembly.

3. Affiliated Members The affiliated members are continental or national Minifootball organizations non-profit or private entities, which bring the teams to WMF events or has another value that the GA recognized as a contribution for WMF. Affiliated membership to WMF is granted to members who meet the conditions written in these Statutes and fulfil their obligations as affiliated members. Affiliated Member does not have voting rights but does have the right to nominate delegates to attend and speak at the General Assembly.

4. Honorary Members

Honorary Members are individuals who have rendered outstanding services to international Minifootball and who are voted Honorary Membership by the General Assembly.

Section 11. Admission and Termination of Membership

1. Applications

Applications for Membership must be submitted to the Secretary General. The following must be included with an application:

1. a copy of the applicant's Statutes with English translation;
2. a copy of the applicant's Statutes in own language;
3. WMF application form filled out
4. A board decision to join WMF

The Executive Committee may require the applicant to answer questions and provide further financial and other information, including proof to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee that it does not conflict with, or is not in rivalry with an existing member of WMF.

The EC evaluates applications and decide if the application shall be submitted to the GA for decision. EC can grant provisional membership that is valid until next GA.

Admission occurs when an applicant's application for membership has been accepted by the GA.

2. Members agree to abide by the **WMF's Statutes**, rules and regulations, and to abide by decisions of the WMF's General Assembly and Executive Committee, and to comply with the **World Anti-Doping Code**, the **WMF Anti-Doping Code**, including requiring all teams, athletes and support personnel within their jurisdiction to recognize and be bound by the **World Anti-Doping Code** and the **WMF Anti-Doping Code**.
3. All members must be notified of any new admission and of any change in membership. It is a condition of membership of the WMF that the policies, rules, statutes and programs of the member comply with **World Anti-Doping Code** (WADC).
4. Members have to pay their annual Membership Fee on or before March 31st. Membership Fees may not be set off by a Member against any other debt or claim. If a member misses to pay the annual Membership Fee in time, he loses his voting right and the right to compete in all World level competition unless the Executive Committee decides to grant a later payment schedule. The members still have to maintain with all obligations.
5. A member may resign from the WMF at any time by registered letter, email or facsimile transmission addressed to the Secretary General who may accept or decline to accept such resignation. Such resignation does not affect the member's financial obligations for the current calendar year.
6. A Member may be expelled by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly, as set out in these **Statutes**. A Motion to expel a Member is not in Order unless the proposer has given the Member at least one-months' notice of the proposer's motion to expel, by registered letter or official email. A decision by the General Assembly to expel a Member is final.
7. An applicant is only eligible for full WMF membership if the applicant is a non-profit body according his national law of the applicants' country. Companies cannot be admitted. If a company is holding direct or indirectly a dominant role inside the applicant, the WMF membership cannot be granted. Applicants shall reveal any control by any company over the applicant's body.
8. WMF is open to all legally and / or recognized national federations controlling Minifootball at a national level.
9. Only one Member from each country or self-governed territory which is recognized by IOC, as own NOC (subject to approval by WMF Executive Committee), may be accepted, and such

Member shall be recognized by WMF as the only national governing body for all Minifootball in such a country or self-governed territory.

10. Members must at all times meet the following requirements (a federation applying to become a full member must also meet the requirements):
 - a) To represent the entire country and control the Minifootball in its country
 - b) Not to be a member of, or be otherwise affiliated, to another organization active in Minifootball and not to participate in any competition under control of such organization, unless authorized by the WMF Executive Committee
 - c) To abide by WMF statutes, regulations and decisions
 - d) To ensure that their internal constitution stipulates that their federation is organized and conducted democratically and without any racial, religious, political or gender discrimination.
 - e) To contain in its name a words minifootball, or its modalities; association/federation/union;
 - f) to organize National Minifootball Championship or national minifootball league each year.
 - g) To organize General Assembly at least once per year
 - h) To be open to accept new members

Section 12. Continental Federations

1. The Members of WMF may form Continental Federations (CFs) and apply to the WMF Executive Committee for recognition of such CFs in accordance with this Section 12. The purpose of a recognized CF shall be to develop and strengthen WMF Minifootball in the relevant continental area in accordance with the Statutes, Rules and Regulations, strategy and policies of the WMF.

2. The WMF Executive Committee may recognize one CF for each of the following continental areas: Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia, Oceania. The Executive Committee may define which countries may join each CF according to geography, past practice and other relevant factors.

3. Sections 11.b, c, d, g, h of these Statutes shall apply mutatis mutandis to an application of a CF for recognition by WMF.

4. In order to be recognized by the WMF Executive Committee, a CF shall satisfy the following conditions, both at the time of its application for recognition and subsequently:

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the WMF Executive Committee, the membership of each CF shall be comprised solely of Full Members and Affiliated Members of the WMF belonging to the relevant continental area.
- (b) A CF must be a legal entity distinct from its members.
- (c) The Statutes of the CF must be and remain fully compliant and consistent with these Statutes and other WMF Rules and Regulations.
- (d) A CF shall act in accordance with these Statutes, other WMF Rules and Regulations and any decisions of the WMF General Assembly, Executive Committee. A CF shall not act in any way, which undermines, or is contrary to, the best interests of WMF.
- (e) Before a CF organizes any Minifootball competition or event, the relevant CF and

the WMF shall first enter into a hosting agreement with respect to such event or competition. Furthermore, all CF events must be organized in accordance with the WMF Rules and Regulations and the relevant hosting agreement. Minifootball competitions or events organized by a recognized CF must be limited to athletes belonging to a country comprised within the continental area of the relevant CA.

5. The administrative activities of each CF shall be directed by an Executive Committee elected by the members of that CF. The Executive Committee of each CF shall coordinate its activities and closely cooperate with the WMF Executive Committee. In particular, the Executive Committee of each CF shall report in writing on its activities biannually to the WMF Executive Committee and annually to the WMF General Assembly.
6. The recognition of a CF may be suspended or withdrawn by the GA for just cause including, without limitation, any breach of the recognition conditions set out at sub-section 4(a) - (e) above. If the circumstances so require, the WMF Executive Committee may also provisionally suspend the recognition of a CF provided that, if the relevant CF remains provisionally suspended at the time of the next WMF GA, that GA shall decide whether the CF's recognition should be reinstated, further suspended or withdrawn.
7. A decision to suspend or withdraw the recognition of a CF may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in accordance with the Code of Sports- related Arbitration.
8. If there is no continental federation on a continent in accordance of this Section 12, the Executive Committee may appoint a continental commission. The Executive Committee may decide to appoint continental committees for regional zones on a continent.
9. Every WMF Federation member belonging to the continental region is automatically a member of that CF

Section 13: Member organizations' statutes

1. Member organizations' statutes must comply with the principles of good governance, and shall contain, at a minimum, provisions relating to the following matters:
 - a) To be neutral in matters of politics and religion;
 - b) To prohibit all forms of discrimination;
 - c) To be independent and avoid any form of political interference;
 - d) All relevant stakeholders must agree to respect the IMR, the principles of loyalty, integrity, sportsmanship and fair play as well as the Statutes, regulations and decisions of the WMF and of the respective confederation;
 - e) That the member organisation has the primary responsibility to regulate matters relating to refereeing, the fight against doping, the registration of players, the imposition of disciplinary measures, including for ethical misconduct, and measures required to protect the integrity of competitions;
 - f) Definition of the competences of the decision-making bodies;
 - g) To avoid conflicts of interest in decision making;

- h) Legislative bodies must be constituted in accordance with the principles of representative democracy and taking into account the importance of gender equality in Minifootball.

Section 14: Suspensions

1. The GA may suspend a member organisation after due process at the request of the EC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the EC may after due process, without a vote of the GA, suspend with immediate effect a member organisation that seriously violates its obligations. A suspension approved by the EC shall be in effect until the next GA, unless the EC has revoked such suspension prior to such GA.
2. A suspension of a member organisation by the GA requires a 2/3 majority of the member organizations present and eligible to vote. A suspension of a member organisation by the EC shall be confirmed at the next GA by a 2/3 majority of the member organizations present and eligible to vote. If it is not confirmed, such suspension shall be automatically lifted.
3. A suspended member organisation may not exercise any of its membership rights. Other member organizations may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended member organisation. The EC may impose further sanctions.
4. Member organizations which do not participate in at least two of all WMF competitions or qualification rounds over a period of four consecutive years shall be suspended from voting at the GA until they have fulfilled their obligations.

Section 15: Independence of member organizations and their bodies

1. Each member organisation shall manage its affairs independently and without undue influence from third parties.
2. A member organisation's statutes shall provide for a democratic procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment.
3. Any member organizations' bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with the provisions of par. 2, even on an interim basis, shall not be recognized by the WMF.
4. Decisions passed by bodies that have not been elected or appointed in compliance with par. 2 shall not be recognized by the WMF.

Section 16: Status of clubs, leagues and other groups of clubs

1. Clubs, leagues or any other groups affiliated to a member organisation shall be subordinate to and recognized by that member organisation. The member organisation's statutes shall define the

scope of authority and the rights and duties of these groups. The statutes and regulations of these groups shall be approved by the member organisation.

2. Every member organisation shall ensure that its affiliated clubs can take all decisions on any matters regarding membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of an affiliated club's corporate structure. In any case, the member organisation shall ensure that neither a natural nor a legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) exercises control in any manner whatsoever (in particular through a majority shareholding, a majority of voting rights, a majority of seats on the board of directors or any other form of economic dependence or control, etc.) over more than one club whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardized.

PART 3 — Honorary President, honorary member

Section 17: Honorary President, honorary member

1. The GA may bestow the title of honorary President or honorary member upon any former member of the EC for meritorious service to Minifootball or an individual who has been recognized by the WMF for their distinctive contributions to the development of Minifootball.
2. The EC shall propose these nominations to GA.
3. The honorary President or honorary member may take part in the GA. They may join in the debates but may not vote and may not authorise another representative to attend the GA meeting on their behalf.

PART 4 —STRUCTURE OF THE WMF

Section 18: Bodies

1. The WMF bodies are as follows:
 - a) General Assembly (GA)
 - b) Executive Committee (EC)
 - c) President and Vice-presidents
 - d) Secretary General (SG)
 - f) Committees
 - g) Administration
 - h) Treasurer
2. Standing and ad-hoc committees shall advise and assist the EC and the SG in fulfilling their duties. Their primary duties are defined in these Statutes and their composition, function and additional duties are defined by EC.

3. The Administration is the executive, operational and administrative body.
4. The independent committees fulfil their functions in accordance with these Statutes and the applicable WMF regulations.
5. The Treasurer has the duty and full authority to control the day-to-day financial and accounting affairs of WMF according to modern Management Principles. The Treasurer has the duty to report to the General Assembly and the Executive Committee regarding WMF's accounts and financial affairs.

PART 4/A —STRUCTURE OF THE GA

Section 19 General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is the principal and original organ of the federation and consists of the Members' Delegates and the members of the Executive Committee. Each Member is entitled to send three Delegates to the General Assembly.
2. Each Member must provide one of its delegates with completed WMF power of attorney document which constitutes the authority to vote. Only one delegate per Member may vote.
3. A Delegate must be a member of the body he or she represents as a Delegate (member means that he/she is at least member of a club team directly or indirectly through a regional body member of the relevant WMF full member or he/she is a direct member of the relevant WMF full member) and must be at least 18 years of age and legally capable of managing all his or her personal and business affairs, with a citizenship of body he or she represent and may not be:
 - (a) a corporation;
 - (b) an undischarged bankrupt;
 - (c) someone convicted anywhere of an offence about the promotion, formation or management of a corporation, or involving fraud, or whose registration to trade in the stock of corporations has been revoked, within five (5) years of the date of the General Assembly at which he or she proposes to serve as a Delegate.
4. Assignment of votes by proxy is not permitted.
5. At the General Assembly each Member has one vote. Honorary members have no vote. Affiliated and provisional members have no vote.
6. An Ordinary General Assembly must be held in every fiscal year.
7. The General Assembly cannot make decisions which are not included in Agenda.

Section 19a

- A. The agenda of the ordinary General Assembly shall include the following items:
1. Appointment of scrutineers.
 2. Appointment of two delegates to whom the minutes must be submitted to for checking and signing before dispatch to the Members.
 3. Approval of the minutes from the preceding General Assembly.
 4. Report of the Executive Committee covering the period of the last fiscal year.
 5. Vote on the approval of the Executive Committee's report covering the last fiscal year.
 6. Presentation of the annual report by the treasurer.
 7. Auditor's report.
 8. Vote on the approval of the annual report and the auditor's report.
 9. Submission of the budget and the plan of action for the upcoming fiscal year proposed by the Executive Committee.
 10. Vote on the approval of the budget and the plan of action.
 11. Admission and/or resignation of Members (if any).
 12. Vote on any proposal sent according to the statutes and proposals by the Executive Committee.
 13. Election of the WMF President (according to election period written in these Statutes).
 14. Election of the members of the WMF EC (according to election period written in these Statutes).
 15. Election of one auditor (according to election period written in these Statutes).
 16. Amendments to the Statutes (if any).

Section 20 Convocation of the General Assembly

1. The Secretary General shall communicate the date and venue for the Ordinary General Assembly by notice in writing to all Members by e-mail at least three (3) months before the General Assembly.
2. Motions for the agenda must be submitted to The Secretary General in writing by mail or e-mail not later than two (2) months before the Ordinary General Assembly and accompanied by a brief background statement by the proposer explaining the reason for the proposed intended effect of the Motion.
3. The Secretary General shall communicate the final agenda and motions on notice for the General Assembly by sending e-mail at least one (1) month before the General Assembly to notify all Members of the internet address of an internet web site where the said agenda and motions have been posted.
4. Candidates for the offices of President, Vice-Presidents, or ordinary member of the Executive Committee have to be nominated for the respected position by a member of WMF to The Secretary General at the latest two (2) months before the General Assembly in which the election shall take place. The General Assembly can accept late nominations by vote.
5. An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by a decision of the Executive Committee and must be convened if at least one-third (1/3) of the Members entitled to vote requests such a meeting in writing, stating their reasons. Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary GA at any time voted by 2/3 supermajority.
6. The Extraordinary General Assembly must be convened immediately .
7. For greater certainty, the Extraordinary General Assembly is a General Assembly and is subject to the same requirements as an ordinary General Assembly.

Section 21 General Assembly Procedure

The GA shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing orders for GA.

Standing orders for GA are approved by GA on proposal of EC.

1. The General Assembly is duly constituted if at least one quarter (1/4) of the voting Members is represented by Delegate. If the General Assembly is not duly constituted then a new General Assembly may be convened according to Section 20 with the same agenda, and that General Assembly will be duly constituted regardless of the number of the members represented.
2. Minutes must be taken in writing at every General Assembly and verified by two (2) Executive Committee Members forthwith after any adjournment thereof. They must be transcribed within one (1) month and signed by the President and another member of the Executive Committee. A copy shall be sent to all Members by ordinary mail or e-mail without delay and in any event within two (2) months of the end of the Meeting.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in these **Statutes**, the Executive Committee may submit later nominations to the General Assembly without prior notice, with the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
4. General Assembly decisions are binding for Members. Decisions, with the exception of the result of the elections that is immediate, will take effect two months after being passed. The General Assembly may decide their effect shall take place earlier or later.

Section 22 Postal Ballots

In addition to the procedures available in the General Assembly, the Executive Committee may conduct votes on motions by post or email provided always that it may not do so regarding any motion to amend the **Statutes**. Members shall be allowed a minimum of two (2) months to vote, failure to reply shall constitute abstention, and if there is equality of votes, the motion fails. This procedure is called a "postal ballot". A postal ballot is valid provided that 50.1% of the membership has voted at the end of the period, which the Executive Committee orders for voting.

Section 23: Effective dates of decisions

Decisions passed by the GA shall come into effect for the member organizations two (2) months days after the close of the GA, unless the GA fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

PART 4/B - STRUCTURE OF THE EC

Section 24: Composition, election of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the members of the EC

1. The EC shall consist of:
 - a) President,
 - b) 5 Vice-presidents. Each of them represents a different continent. Position shall be proposed by Continental Confederation- CF. If CF doesn't exist by majority of WMF full members from that Continent.
 - c) Up to 7 ordinary members of the EC, one of them to be appointed by EC as the treasure.
2. In the period between two GA meetings the EC has the power of the supreme body. Upon being elected to office, every member of the EC undertakes, and accepts responsibility, to faithfully, loyally and independently act in the best interests of the WMF and the promotion and development of Minifootball at global level.
3. The President shall be elected by the GA for a period of 5 years. His term of office shall begin after the end of the GA at which he was elected.
4. The members of the EC shall be elected by the WMF full member organizations for a term of 5 years. Their terms of office shall begin after the end of the GA at which they were elected.
5. No more than one representative from the same full member organisation may serve on the EC simultaneously. Each EC member must represent, by its citizenship, another country. Double citizenship is permissible.
6. If the President is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official function, the longest-serving Vice-President shall assume the powers and responsibilities of the President until the next GA. This GA shall elect a new President, if necessary. If the longest-serving Vice-President is prevented from assuming the powers and responsibilities of the President, the next longest-serving Vice-President shall assume the powers and responsibilities of the President.
7. Any Vice-President or other member of the EC who is permanently or temporarily prevented from performing his official function may be replaced at the next GA for the remaining period of office.

Section 25: Power of the EC

1. The EC defines the WMF's mission, strategic direction, policies and values, in particular with regard to the organisation and development of Minifootball at worldwide level and all related matters.
2. As regards business- or finance-related matters, the EC shall, *inter alia*:
 - a) Define the standards, policies and procedures applicable to the awarding of commercial contracts by the WMF;
 - b) Define the standards, policies and procedures applicable to Minifootball development grants;

- c) Define the standards, policies and procedures regarding the operational costs of the WMF; and
- d) Define the standards, policies and procedures regarding all other business- or finance-related matters of the WMF.

The EC delegates the execution and management of business- or finance-related matters to the Administration, which operates under the authority and supervision of the EC and is accountable to it.

3. The EC oversees the overall management of the WMF by the Administration.
4. The EC approves the budget and the annual audited financial statements, including the consolidated financial statements, and the annual report to be submitted to the GA for approval.
5. The EC appoints the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of the standing committees, besides Ethic Committee.
6. The EC shall propose to the GA for election the chairpersons, deputy chairpersons and members of Ethic Committee.
7. The EC shall appoint the SG on the proposal of the President. The SG may be dismissed by the EC acting alone.
8. The EC shall appoint the treasure among their members on the proposal of the President.
9. The EC shall decide the place and dates of the final competitions of WMF tournaments, the number of teams taking part from each confederation and the host country of the WMF World Cup™ final competition.
10. The EC shall issue regulations generally.
11. The EC shall deal with all matters relating to WMF that do not fall within the sphere of responsibility of another body, in accordance with these Statutes.
12. The EC has also the following obligations:
 - a) To prepare the GA agenda and convene GA meetings of the WMF,
 - b) To propose the budget of the WMF, membership fee, discuss results of WMF global strategy incl. business activities, decide on principles of the asset management of the WMF, approve, modify and revoke internal regulations of the WMF, unless it is in exclusive competence of the GA,
 - c) To conclude contracts and agreements,
 - d) To approve basic standpoints and specific proposals of the WMF related to negotiations with state international administrative bodies and the WMF,

- e) To establish other professional positions if necessary,
 - f) To establish individual committees as advisory bodies and approve and replace their members;
 - g) To create and adopt documents related to management of competitions organised by the WMF,
 - h) To approve the schedule of events of the WMF,
 - i) Being responsible for purposeful management of assets of the WMF, while financial independency of the WMF is ensured. The EC shall submit a report on business activities to the GA once per year,
 - j) To propose the WMF election rules/standing orders
 - k) To control the internal operations of the WMF bodies (all regulations, directives, rules, guidelines etc. created by some of the WMF bodies).
 - l) Creating and implementing the WMF global strategy including the business activities in accordance with these Statutes and other WMF decisions,
 - m)
13. The EC is authorised to delegate part of the own management to the committees and/or the Administration.
 14. The WMF President shall call for the EC meetings usually by online platform in each month except July and December unless otherwise decided by the EC.
 15. The EC has a quorum if absolute majority (more than 50%) of all EC members are present.
 16. The EC members shall be nominated by WMF full member organization. All nominations shall be made via email to the SG of the WMF if the EC or GA will not decide otherwise and no more than 60 days before the election.
 17. The EC shall be elected for 5 years and the existing EC shall act as a statutory body until it meets after 5 years.
 18. A member of the EC shall be any adult person who is a member of the WMF full member organisation.
 19. The EC regular election shall be organised not earlier than 30 days before and not later than 7 days after the end of the 5 years. In case the elections are organised later the current EC members are leading the WMF until the new EC members will be elected.

20. The EC members are elected by the GA.
21. Votes are always cast by name for each individual position.
22. Votes shall be cast in the following sequence: The President and the members of the EC in two separate elections.
23. Elections are held based on a simple majority and the candidate receives 50% or more of the votes cast from all participants of GA meeting.
24. Ineligible, vote, blank or improper votes and abstentions shall not be included within the vote count.
25. If the candidate for a member of the EC is not elected in the first round, the second round will be held. Two candidates having the highest number of votes for the position are nominated to the second round. The candidate who received more than 50% of the votes is elected. If a candidate for a position in the EC does not receive a simple majority in the second round, a third round will be held between the two candidates. If the third round does not decide the election of the candidates, the election shall be moved to the next GA meeting.
26. If a member of the EC resigns from their position, the member stops to perform their duties on the date of receipt of the written resignation. The EC shall send the member a confirmation of the received letter that takes the resignation into consideration.

PART 4/C – PRESIDENT

Section 26: The President and Vice-Presidents

1. The President represents WMF generally. The President is entitled to act on behalf of the EC externally and has a right to sign the contracts of the WMF with third parties with respect to the EC or GA decisions according WMF Statutes.
2. The President shall aim to foster a positive image of the WMF and to ensure that the WMF's mission, strategic direction, policies and values, as defined by the EC are protected and advanced.
3. The President shall seek to maintain and develop good relations between and among the WMF, the confederations, member organizations, political bodies and international organizations.
4. The President chairs the GA and meetings of the EC. The President shall have no right to vote at the GA; he shall have one ordinary vote on the EC.

5. The Vice-President if authorised by the President, is entitled to act on behalf of the EC externally and has a right to sign the contracts of the WMF with third parties with respect to the EC or GA decisions according WMF Statutes.
6. In case the President is prevented from acting or otherwise prevented from performing his duties the EC must authorise any of the Vice-Presidents to act on his behalf.
7. The President is responsible for coordination, functionality and full awareness of the EC and the GA.

PART 4/D – THE ADMINISTRATION

Section 27: The Administration

1. The Administration shall perform its tasks under the direction of the SG, in particular, as regards:
 - a) Organisation of competitions and all related matters, in accordance with the decisions and directions of the EC;
 - b) The negotiation, execution and performance of all commercial contracts, in accordance with the standards, policies and procedures established by the EC;
 - c) Administrative support for the standing committees of the WMF, in particular with regard to the awarding of Minifootball development grants;
 - d) Management of the operations and day-to-day business of the WMF, in accordance with the parameters established by the EC and within the budget established by the GA;
 - e) All other administrative matters necessary for the efficient operation and organisation of the WMF, as required and authorised by the EC.
2. The SG is supervised by the EC, and is accountable to the EC with regard to the discharge of its functions.
3. The duties of the Administration include the following obligations:
 - a) Making recommendations to the EC and GA on all business or administrative matters,
 - b) Maintaining regular communication with WMF members, committees, partners, media and other such relevant parties,
 - c) Overseeing the management of WMF events,

- d) Realise the goals of the business partnerships and deals with sponsors, suppliers and other such relevant parties.
- 4. The staff members may be paid or may be voluntary.
- 5. The staff members of the Administration do not have voting rights.
- 6. The number of roles within the Administration may be expanded, altered or reduced at the discretion of the EC and with respect on these Statutes and Interior documents.

Section 28: Secretary General (SG)

- 1. The SG is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the WMF.
- 2. The SG is appointed and may be dismissed by the EC, in accordance with art. 25 par. 7 of these Statutes. The Secretary General shall report to the EC.
- 3. The SG is the highest authority within the Administration.
- 4. The SG has the authority to appoint and dismiss staff members under his management subject to agreement by the EC. The appointments and dismissals must be agreed by EC.
- 5. The duties of the SG include the following obligations:
 - a) To act as the direct liaison between the WMF Administration and the EC and GA if the EC or GA didn't decide otherwise,
 - b) To attend the EC and GA meetings on behalf of the Administration with the permission of the EC,
 - c) To coordinate the WMF Committees,
 - d) To propose the WMF budget and finances prior to presentation to the EC,
 - e) Other such duties which may reasonably fall within the remit of the Administration with respect on these Statutes and Interior documents,
 - f) Duties which may be classified as strategy decisions cannot be finalised by the SG without prior approval of the EC,
 - g) To oversee the work of the WMF Committees in accordance with the WMF business strategy,
 - h) To arrange the WMF meetings and elections if they've not authorised somebody else or if is not decided by the EC or GA otherwise.

Section 29: Budgetary Makeshift

Budgetary makeshift means the fact that the distribution of WMF money will be managed on the basis of the previous year until the proper approval of the new budget. Specifically, a maximum of a twelfth share of the previous year's spending shall be released every month.

PART 4/E – Finance

Section 30: Supervisory and Auditing Board

1. WMF's books and accounts will be controlled by the Treasurer according to good commercial procedures.
2. The Treasurer must present the financial report to every Ordinary General Assembly and on EC meeting on the request of EC members.
3. The Treasurer shall obtain the Auditor's signed Report prior to every Annual General Assembly and distribute it to Delegates prior to the beginning of the Annual General Assembly.
4. The treasurer is appointed EC, in accordance with art. 25 par. 8 of these Statutes.

PART 4/F – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 31: Standing Committees and Interdependent Committee

1. The standing committees are:
 - a) Disciplinary Committee
 - b) Appeal Committee
 - c) Legal Committee
 - d) Development Committee
 - e) IT Committee
 - f) Referees Committee
 - g) Commercial PR and Media Committee
 - h) Medical and Anti-Doping Committee
 - i) Tournament Committee
 - j) Technical Committee
2. The Independent Committee:
 - a) Ethics Committee

The chairman and the members of each standing committee shall be appointed for a term of five years by the Executive Committee except for the elections for the Ethic Committee, who are elected by GA.

Each chairman shall represent its committee and see that its business is properly conducted and report to the Executive Committee on its work. The function and duties of each committee shall be governed by the regulations decided by the Executive Committee. No Member can have more than one representative in each committee. Each nomination as chairman or member of a committee has to be approved by the concerned Member. In case of resignation or inability or inefficiency, the Executive Committee can terminate the nomination of a chairman or a member and appoint a substitute under the same conditions; he/she will remain in office for the lasting part of the five- year mandate.

The Executive Committee may appoint special committees, for a limited period.

The Ethics Committee

1. The Ethics Committee is an independent organ within WMF, which is authorized to investigate cases of alleged violations of the WMF *Code of Ethics*.
2. The Ethics Committee reports to the Executive Committee according to the detailed provisions in the *Code of the Ethics Committee*.
3. The Ethics Committee is composed of two ordinary Members and a Chairperson. All three are elected by the GA for a term of office of five years. Each may be reelected.

PART 5: Decisions of WMF

Section 32: Implementation of decisions

1. The confederations, member organizations and leagues shall agree to comply fully with any decisions passed by the relevant WMF bodies which, according to these Statutes, are final and not subject to appeal.
2. They shall take every precaution necessary to ensure that their own members, players and officials comply with these decisions.
3. The same obligation applies to intermediaries.

Section 33: Principles of decision-making by the bodies

1. Operation of these principles is general, unless it is specified otherwise in these Statutes or any internal regulations of the WMF.
2. The bodies adopt decisions by absolute majority of the votes made by members present at the meeting.

3. The body has the quorum if absolute majority of members having the right of deciding vote are present, unless it is specified otherwise in these Statutes.
4. Each member of the body who votes to the contrary is entitled to require his standpoint to be recorded by name. However, the members who stand up for a minority opinion shall be bound by the adopted resolution.
5. Any member of the WMF authorised may propose candidates for elections, unless it is specified otherwise in the Statutes of the WMF.
6. The chairperson of the meeting is responsible for delegating the managing of the vote/election to the relevant personnel from the WMF members or the Administration. The persons managing the election must not be a candidate for the election and must not be deemed to have a conflict of interest in relation to the subject of the vote/election. In the case that the vote/election is held via online platform then the President, or the person authorised by the President, shall manage the election.
7. If not all posts for which the election was held have been filled, the body authorised to organise elections shall decide the date and process for the next election.
8. The representatives of the bodies may be removed from their posts during the term of office by the body that elected them if they broke these Statutes.
9. The functionaries are obliged to abstain from voting if the conflict of interests threatens in the appropriate voting.
10. The candidates, the statutory representatives of the WMF members, must have reached the age of majority in their own country and the country where the WMF has its headquarters, and be in full possession of their civil right.
11. A candidate aged 75 or more shall not be eligible for election or re-election.
12. Election reports shall be drawn up following each election, to be signed by all members or at least by majority of the GA meeting participants. The chairperson of the meeting is responsible for the creation of the report if the election is held at the meeting, otherwise the President is responsible for the creation of the report or delegating this task to an authorised person.
13. The election reports shall be kept for the whole term of office, and at least for the period of ten years.
14. The electoral term starts on the date of voting until lapse of the term for which the functionary was elected if the responsible body for voting will not decide otherwise.

15. WMF interior communication between the SG, members of the EC, GA and Administration is managed according to the document agreed by the GA and called "WMF interior communication".

PART 6 – FINANCE

Section 34: General rules of business activities

1. The WMF shall manage the assets that are in its property, assets entrusted, leased or let or other assets it is entitled to use.
2. Assets of the WMF represent a set of immovables, movable and current liquid assets, including rights and obligations. The WMF shall handle its assets with proper care and use them and revenue based on them exclusively for the purpose of material provision of objectives and activities specified in these Statutes hereof.
3. The WMF has individual property liability for the assets in accordance with the appropriate legal regulations.

Section 35: Bookkeeping and Fiscal year

1. Bookkeeping is subject to laws and generally binding legal regulations of the country in which the WMF is registered.
2. The WMF fiscal year begins on the 1st of January and ends on the 31st of December.
3. The revenue and expenditure of the WMF shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. The WMF's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.
4. The Treasurer is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of the WMF with its subsidiaries as of the 31st December.

Section 36: Audit

1. Every third Ordinary General Assembly will appoint an Auditor.

Section 37: Membership subscriptions

1. Membership subscriptions are due on March 31 of each year. The annual subscription for new member organizations for the year in question shall be paid within 30 days of the close of the GA at which they were admitted.

2. The GA shall fix the amount of the annual subscription every year on the recommendation of the EC. It shall be the same for every full member organisation. Affiliated and provisional members organizations may pay a less amount, which must be fixed by the GA based on the recommendation of the EC.

Section 38: Levies

1. The confederations may demand a levy on international matches in accordance with the confederations' statutes and regulations.
2. Member associations may demand their own levy on matches played in their territory, independently of their confederation, in accordance with the member associations' statutes and regulations.

PART 7 - RIGHTS IN COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

Section 39: Rights in competitions and events

1. WMF, its member organizations and the confederations are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audio-visual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.
2. The EC shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilised and draw up special regulations to this end. The EC shall decide alone whether these rights shall be utilised exclusively, or jointly with a third party, or entirely through a third party.

Section 40: Authorization to distribute

1. WMF, its member organizations and the confederations are exclusively responsible for authorising the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of Minifootball matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects.
2. The EC shall issue special regulations to this end.

PART 8 – COMPETITIONS

PART 8/A – WMF COMPETITION

Section 41: Competition venues

1. The EC shall decide the venue for the final competitions organised by the WMF, including the venue for the final competition of the WMF World Cup™, in accordance with par. 2 of this Section.
2. The decision on the venue for the final competition of the WMF World Cup™ aims to achieve the objective of securing the best possible hosting conditions in the host country and shall follow the procedure below:
 - a) Based on specific regulations to be issued by the EC, the WMF Administration shall establish a fair and transparent bidding procedure, inviting all member organisation and other organization or private entities to submit a bid and defining in detail the requirements for the bidding and hosting as well as criteria for selecting the host of the event.
 - b) Based on its best judgement, the WMF Administration shall submit to the EC a public report evaluating the compliance of all bids with the bidding procedure and the requirements for hosting the event, taking into consideration the defined criteria for selecting the host.
 - c) The EC shall select the host venue from the bids. An absolute majority (more than 50%) of the members present and eligible to vote is necessary.
3. The right to host the event shall not be awarded to members of the same confederation for two consecutive editions of the WMF World Cup™, except there is only one candidate.

PART 8/B – International matches and competitions

Section 42: International match calendar

The EC shall compile an international match calendar that shall be binding upon the confederations, full member organizations and leagues, after conferring with the confederations.

Section 43: Contacts

1. Players and teams affiliated to member organizations or provisional members of the confederations may not play matches or make sporting contacts with players or teams that are not affiliated to member organizations or provisional members of the confederations without the approval of the WMF.

2. Member organizations and their clubs may not play on the territory of another member organisation without the latter's approval.

Section 44: Authorization

Organizations, leagues or clubs that are affiliated to a member organisation may only join another member organisation or take part in competitions on that member organisation's territory under exceptional circumstances. In each case, authorisation must be given by both member organizations, the respective confederation(s) and by the WMF.

PART 9 — FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 45: Dissolution

1. If WMF is disbanded, its assets shall be transferred to the supreme court of the country in which its headquarters are situated. It shall hold these assets in trust as "bonus pater familias" until the WMF is re-established.
2. The dissolution of the WMF may be decided only by a General Assembly called specifically for the purpose and requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority, subject to at least two-third (2/3) of all WMF Members.

Section 46: Law

Czech law shall be applicable in all matters of dispute and Prague shall be the seat of decision. Should the legal seat be transferred to another country, this provision will be changed.

Section 47: Disputes

Any dispute arising from these Statutes or other WMF rules and regulations, and decisions of WMF which cannot be settled amicably shall be finally settled by a tribunal constituted in accordance with the Statutes and Procedural Rules of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland without recourse to the ordinary courts of law. The parties concerned shall undertake to comply with the Statutes and Procedural Rules of this Court of Arbitration for Sport and to accept and enforce its decision in good faith.

WMF as well as members, clubs, players and individuals commit themselves not to go to civil court with cases.

Section 48: Transitional provisions

These Statutes were adopted at the General Assembly in Kiev, Ukraine, on August 16, 2018 and come into force from the same date.