

European Futnet  
Association (EFTA)

# STATUTES



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## TERMS USED

Whenever the word indicating masculine is used, it also includes the feminine.

1. EFTA means European Futnet Association.
2. UNIF means Union Internationale de Futnet.
3. "National association" means a national futnet-governing body that manages all futnet-related matters and associates athletes and officials in a country or a territory that is recognised by EFTA.
4. "Club" means any sports group that is a member of a national association and whose members hold a license issued by it.
5. "Entities promoting futnet" means clubs or organisations carrying out, inter alia, futnet activities in countries or independent territories where there is no national association recognised by EFTA.

## EFTA GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 1. Legal Form and Headquarters

1. European Futnet Association is a non-profit organisation registered at the Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic and governed by the provisions of Act 116/1985 Sb.
2. Its headquarters are located in Prague, Czech Republic.
3. Applicable law is the law of the Czech Republic.

### 2. Mission and Objectives

EFTA's mission is:

- a) to control, regulate and manage all futnet-related issues in Europe;
- b) to promote futnet throughout Europe and to encourage the practice of men's and women's futnet in all its forms and all age groups;
- c) to ensure that futnet is practised following the principle of non-discrimination based on sex, race, religion, politics, sexual orientation and any other reason and with a view to mutual respect and fair play;
- d) to provide, in cooperation with UNIF, advice and assistance to its members through training and educational programmes for players, coaches and referees;
- e) to represent its members in any situation at European and worldwide level while ensuring to safeguard their collective interests;
- f) to promote the participation of women in futnet events and their representation in futnet management;
- g) to arbitrate any disputes arising between different members;
- h) to prepare and organise international futnet competitions;
- i) ensure fair competition between EFTA Members and punish any violation of rules and regulations;
- j) to maintain contact and cooperate with UNIF and other continental associations;
- k) to act as UNIF's continental association in Europe.

### 3. Official Languages

1. The official language of EFTA is English.

## EFTA MEMBERS

### 4. EFTA Members

Members of EFTA are national futnet associations and entities promoting futnet situated on the European continent who have been admitted after meeting the membership criteria laid down in Articles 4 and 5 and who follow EFTA's Statutes and Regulations.

There are three categories of membership in EFTA: **full, provisional and associate members.**

#### 1. Full Membership

National associations governing futnet in the respective country or a territory recognised by EFTA which are registered and operate in compliance with the applicable national laws. Their Statutes shall not be at variance with those of EFTA. Only one (1) national association from the respective country can become a Full Member of EFTA.

#### 2. Provisional Membership

National associations in the process of legal registration in their country may be admitted as Provisional Members. Upon receiving the documents of official registration in their country, these associations shall automatically obtain the status of EFTA Full Member. Only one (1) national association from the respective country can become a Provisional Member of EFTA.

#### 3. Associate Membership

Clubs or organisations carrying out futnet activities (hereinafter "entities promoting futnet") in countries or independent territories where there is no national association recognised by EFTA may be admitted as Associate Members.

Associate Membership shall lapse when a properly constituted national association in that country is admitted to EFTA.

Associate Membership shall not extend for more than two (2) years unless the Executive Board decides otherwise.

## 5. Admission of Members

1. National association wishing to become a full or provisional member of EFTA shall submit an application for membership to EFTA General Secretary, accompanied with its Statutes, names of office bearers and, if applicable, a copy of its registration at the corresponding national authority.
2. Entities wishing to become associate members of EFTA shall submit an application for membership to EFTA General Secretary. They may be admitted upon such terms and conditions as the Executive Board may from time to time determine.
3. After verification by the Executive Board the application shall be notified by the EFTA General Secretary to all Member Associations and be put to vote at the next General Assembly which may admit the applicant country with two thirds of votes of members eligible to vote.
4. In order to avoid any delay in between the General Assembly sessions, the Executive Board shall have the power to admit any applicant country as a full, provisional or associate member, subject to the confirmation by the following Assembly.

## 6. Suspension and Exclusion of Members

1. Any member may request to leave EFTA by informing the EFTA General Secretary by a registered letter. A notice of incompressible three (3) months must be observed. During this notice period, the member shall comply with all its EFTA obligations until the effective date of the loss its membership.
2. The dissolution of an association leads automatically to the loss of its EFTA membership.
3. An association may be excluded from EFTA:
  - a) if it ceases to meet, completely or partially, its obligations towards EFTA;
  - b) if it fails to respect EFTA's decisions or the provisions in the statutes or regulations of the latter;

- c) in case of a serious misconduct detrimental to the work and image of EFTA and futnet in general;
- d) if it has lost its status of a national association.

In any of the situations above, the General Secretary after consultation with the Executive Board, shall issue a warning to the member association or entity concerned, requesting it to remedy the situation within a given deadline. In case of failure to rectify the situation, the member shall be subject to exclusion or suspension proceedings.

The decision to exclude a member shall be adopted at the General Assembly by two thirds of members entitled to vote.

- 4. For the same reasons as those mentioned in the preceding paragraph, EFTA Executive Board may choose to impose a mere suspension of the member's rights, particularly, so as to enable it to achieve compliance with EFTA regulations. The suspension is effective immediately and shall be notified by letter from the EFTA General Secretary. In case of failure to rectify the situation, the suspended member shall automatically be subject to exclusion proceedings at the next General Assembly.
- 5. The status of an Associate Member may be revoked:
  - a) in case of serious misconduct harmful to the work and image of EFTA and futnet in general.
  - b) in case the promotion of futnet and the commitment to creating a national association is found to be insufficient through the periodic checks carried out by the committee designated by the General Assembly.

## 7. Rights and Obligations of Members

### 7.1 Rights of Members

- 1. **Full Members have the following rights:**
  - a) to benefit from EFTA's assistance in the development of futnet through training and educational programmes for players, coaches and referees;
  - b) to make proposals to be included in the agenda of the Assembly;
  - c) to take part and vote at General Assembly;

- d) to propose candidates to any executive position in EFTA and its committees;
- e) to participate in all official competitions under terms and conditions specified in the Technical Regulations;
- f) to request an Extraordinary Assembly;
- g) to exercise all other rights granted to them by these statutes, regulations and decisions of EFTA.

**2. Associate and Provisional Members have the following rights:**

- a) to benefit from EFTA's assistance in the development of futnet through training and educational programmes for players, coaches and referees;
- b) to make proposals to be included in the agenda of the Assembly;
- c) to take part at General Assembly without the right to vote;
- d) to propose candidates for EFTA committees, except for the presidency of the committee;
- e) to participate in all official competitions under terms and conditions specified in the Technical Regulations;
- f) to exercise other rights granted to them by these statutes, regulations and decisions of EFTA.

## 7.2 Obligations of Members

**EFTA members have the following obligations:**

- a) to comply with the statutes, regulations and decisions of the EFTA;
- b) to observe at all times the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation and others;
- c) to respect the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship as an expression of fair play;
- d) in case of Full and Provisional Members, to designate the executive body of their association through free elections. Otherwise, or if such designation is made only temporarily, EFTA Executive Board may be called upon to decide on suspension of membership of that association;
- e) to fulfill their financial obligations towards EFTA, including the payment of the corresponding membership fee for the year in question before 28 February . They undertake to collect money owed by their clubs, players or officials to EFTA.
- f) to respect the laws of the game as enacted by UNIF;
- g) in case of Associate Members, to provide all practical support to the creation of a national association in the country where they promote futnet and to report their activities to EFTA Executive Board in the frequency the latter will deem appropriate.

These commitments should be formalised by the inclusion of specific provisions in their constitutions. Any violation by one member, one of its clubs, players or officials of EFTA statutes and regulations may lead to a sanction imposed in accordance with Articles 31 to 33 of these statutes.

## EFTA OPERATION

### *EFTA General Assembly*

#### 8. Assembly regulation and quorum

1. The General Assembly is the supreme EFTA authority.
2. Decisions of the General Assembly are applicable only as it was called in due form.
3. The EFTA Executive Board shall fix the place and date of the next General Assembly at least one (1) year in advance. The formal notice will be given at least eight (8) weeks before the date of the General Assembly with the agenda established by the EFTA Executive Board.
4. If there are documents in the agenda for approval (reports, accounts, proposals from members, etc.), they are sent to members together with the formal invitation.
5. A General Assembly is held valid only if at least half of the members are present.

#### 9. Ordinary General Assembly

1. The Ordinary General Assembly shall be held at least every two (2) years, if possible, on the occasion of the European championship or UNIF General Assembly.
2. The General meeting is chaired by the President of EFTA Executive Board or by the Vice-President. In the absence of the latter, the General Assembly shall elect a member of the EFTA Executive Board as Chairman of the day.
3. Powers reserved to the Ordinary General Assembly:
  - a) elections of tellers;
  - b) approval of the report of EFTA Executive Board;
  - c) approval of the report of EFTA General Secretary;
  - d) approval of the annual accounts;

- e) appointment of an auditor;
- f) election of EFTA President;
- g) election of the members of the EFTA Executive Board;
- h) adoption of administrative regulations developed by the EFTA Executive Board;
- i) adoption of fee schedules drafted by the EFTA Executive Board;
- j) amendment of the statutes;
- k) decision on the proposals submitted;
- l) admission and exclusion of associations, entities promoting futnet or individual persons;
- m) decisions regarding the termination or continuation of suspension or exclusion of an association, entity promoting futnet or a member of the EFTA Executive Board;
- n) consideration of the agenda of UNIF Assembly;
- o) approval of the minutes earlier if necessary;
- p) granting of the title of Honorary Member.

## 10. Proposals from EFTA Members

1. Any association wishing to include proposals in the agenda of an Ordinary General Assembly shall send a document clearly describing the proposal and reasons thereof to EFTA General Secretary no later than eight (8) weeks before the Assembly.
2. The EFTA Executive Board may refuse to include such proposal in the agenda for lack of motivation.
3. Proposals submitted past the deadline or while the Assembly is in progress require a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly to be heard.

## 11. Extraordinary General Assembly

1. An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened by the EFTA Executive Board or at the written request of a simple majority of members, stating the subjects to be included in the agenda. Members subject to suspension or exclusion proceedings cannot request an Extraordinary meeting.
2. In the case of such request, the General Assembly shall be held within two (2) months. The notice must be submitted at least three (3) weeks

before the date of the General Assembly, with the agenda containing the issues giving rise to the request to convene the members.

3. Issues within the remit of the Ordinary General Assembly may be included in the agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly by EFTA Executive Board.

## 12. Voting Procedure

1. Only full members in good standing are entitled to vote.
2. The delegates shall be members of the national association and authorised to represent the association concerned. One of the delegates shall be officially appointed by the national association to vote in its name. Each association shall have only one (1) vote.
3. If the national association cannot attend the Assembly, it may be represented by another association. An association can act as a proxy for only one (1) other member association.
4. By delegating their vote onto another association (Article 12.3), an EFTA member is expected to issue a vote in favour or against the items on the agenda that are subject to vote by the EFTA General/Extraordinary Assembly.
5. Voting takes place by show of hands unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.
6. Unless otherwise provided in the statutes, decisions are taken by simple majority of validly cast votes. Abstentions are not taken into account. In case of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.
7. The associations that are subject to proceedings for suspension or expulsion are not eligible to vote.

## 13. Specific Votes

### 13.1 Dissolution

1. EFTA's dissolution requires a 4/5 majority of all EFTA members.
2. The decision to dissolve the EFTA must necessarily be accompanied by a decision on the use of EFTA assets otherwise the dissolution is ineffective. This decision must be voted in identical conditions as the dissolution itself.
3. Once dissolved and liquidated EFTA, surplus property should be divided among its members.

### **13.2 Statutory Modifications**

Any amendment of the statutes requires a 2/3 majority of full members present or represented at the General Assembly.

### **13.3 Revocation of EFTA Executive Board**

1. Before the end of the legislative term, the mandate of EFTA Executive Board may be revoked by an affirmative vote of more than half of the members present or represented.
2. The revocation is possible only through an Extraordinary General Assembly convened at the request of a simple majority of members.
3. The revocation takes effect immediately. Pending new elections, the powers of EFTA Executive Board are exceptionally assigned to the EFTA General Secretary.

## **14. Elections**

1. The candidate who won the first ballot, an absolute majority (half plus one) of valid votes is elected.
2. If no candidate obtains an absolute majority of valid votes cast in the first round, the second round of voting takes place in which the candidate with most votes is elected. In case of a tie, there shall be a third round under the same conditions.

3. If, after the third turn, no candidate is elected, there shall be a drawing of lots.
4. The election is by secret ballot unless otherwise decided by the General Assembly.

## 15. Accelerated Voting

1. In cases envisaged by the statutes and regulations of EFTA accelerated voting may take place.
2. When the urgency of the situation so requires, the President of EFTA Executive Board may also submit a proposal for an expedited voting procedure.
3. This voting procedure allows a rapid harvesting of members' positions by fax or e-mail between the sessions of the General Assembly. Members shall have five (5) working days to send their vote. The vote is considered valid after receiving the votes of at least half of the members in good standing. A simple majority is required for approval.

## 16. Minutes

Minutes of each General Assembly shall be sent to all members within 45 days following the closing of the General Assembly. In the absence of any objections addressed to the EFTA General Secretary within 20 days following the notification, the minutes are considered approved.

## 17. Entry into Force of Decisions

1. The decisions of the General Assembly shall apply to all members.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated by the General Assembly, its decisions come into force within three (3) months following the closing of the General Assembly.

## ***EFTA Executive Board***

### 18. Executive Board Meetings

1. Members of EFTA Executive Board shall have a regular contact via phone, emails, Skype, fax, etc. If at least half of the members request a meeting of the Executive Board, its President shall convene the meeting within two (2) months.
2. The Executive Board debates validly if at least four (4) of its members are present and if among these is the President or, in his absence, the Vice-President.
3. If the President deems it appropriate, anyone outside the Executive Board may be invited to attend the meetings in an advisory capacity.
4. If a subject addressed by the Executive Board is likely to conflict with personal interests of a member of the Executive Board, directly or indirectly, such member shall not have the right to vote on the issue.
5. Decisions of the Executive Board are effective immediately unless it decides otherwise.

### 19. Composition of EFTA Executive Board

1. Depending on the number of EFTA members, the EFTA Executive Board shall consist of minimum five (5) and maximum eleven (11) members elected by the General Assembly.
2. An association cannot have more than one (1) representative on the Executive Board.

3. Members of the Executive Board shall hold an active office in their national association. If this function is not fulfilled for one term, the member cannot stand for next election.

## 20. Length of Term

1. The term of office of members of the EFTA Executive Board elected by a General Assembly is four (4) years. All members can be re-elected. However, no member of the Executive Board may exercise the office of President for more than two (2) terms.
2. The election or re-election is not possible for a person over 70 years.
3. If due to unforeseen circumstances the Executive Board is not complete, the vacancy for the remaining term of office shall be reallocated by vote at the next General Assembly. This vote is not performed if the vacancy occurs during the last year in office.

## 21. Mandate and Duties of EFTA President

The President of EFTA Executive Board:

1. Is elected for four (4) years and a maximum of two (2) terms.
2. Presides over the General Assemblies and meetings of the Executive Board.
3. May chair any Committee.
4. Represents EFTA, after approval of the Executive Board, in all acts of civil life and in any judicial proceedings.

5. Authorises expenses.
6. May delegate power under conditions laid down by EFTA Administrative Regulations.
7. In the absence of the President, first Vice-President assumes the duties thereof.

## 22. Powers and Duties of EFTA Executive Board

1. The EFTA Executive Board has jurisdiction over all matters not included in the powers reserved to the General Assembly or to another body by law or Statutes.
2. Powers reserved to the Executive Board:
  - a) to develop by whatever means it deems appropriate sporting activities governed by EFTA on European territory;
  - b) to ensure the implementation and enforcement of EFTA Statutes and Regulations;
  - c) to propose any necessary amendments or changes to EFTA Statutes and Regulations;
  - d) to establish, in cooperation with the Technical Committee and UNIF, the regulations of EFTA competitions;
  - e) to establish contacts on behalf of EFTA with any relevant international body;
  - f) to set and revise the amount of annual EFTA contributions and participation fees for EFTA competitions;
  - g) to appoint and dismiss the EFTA General Secretary and members of committees;
  - h) to supervise the activities of the EFTA General Secretary to ensure that they are performed in strict compliance with EFTA Statutes and Regulations;
  - i) to prepare in cooperation with EFTA General Secretary an annual activities plan;
  - j) to approve the budget prepared by the Financial Committee
  - k) to prepare the agenda of the General Assembly;
  - l) to prepare, in cooperation with EFTA General Secretary, a written report to the attention of the Ordinary General Assembly on the moral, technical and financial situation of EFTA;

- m) to conduct an annual audit of the EFTA accounts by an External Auditor appointed by the General Assembly and submit the result to the General Assembly;
  - n) to propose candidates for the title of Honorary Member or Honorary President. Honorary Members may attend any General Assembly or meeting of the EFTA Executive Board in an advisory capacity.
3. EFTA Executive Board may delegate some of its powers to carry out certain missions to the EFTA General Secretary, other EFTA Committee or a member association.
  4. If such delegation of power is made, the Executive Board shall establish specific regulations defining the precise scope of the mission and the delegated power.

## 23. Voting Arrangements

1. Only members of the EFTA Executive Board elected by the General Assembly can vote. Any other person attending a meeting of the Executive Board has no right to vote.
2. Any absent member may be represented by another member of the Executive Board. Any member can act as a proxy for only one (1) other member.
3. Unless the Executive Board decides otherwise, decisions are taken by simple majority of members present or represented. In case of a tie, the President has a casting vote.
4. In case of elections, the voting rules laid down in Article 14 of these Statutes shall apply by analogy.
5. Unless otherwise determined by the EFTA Executive Board, the votes are by show of hands and elections by secret ballot.

## 24. Minutes

1. The minutes constitute an official record of the proceedings. They shall be circulated to all members of the EFTA Executive Board within thirty (30) days of Executive Board meeting.
2. In case of disputes, the minutes can be subject to an accelerated validation (in accordance with Article 15 of these Statutes). Otherwise they are included in the agenda of the next Executive Board meeting.

## 25. Suspensions and Exclusions

1. A member of the EFTA Executive Board may be suspended until the next Ordinary General Assembly if he:
  - a) fails to perform his duties;
  - b) has seriously violated EFTA Statutes and Regulations;
  - c) has acted in a way detrimental to the work and image of EFTA and futnet in general.

The decision must be taken by an absolute majority of members of the Executive Board. The member concerned shall not participate in the vote.

2. EFTA General Secretary shall send a notification of the suspension to the member concerned and, if applicable, demand rectification within a given deadline.
3. The General Assembly may decide to lift the suspension or proceed to the exclusion of a member of the Executive Board. This decision must be a positive vote of two-thirds of the members present or represented.
4. The vote is recorded in the minutes of the General Assembly and sent to the excluded member as evidence.
5. In case of special urgency or gravity, the Executive Board may propose to remove the member concerned from his office by an accelerated voting procedure by all EFTA members. His mandate shall be revoked if two-thirds of members entitled to vote are in agreement.

## ***EFTA General Secretary***

### 26. Nomination and dismissal

1. The EFTA Executive Board elected by the General Assembly shall have the power to appoint and dismiss the EFTA General Secretary.
2. The EFTA Executive Board shall have the power to decide on the economic remuneration, the payment method and duration of contract associated with this executive position.

### 27. Powers and Obligations of EFTA General Secretary

EFTA General Secretary is a member of Executive Board and shall have the following rights and obligations:

1. to manage, administer and coordinate futnet activities and communication within EFTA and between its members, committees and candidates for membership;
2. to prepare, monitor and record events in the life of EFTA, including General Assemblies and Executive Board meetings;
3. to submit a report on EFTA activities to the Ordinary General Assembly;
4. to establish cooperation with relevant regional, national and international institutions;
5. to closely cooperate with the EFTA Financial Committee and the Treasurer;
6. to establish thematic working groups;

7. to propose candidates for membership in EFTA committees;
  
8. to authorise expenses not foreseen in the budget without prior approval of the Executive Board up to the limit laid down in EFTA Administrative Regulations;
  
9. to be assigned any other powers and duties as determined by the Executive Board.

## ***EFTA Judicial Bodies***

### 28. EFTA Judicial Bodies

1. The Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Body deal with disciplinary matters and appeals against EFTA decisions by EFTA members.

In the interest of fairness and transparency, members of these committees cannot sit on EFTA Executive Board or any other EFTA Committee.

2. Members of these committees are elected by the Executive Board for a term of four (4) years.
3. Disciplinary Regulations issued by the Executive Board specify the procedures for the operation of these bodies.
4. These bodies may issue their directives for the implementation of disciplinary measures.

### 29. Disciplinary Committee

1. The Disciplinary Committee is composed of at least three (3) members. It elects its Chairman and a Vice-Chairman.
2. Apart from the specific rules laid down by the EFTA Disciplinary Regulations, the Disciplinary Committee may adopt decisions if at least three (3) members are present and if among them are the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

## 30. Appeals Body

1. The Appeals Body is composed of at least three (3) members. It elects its Chairman and a Vice-Chairman.
2. Apart from specific rules laid down by the EFTA Disciplinary Regulations, the Appeals Body may adopt decisions if at least three (3) members are present and if among them are Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
3. Members of the Appeals Body cannot sit also on the Disciplinary Committee.
4. The Appeals Body has jurisdiction in the case of an appeal made against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee.
5. Decisions of the Appeals Body are final, subject to Article 45 of these Statutes.

## 31. Disciplinary Provisions

Unsportsmanlike conduct, violation of competition rules and regulations and breaches of EFTA Statutes, regulations, decisions and directives shall be subject to disciplinary measures.

## 32. Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures applicable to associations and clubs are:

- a) warning,
- b) reprimand,
- c) fine,
- d) cancellation of match results,

- e) repetition of matches,
- f) deduction of points,
- g) organisation of matches behind closed doors,
- h) exclusion from ongoing and/or future competitions.

### 33. Disciplinary measures against individuals

Disciplinary measures applicable only to individuals are:

- a) warning,
- b) reprimand,
- c) fine,
- d) suspension for a number of matches, for a definite or indefinite term,
- e) suspension from office for a definite or indefinite term,
- f) ban to attend the competition venue.

## ***Other EFTA Committees***

### **34. EFTA Committees**

1. EFTA Executive Board shall designate the following committees:
  - a) Technical Committee
  - b) Competitions Committee
  - c) Legal Committee
  - d) Financial Committee
  
2. EFTA Executive Board may designate any other temporary or permanent committees as it shall deem appropriate on its own initiative or at request of EFTA General Secretary.
  
3. The way of operation of each EFTA committee, its powers and functions, shall be determined by a resolution of the Executive Board.
  
4. Each of these Committees is composed of at least one (1) Chairman and two (2) members who are elected for four (4) years by the Executive Board on the proposal of EFTA General Secretary.
  
5. The Chairman of the committee is responsible for the proper conduct of work. He regularly informs the General Secretary of the progress thereof. He may be invited by the General Secretary to make a presentation to the Executive Board or the General Assembly.

## EFTA FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

### 35. General Provisions

1. EFTA is funded through the following:
  - a) the annual membership fee paid by the members before 28 February of each year;
  - b) registration fees for EFTA competitions;
  - c) income from the granting of licenses for EFTA rights;
  - d) income from ticket sales, advertising and broadcasting of EFTA competitions;
  - e) income from the performance of a sponsorship or partnership agreement;
  - f) fines in accordance with the respective regulations.
2. EFTA Financial Regulations determine arrangements for the collection of the funds above.
3. The distribution of revenues generated by the organisation of an official EFTA competition shall be subject to the EFTA Competition Hosting Agreement between EFTA and the organiser.

### 36. EFTA Budget

1. EFTA Financial Committee shall prepare a draft budget including revenue and expenditure for the financial year ahead. This draft budget must be approved by the EFTA Executive Board.
2. Any exceptional expenditure, exceeding the limit specified in the Administrative Regulations, not included in the budget shall be subject to prior authorisation by the Executive Board.
3. The accounting year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

## 37. EFTA Treasurer

EFTA Treasurer is a member of the Executive Board and the chairman of the Financial Committee. He shall:

- a) be in charge of EFTA's financial situation and its accounts;
- b) prepare a draft budget in cooperation with the members of the Financial Committee;
- c) draw up a financial report to be submitted to the Ordinary General Assembly;
- d) collect membership and other fees, issue requests for payments and payments receipts;
- e) make payments of expenses not exceeding the limit specified in the Administrative Regulations without a prior authorisation of the Executive Committee.

## 38. Auditor

EFTA accounts must be audited annually. The auditor carries out his tasks according to the norms and rules of the profession. He shall prepare and submit a report certifying the correctness of the accounts for previous financial year to the annual General Assembly for its approval.

In case the General Assembly is not held annually, the vote on the audit report shall be held the manner specified by the Executive Board.

## EFTA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### 39. Exploitation of Rights

1. EFTA shall exploit all property, marketing, broadcasting, licensing and other rights associated with its operation which it owns or shares with third parties. These rights include, inter alia, the production, reproduction, transmission and dissemination of images, sounds, sounds and images, data carriers, logos, etc. associated with EFTA and its events through existing processes or methods yet to be developed.
2. At the decision of the Executive Committee, EFTA may assign these rights to a third party.
3. To this end, EFTA alone or with third parties may establish or operate companies.

### 40. Audiovisual and radio transmissions

1. EFTA shall have the exclusive right to use and broadcast its events by pictures, sounds or other data carriers.
2. EFTA may allow third parties to exploit pictures, sounds and any existing or future data carriers, whether live or recorded, in whole or as extracts, associated with its events.

## EFTA COMPETITIONS

### 41. EFTA Competitions

1. EFTA shall have the exclusive power to organise or cease the organisation of international competitions in Europe for its members associations and their clubs. A waiver principle is established for events organised by UNIF. This exemption may be withdrawn by the decision of four-fifths of the members present or represented at the General Assembly.
2. EFTA competitions are non-exhaustively:
  - a) for national teams:
    - i. European Men's Championship
    - ii. European Women's Championship
    - iii. European Junior's Championship for age categories as determined by the Executive Board
  - b) for clubs:
    - i. European Cup of Champions Clubs
3. The Executive Board may decide on the creation or revival of other competitions as well as the elimination of existing competitions.
4. The Executive Board shall determine the venue of the competitions specified in 41.2a at least one (1) year in advance.
5. The Executive Board shall establish an international calendar at least one (1) year in advance.

### 42. Competition Rules and Regulations

1. EFTA Executive Board in cooperation with the Technical Committee shall draw up Technical Regulations for EFTA competitions. To this end, they may accept the recommendations of UNIF Technical Committee.

2. UNIF Laws of Futnet in force are used in official EFTA competitions unless EFTA Executive Board determines otherwise.
3. The registration of associations or their clubs in a competition implies acceptance of the rules and regulations of the competition, which gives EFTA the right to disseminate and use their audiovisual records on any medium, for the world and for a period not exceeding eight (8) years.
4. The EFTA members shall refrain from participating in any competition on the territory of another member without receiving permission from that member.
5. If a team/club/player is not registered in its own national association, EFTA cannot accept their participation in one of its competition without a permission of the national association concerned.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### 43. Recognition of EFTA Statutes

1. Associations must include a provision in their Statutes that themselves, their clubs, players and officials agree to observe full compliance with EFTA Statutes.
2. In this provision, they shall acknowledge that:
  - a) EFTA Judicial Bodies are the only competent authorities in disputes of a sporting nature arising between them and EFTA;
  - b) The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to deal with any dispute arising from these Statutes and other rules and regulations and decisions of EFTA between them and EFTA and between them and any other EFTA member;
3. Associations must formally confirm to EFTA in a written statement that they have amended their Statutes accordingly.

### 44. EFTA Judicial Bodies

1. EFTA Judicial Bodies shall have the jurisdiction to settle any disputes that may arise between EFTA and its Members (National Associations), or between EFTA and its member's clubs, players or officials.
2. Ordinary legal remedies are excluded.

## 45. Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

1. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland) has the sole jurisdiction to deal with any dispute arising from these Statutes and other rules and regulations and decisions of EFTA between EFTA and its associations, officials, clubs and players and between them.
2. Ordinary legal remedies are excluded.
3. An appeal against the decision of EFTA Judicial Bodies may be lodged at the Court of Arbitration for Sport within ten (10) days of the receipt of such decision.
4. An appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport can be lodged only when the internal remedies of EFTA have been exhausted. An appeal to CAS does not involve any suspensive effect.

## FINAL PROVISIONS

### 46. Matters not Covered in the Statutes

The Executive Board shall have the power to decide on all matters not covered in these Statutes in accordance with relevant EFTA regulations.

### 47. Entry into Force of EFTA Statutes

These Statutes are adopted by IIInd EFTA Ordinary General Assembly held on 7 October 2011 in Venaco, France. The currently applicable EFTA Statutes adopted by Ist EFTA Ordinary General Assembly of 17 October 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland, are hereby repealed.

These Statutes come into force from the time of their approval unless otherwise specified herein.

Venaco, 7 October 2011

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