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I. INSTITUTIONAL NATURE AND FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

STA / ART-1 — Institutional and Not-for-Profit Nature of WUFO

1.1 The World Union Football Organisation (WUFO) is an independent, international, member-based, not-for-profit football organisation established for the governance, organisation, development, protection and promotion of football and the recognised football disciplines falling within its jurisdiction.

1.2 WUFO shall exercise its powers and administer its resources exclusively in furtherance of its institutional, sporting, developmental, social and community purposes and in accordance with applicable law, its Articles of Incorporation, these Statutes and the regulations adopted pursuant to them.

1.3 WUFO shall not be owned, in whole or in part, by any Founder, Member Association, Historical Confederation, director, officer, employee, commercial partner or other person or entity.

1.4 No person or Member shall acquire, solely by reason of holding office, membership or any institutional position within WUFO:

a. ownership rights in WUFO;

b. shares or equity interests;

c. entitlement to dividends;

d. a right to participate personally in the distribution of WUFO revenues, reserves or residual assets; or

e. any proprietary interest in WUFO property.

1.5 Nothing in this Article shall prevent WUFO from paying:

a. reasonable remuneration for services actually rendered;

b. lawful employee or executive benefits;

c. reimbursement of legitimate and documented expenses;

d. contractual amounts lawfully due to third parties; or

e. distributions, development funding, prize money or other payments expressly authorised by these Statutes or applicable WUFO Regulations.

1.6 Any financial surplus generated by WUFO shall remain within the institutional football system and shall be applied, reserved or distributed solely in accordance with WUFO's purposes, these Statutes and the applicable financial regulations.

1.7 The status of WUFO as a not-for-profit organisation shall never be interpreted as requiring its personnel, officers, service providers or other persons performing legitimate professional functions for WUFO to provide such services without reasonable compensation.

1.8 WUFO shall preserve its institutional independence and shall not be operated for the private financial benefit, political control or personal enrichment of any individual, group or external entity.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Direct statutory rule — no separate implementing Rule is identified in the current Regulations.

STA / ART-2 — Sporting Recognition Is Not Political Recognition

2.1 The recognition, admission, affiliation, participation, designation or continued membership of any Member Association within WUFO shall constitute sporting recognition only.

2.2 Sporting recognition by WUFO shall not constitute, imply or be interpreted as:

a. diplomatic recognition of a State or government;

b. recognition or denial of statehood;

c. recognition or rejection of sovereignty;

d. recognition or rejection of any territorial claim;

e. recognition of any annexation, secession, occupation or disputed border;

f. endorsement of any constitutional or political status; or

g. adoption of the position of any government, international organisation or party to a territorial dispute.

2.3 WUFO shall not adjudicate questions of sovereignty, statehood, territorial ownership, diplomatic recognition or international borders except to the limited extent necessary to administer football under its own sporting jurisdiction.

2.4 The admission or participation of one Member shall not diminish, invalidate or prejudice the sporting status, political position or legal claims asserted by another Member, government or third party.

2.5 WUFO may maintain an Official Sporting Designation for each Member Association for use in:

a. competitions;

b. draws;

c. fixtures;

d. standings;

e. official documents;

f. accreditation;

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g. broadcasting;

h. sporting databases; and

i. maps produced for sporting or operational purposes.

2.6 An Official Sporting Designation adopted by WUFO shall have no diplomatic or sovereignty effect.

2.7 WUFO sporting maps, competition graphics and territorial representations shall be operational and sporting instruments only and shall not constitute official international boundary determinations.

2.8 Where a territorial or political dispute exists, WUFO shall seek neutral terminology and cartographic practices appropriate to the sporting purpose and shall not permit a Member Association to impose upon another Member a designation intended primarily to advance a political or territorial claim.

2.9 Nothing in this Article shall prevent WUFO from complying with a genuinely binding law, court order or regulatory obligation applicable to WUFO or to the lawful staging of a competition.

2.10 Political pressure, diplomatic objection, commercial convenience or governmental preference shall not, by themselves, alter the sporting recognition of a WUFO Member.

2.11 The governing principle of this Article shall be:

Sporting recognition is not political recognition.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-3 — Sporting Recognition and Neutrality | REG-13 / RULE-6 — Sporting Recognition Only | REG-10 / RULE-4 — Sporting Eligibility Only | REG-9 / RULE-44 — No Political Blocking of Transfer Administration Related Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy

II. TERRITORIAL STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

STA / ART-3 — Member Associations as the Members of WUFO

3.1 Only football associations or equivalent territorial football bodies formally admitted to WUFO shall be WUFO Member Associations.

3.2 Each Member Association is one institutional member of WUFO and all Member Associations have equal constitutional membership status.

3.3 Membership belongs to the Member Association as an institution and not personally to its President, Delegate, officer or any other individual.

3.4 No Member Association shall have a higher or lower constitutional status because of population, territorial size, sporting success, commercial value, financial capacity, political status, date of admission or historical influence.

3.5 Each Member Association shall exercise its WUFO rights through its own authorised bodies and representatives.

3.6 Each Member Association shall be affiliated for WUFO purposes with one of the six Historical Confederations, subject to the founding territorial arrangements and any expressly protected inter-confederational sporting placement established by WUFO law.

3.7 Confederations, subregional structures, leagues, clubs, players, referees, supporters, employees, officers and commercial partners are not WUFO Member Associations merely because they participate in WUFO football.

3.8 Direct representation given to players, referees, supporters or clubs shall not convert those constituencies into WUFO Member Associations or reduce the rights of Member Associations.

3.9 WUFO membership creates no shares, equity, dividends, private ownership interest or personal claim over WUFO assets.

3.10 WUFO membership shall not be transferable.

3.11 Sporting recognition through WUFO membership remains subject to STA / ART-2 Sporting Recognition Is Not Political Recognition.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy; RULE-2 — Official Member Register | REG-10 / RULE-239 — Coordination with REG-1

STA / ART-4 — Six Historical Confederations and 241 Founding Membership Positions

4.1 WUFO shall recognise six Historical Confederations of equal constitutional status:

a. South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL);

b. Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf);

c. Union of European Football Associations (UEFA);

d. Confederation of African Football (CAF);

e. Asian Football Confederation (AFC); and

f. Oceania Football Confederation (OFC).

4.2 No Historical Confederation shall hold superior constitutional status because of membership size, population, revenue, sporting strength, commercial power or history.

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4.3 WUFO shall maintain two hundred and forty-one (241) Founding Membership Positions, distributed for founding purposes as follows:
a. CONMEBOL - 10;
b. Concacaf - 48;
c. UEFA - 56;
d. CAF - 58;
e. AFC - 47;
f. OFC - 22. TOTAL - 241.
4.4 Sequential numbers used in registers, schedules, tables or diagrams serve only for counting and reference. They do not create rank, priority, a separate legal identity or a permanent legal identifier for a Founding Membership Position. Tokelau remains a Reserved Founding Territorial Membership within OFC, subject to the applicable Founding Accession and jurisdictional-certification procedure.

4.5 The complete institutional addressee list for the 241 positions shall be maintained in the incorporated Founding Membership Schedule under REG-1.

4.6 Inclusion in that Schedule constitutes WUFO's formal founding invitation for constitutional purposes; a separate physical letter is not required.

4.7 A founding invitation does not itself create membership. Membership begins only after valid acceptance of WUFO's constitutional instruments and completion of any specific accession condition.

4.8 The following founding markers may be used: (*) New Founding Association; and (**) Conditional Territorial Activation.

4.9 A Conditional Territorial Activation position shall not become active until the consent or jurisdictional certification expressly required for that position has been satisfied.

4.10 Existing full or associate continental sporting representation shall not be extinguished merely because a territory has a constitutional relationship with another State.

4.11 Reserved Founding Territorial Membership Positions constitute sporting architecture only and create no implication concerning sovereignty, independence, territorial ownership, constitutional status or political recognition.

4.12 Every original Founding Membership Position shall remain permanently reserved for its designated football jurisdiction. Non-acceptance during the Founding Period shall not cause the position to expire.

4.13 A lawful institutional successor or Alternative Qualified Association from the same football jurisdiction may seek activation under REG-1, but only one Member Association may occupy a Reserved Founding Membership Position at any time.

4.14 Activation after the Founding Period remains a reserved accession route and shall not displace a sporting place already earned by an existing Member.

4.15 Membership takes institutional effect upon valid accession; participation in an alreadyrunning competition may be deferred only to the next lawful entry window.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-4 — Founding Architecture; RULE-5 — Reserved Positions and Institutional Successors Related Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy; RULE-7 — Founding Accession

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STA / ART-5 — PAFU — Reserved Post-2030 Pan-American Inter- Confederation Union

5.1 These Statutes reserve the post-2030 establishment of the Pan-American Football Union (PAFU) as a permanent inter-confederation union of CONMEBOL and Concacaf.

5.2 PAFU is not and shall never be treated as a seventh Historical Confederation.

5.3 PAFU shall not become an operating WUFO institution before the conclusion of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship. Its formal activation shall occur thereafter in accordance with the applicable WUFO implementation instrument.

5.4 PAFU shall preserve the separate constitutional existence, membership, competitions, commercial rights and institutional autonomy of CONMEBOL and Concacaf except for functions expressly assigned to PAFU.

5.5 The incumbent Presidents of CONMEBOL and Concacaf shall serve ex officio as equal Co-Presidents of PAFU.

5.6 Neither Co-President shall have precedence, a superior vote or a casting vote.

5.7 PAFU's core common sporting function shall include producing the single Pan-American pathway to the WUFO Champion of Champions.

5.8 PAFU may coordinate other genuinely Pan-American matters only where CONMEBOL and Concacaf lawfully agree and WUFO law permits.

5.9 Nothing in PAFU shall merge the two Historical Confederations or transfer their Member Associations to a new Confederation.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-10 — PAFU

STA / ART-6 — Historical Confederations — Institutional Continuity

6.1 WUFO recognises CONMEBOL, Concacaf, UEFA, CAF, AFC and OFC as the six Historical Confederations within the WUFO constitutional system.

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6.2 Their histories, names, records, trophies, lawful institutions and useful football traditions may continue.

6.3 WUFO shall not require a Historical Confederation to dissolve or abandon a legitimate structure merely to make all Confederations look identical.

6.4 Each Historical Confederation remains subject to WUFO-wide constitutional rules in matters expressly reserved to WUFO.

6.5 Confederational placement under WUFO is sporting and institutional only and has no political or sovereignty effect under STA / ART-2.

6.6 Founding sporting placements that differ from another organisation's current continental placement shall have effect only inside the WUFO system.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy

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STA / ART-7 — Founding Confederational Allocation and Minimal- Disruption Principle

7.1 The founding allocation of the 241 positions shall follow the incorporated Founding Membership Schedule.

7.2 WUFO shall use a principle of minimum unnecessary disruption to established continental football relationships.

7.3 The founding architecture expressly includes New Zealand within AFC and Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands within OFC for WUFO purposes.

7.4 Greenland shall be placed within Concacaf / North America; Rapa Nui within OFC / Polynesia; and the Asian Territory of the Russian Federation within AFC as a Reserved Founding Territorial Membership subject to the express consent of the Russian Football Union and/or the competent football authority of the Russian Federation.

7.5 The Asian Territory of the Russian Federation designation is exclusively sporting and geographical and carries no implication regarding sovereignty, territorial integrity, constitutional status or political recognition.

7.6 It shall be called Siberia only if the Russian Football Union or competent Russian football authority expressly proposes that designation for WUFO sporting use.

7.7 No founding sporting placement shall extinguish a Member Association's equal WUFO status.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-9 — Confederational Placement Related Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy

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STA / ART-8 — Subregional Structures within the Historical Confederations

8.1 Historical Confederations may maintain, adapt or create Sub-Unions or other subregional structures for representation, coordination, competitions, development, technical work, travel management or other legitimate football purposes.
8.2 A Sub-Union identifies, coordinates and represents the football needs and interests of its subregion. It is not a separate WUFO Confederation, does not create a seventh Confederation and is not a WUFO Member Association.
8.3 Concacaf may protect distinct North America, Central America, Antilles and Caribbean Sub-Union or representative interests without creating superior or inferior Members.
8.4 OFC may maintain Melanesian, Micronesian and Polynesian Sub-Unions or representative structures. Rapa Nui is placed within the Polynesian Sub-Union. Their WUFO sporting allocation may differ from a purely geographic classification where expressly adopted for balanced football representation.

8.5 Existing useful bodies such as subHistorical Confederations may continue across WUFO representative structures where compatible with these Statutes.

8.6 Council representation is governed by STA / ART-17 and STA / ART-18 and shall not be controlled by an automatic subregional veto.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy

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STA / ART-9 — Reserved Founding Territorial Memberships

9.1 WUFO may reserve a Founding Membership Position for a geographically distinct football territory or community where the founding architecture expressly so provides.

9.2 An inactive reserved position shall remain inactive until the applicable consent or jurisdictional certification has been satisfied.

9.3 A reserved position shall not be treated as political recognition or as a statement concerning sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity or constitutional status.

9.4 Where a parent or competent football authority is expressly identified, WUFO shall respect that activation condition.

9.5 WUFO shall not invent a parent football association where no competent parent football authority can responsibly be identified; REG-1 shall provide a jurisdictional-certification route.

9.6 Once validly activated, a Reserved Founding Member holds the same constitutional membership status as every other Member Association.

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Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-5 — Reserved Positions and Institutional Successors; RULE-6 — Conditional Territorial Positions
Related Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy; RULE-7 — Founding Accession

STA / ART-10 — Autonomy of the Historical Confederations

10.1 The six Historical Confederations are autonomous continental football institutions within the WUFO constitutional system and are not administrative departments of WUFO Central.

10.2 Each may govern its own continental football affairs within the powers assigned by applicable law, its own statutes and WUFO law.

10.3 Confederational powers may include continental governance, competitions, development, technical programmes, refereeing development, commercial activities, audiovisual activities, budgets, personnel and Member cooperation.

10.4 Each Historical Confederation shall comply with applicable law, the WUFOrticles of Incorporation, these Statutes, applicable Regulations and powers expressly reserved to WUFO.

10.5 WUFO Central shall not interfere without proper legal or sporting reason in matters assigned to a Historical Confederation.

10.6 No Historical Confederation shall exercise powers reserved to WUFO or interfere in the lawful affairs of another Historical Confederation.

10.7 Equal constitutional status does not require identical internal structures.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-6 / RULE-8 — Historical Confederation Refereeing Structures; RULE-122 — Regional Development | REG-17 / RULE-70 — Historical Confederations Are Commercially Autonomous | REG-7 / RULE-9 — Historical Confederation Autonomy | REG-25 / RULE-28 — Regional Autonomy; RULE-240 — Regional Autonomy Preserved Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-76 — Historical Confederation Can Reorganise Its Competition | REG-25 / RULE-242 — Subregional Cooperation

STA / ART-11 — Continuity of Existing Subregional Football Structures

11.1 Existing legitimate subregional football organisations, identities and competitions may continue, adapt or cooperate with the WUFO system.

11.2 A Historical Confederation may use subregional structures for competitions, development, technical programmes, refereeing, travel coordination or balanced representation.

11.3 A subregional structure may exercise only the powers lawfully given to it and may not independently admit or expel a WUFO Member Association.

11.4 WUFO shall not require a useful subregional institution to disappear merely to make every Confederation structurally identical.

11.5 Detailed subregional arrangements are primarily a matter for the competent Historical Confederation, subject to WUFO law.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy

STA / ART-12 — Confederation Competition Continuity

12.1 The creation of WUFO shall not automatically end a legitimate Historical Confederation or subregional competition.

12.2 Each Historical Confederation may preserve, continue, rename, adapt, expand, reduce or reorganise its competitions within its constitutional authority.

12.3 Existing competition histories, records, trophies, identities and traditions may be preserved.

12.4 Each Historical Confederation shall retain one hundred percent (100%) of the commercial rights and revenue of its own competitions except where these Statutes expressly establish a specific WUFO-wide right or the Confederation voluntarily agrees otherwise.

12.5 WUFO shall not impose a mandatory central commercial bundle covering all six Confederation championships.

12.6 WUFO may assist with international distribution, broadcaster relationships, promotion and global visibility without acquiring ownership solely because of that assistance.

12.7 Confederation competition autonomy remains subject to common WUFO rules on the international calendar, integrity, player welfare and other genuinely worldwide matters.

12.8 Governing principle: WUFO preserves what works, improves what needs improvement, and does not destroy useful football institutions merely to make every region look the same.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-20 — Historical Confederation Rights; RULE-71 — One Hundred Percent Regional Competition Rights | REG-7 / RULE-9 — Historical Confederation Autonomy; RULE-10 — Calendar Cooperation Does Not Create Commercial Ownership | REG-11 / RULE-142 — Regional Commercial Autonomy Remains Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-72 — No Mandatory Six-Confederation Commercial Bundle; RULE-73 — WUFO May Assist; RULE-74 — Assistance Does Not Create Ownership; RULE-76 — Historical Confederation Can Reorganise Its Competition

III. CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE OF WUFO

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STA / ART-13 — Two-Branch Governance — Men’s Football and Women’s Football

13.1 The World Union Football Organisation (WUFO) shall have two protected sporting governance branches:

a. the Men’s Football Branch; and

b. the Women’s Football Branch.

13.2 The Men’s Football Branch shall govern matters that belong exclusively to men’s football.

13.3 The Women’s Football Branch shall govern matters that belong exclusively to women’s football.

13.4 Neither Branch may govern the sporting affairs of the other Branch.

13.5 Representative governance positions in the Men’s Football Branch shall be held by men.

13.6 Representative governance positions in the Women’s Football Branch shall be held by women.

13.7 This rule applies to representative governance positions. It does not restrict professional employment.

13.8 Either Branch may employ men or women as lawyers, doctors, administrators, technical experts, auditors, employees or professional advisers according to merit.

13.9 The governing principle shall be:

Governance is protected. Expertise is open.

13.10 Matters that concern WUFO as a whole shall be treated as Common WUFO Matters.

13.11 Common WUFO Matters shall be decided through the common institutions established by these Statutes.

13.12 A matter shall not be classified as a Common WUFO Matter merely to allow one Branch to interfere in the sporting affairs of the other Branch.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-15 — Branch Sporting Authority; RULE-17 — No Cross-Branch Sporting Control | REG-26 / RULE-48 — Professional Expertise Has No Representative Sex Restriction | REG-6 / RULE-124 — Women Referees Related
Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-13 — Women’s Football Branch; RULE-14 — Men’s Football Branch

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STA / ART-14 — Member Associations, General Assemblies and Congress Representation

14.1 Each Member Association shall have one reserved seat in the Men’s Congress and one reserved seat in the Women’s Congress.

14.2 The General Assembly of the Member Association determines the voting mandate for each Congress seat.

14.3 The Member Association shall appoint an accredited Delegate to represent it physically in the relevant WUFO Congress.

14.4 The Delegate carries the mandate decided by the Member Association.

14.5 The Delegate does not own the seat.

14.6 The Delegate does not own the vote.

14.7 The Delegate may not replace the valid mandate of the Member Association with a personal opinion or personal preference.

14.8 The Delegate to the Men’s Congress shall be a man.

14.9 The Delegate to the Women’s Congress shall be a woman.

14.10 A President, Chair, Secretary General or other officer of a Member Association may serve as its Delegate if the Member Association appoints that person and the person meets the requirements of the relevant Branch.

14.11 Holding a national office does not create a personal WUFO seat or personal WUFO vote.

14.12 When a national President or other officer attends a WUFO Congress as Delegate, WUFO shall recognise that person as the Delegate of the Member Association.

14.13 WUFO shall not treat national association Presidents as automatic members of a WUFO Congress.

14.14 The General Assembly of each Member Association retains the authority to determine the institutional mandate of that Member Association.

14.15 The constitutional sequence shall be:

General Assembly → Member Association → Reserved Congress Seat → Accredited Delegate → WUFO Congress Decision

14.16 Detailed rules on credentials, mandates, voting and Delegate accreditation shall be established later in these Statutes and the applicable Regulations.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-2 — Branch Congress | REG-20 / RULE-14 — Men’s Football Branch

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STA / ART-15 — Supremacy and Powers of the Men’s Congress and Women’s Congress

15.1 The Men’s Congress shall be the highest representative authority of the Men’s Football Branch.

15.2 The Women’s Congress shall be the highest representative authority of the Women’s Football Branch.

15.3 Each Congress shall consist of the reserved seats of all WUFO Member Associations in that Branch.

15.4 Each Congress shall decide the matters assigned exclusively to its Branch by these Statutes.

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15.5 Unless these Statutes expressly give a power to another WUFO body, that power remains with the competent Congress.

15.6 No Council, Founder President, Presidential Body, Secretary General, committee or officer shall be superior to a Congress in matters reserved to that Congress.

15.7 A Congress may:

a. approve or amend rules within its constitutional authority;

b. approve major sporting policies of its Branch;

c. approve budgets and financial decisions reserved to it;

d. approve, reject or return proposals submitted to it;

e. create or authorise programmes within its authority;

f. receive reports from WUFO bodies;

g. require accountability from bodies operating under its authority; and

h. exercise every other power assigned to it by these Statutes.

15.8 A Congress shall not exercise a power that these Statutes expressly reserve to another WUFO body.

15.9 Delegated authority shall not become superior authority.

15.10 No WUFO body may use a Regulation, administrative decision or interpretation to remove a power reserved to a Congress.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-15 — Branch Sporting Authority | REG-2 / RULE-2 — Branch Congress Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-17 — No Cross-Branch Sporting Control

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STA / ART-16 — Joint Congress and Common WUFO Matters

16.1 The Men’s Congress and Women’s Congress shall act together as the Joint Congress when deciding a Common WUFO Matter.

16.2 The Joint Congress is the combined sitting of the two Branch Congresses and is not a third permanent Congress.

16.3 With 241 Members holding one vote in each Branch, the full voting membership is: Men’s Congress — 241; Women’s Congress — 241; Joint Congress — 482.

16.4 Unless another threshold expressly applies, a Common WUFO Matter requires at least three-fifths (3/5) of the full combined voting membership. At 482 full votes, the minimum is 290 YES votes.

16.5 Where these Statutes require a protected four-fifths (4/5) Joint Congress majority, the minimum at 482 full votes is 386 YES votes.

16.6 Where a protected four-fifths (4/5) majority applies within one 241-seat Branch Congress, the minimum is 193 YES votes.

16.7 A reduced attendance shall not reduce a fixed full-membership threshold.

16.8 No separate Branch majority or Branch veto applies to an ordinary Common WUFO Matter unless these Statutes expressly provide otherwise.

16.9 No agreement between Presidents, Councils or executive officers may replace a Joint Congress vote where these Statutes require one.

16.10 A special decision-making body or threshold expressly established elsewhere in these Statutes prevails over the general rule in this Article.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-3 — Joint Congress | REG-20 / RULE-17 — No Cross-Branch Sporting Control Related Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-4 — Composition

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STA / ART-17 — Men’s Football Council — Composition, Representation and Term

17.1 WUFO shall have a permanent Men’s Football Council composed of twenty-eight (28) men.

17.2 Geographic Representation — 24 seats: CONMEBOL — 4; Concacaf — 4; UEFA — 4; CAF — 4; AFC — 4; OFC — 4.

17.3 Direct Football Representation — 4 seats: Men’s Players — 1; Men’s Referees — 1; Men’s Supporters — 1; Men’s Clubs — 1.

17.4 Each Historical Confederation shall select four geographic Councillors through a fair representative process. Its four geographic Councillors shall come from four distinct Member Associations.

17.5 No person may simultaneously occupy a geographic Council seat and a direct constituency seat.

17.6 A serving President of a Historical Confederation shall not simultaneously serve as a geographic member of the Men’s Football Council.

17.7 The four direct football representatives shall be selected through representative processes established for players, referees, supporters and clubs.

17.8 Each Councillor serves a four-year term and may serve no more than three Council term cycles, for a maximum of twelve years.

17.9 The applicable Regulations shall govern selection, elections where applicable, vacancies, eligibility, replacement and removal for serious cause.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

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Primary Implementation: REG-3 / RULE-1 — Composition | REG-20 / RULE-17 — No Cross-Branch Sporting Control Related
Implementation: REG-3 / RULE-2 — Terms and Independence; RULE-3 — Geographic Selection; RULE-5 — Referees, Supporters and Clubs

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STA / ART-18 — Women’s Football Council — Composition, Representation and Term

18.1 WUFO shall have a permanent Women’s Football Council composed of twenty-eight (28) women.

18.2 Geographic Representation — 24 seats: CONMEBOL — 4; Concacaf — 4; UEFA — 4; CAF — 4; AFC — 4; OFC — 4.

18.3 Direct Football Representation — 4 seats: Women Players — 1; Women Referees — 1; Women Supporters — 1; Women Clubs — 1.

18.4 Each Historical Confederation shall select four geographic Councillors through a fair representative process. Its four geographic Councillors shall come from four distinct Member Associations.

18.5 No person may simultaneously occupy a geographic Council seat and a direct constituency seat.

18.6 A serving President of a Historical Confederation shall not simultaneously serve as a geographic member of the Women’s Football Council.

18.7 The four direct football representatives shall be selected through representative processes established for players, referees, supporters and clubs.

18.8 Each Councillor serves a four-year term and may serve no more than three Council term cycles, for a maximum of twelve years.

18.9 The applicable Regulations shall govern selection, elections where applicable, vacancies, eligibility, replacement and removal for serious cause.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-3 / RULE-1 — Composition | REG-20 / RULE-17 — No Cross-Branch Sporting Control Related
Implementation: REG-3 / RULE-2 — Terms and Independence; RULE-3 — Geographic Selection; RULE-5 — Referees, Supporters and Clubs

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STA / ART-19 — Functions and Limits of the Men’s Football Council and Women’s Football Council

19.1 The two WUFO Councils are permanent representative, consultative and proposalmaking bodies.

19.2 Their normal function shall be to:

a. study football issues;

b. organise dialogue among football stakeholders;

c. create working committees and project groups;

d. examine proposals submitted by Member Associations;

e. consult players, clubs, referees, supporters and experts;

f. prepare studies and reports;

g. develop proposals for reform;

h. propose new projects or programmes;

i. recommend changes to competitions, policies, Regulations or Laws of the Game; and

j. submit recommendations to the competent Congress or other competent WUFO body.

19.3 A Council may vote internally to adopt:

a. a report;

b. a recommendation;

c. a proposed reform;

d. a project proposal; or

e. a position to be submitted for further consideration.

19.4 An internal Council vote shall not, by itself, create binding WUFO law or policy.

19.5 The general rule shall be:

The Councils study, consult, develop and recommend. The Congresses decide.

19.6 The Councils shall not:

a. amend the Statutes;

b. replace a Congress;

c. approve a WUFO-wide policy reserved to a Congress;

d. approve the general WUFO budget unless expressly authorised by these Statutes;

e. use WUFO reserves without authority;

f. negotiate or sign material agreements on behalf of WUFO without valid authority;

g. create an executive fast track;

h. direct independent judicial, audit or integrity bodies; or

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i. exercise any power not given to them by these Statutes.

19.7 The Men’s Football Council shall work on representative matters of the Men’s Football Branch.

19.8 The Women’s Football Council shall work on representative matters of the Women’s Football Branch.

19.9 The two Councils may cooperate on a Common WUFO Matter when cooperation is useful.

19.10 Cooperation between the two Councils shall not merge them into one permanent Council.

19.11 The Councils may invite staff, experts or representatives of other bodies to assist their work.

19.12 Invited persons shall not obtain a Council vote merely because they participate in a meeting.

19.13 The Historical Confederation Presidents shall remain separate from the two WUFO Councils.

19.14 The separation between Historical Confederation Presidents and Councillors is intended to preserve different forms of representation within WUFO.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-16 — Councils Recommend — Competent Authority Decides | REG-3 / RULE-7 — Council Work | REG-7 / RULE-128 — Player Consultation Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-17 — No Cross-Branch Sporting Control

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STA / ART-20 — New Member Admission — Joint Membership Sitting of the Men’s and Women’s Football Councils

20.1 Admission of a new WUFO Member Association that is not activating an original Reserved Founding Membership Position shall be the exclusive binding membership power of the two WUFO Councils acting together.

20.2 The Joint Membership Sitting shall consist of all 28 members of the Men’s Football Council and all 28 members of the Women’s Football Council, for 56 voting members.

20.3 Admission requires at least thirty-eight (38) YES votes out of the full 56.

20.4 A reduced attendance shall not reduce the requirement of 38 YES votes.

20.5 A Historical Confederation may receive and examine an application, verify documentation and submit a recommendation, but may not admit a WUFO Member by itself.

20.6 Neither Branch Congress, the Joint Congress, the Founder President, the Presidential Body nor the Secretary General may override or substitute for the Joint Membership Sitting on admission.

20.7 There shall be no casting vote.

20.8 Neither Council may admit a new Member acting alone.

20.9 The competent Council or Councils may exercise residual authority only where consistent with WUFO law and may not use residual authority to circumvent a binding threshold or reserved power.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-3 / RULE-8 — Joint Membership Sitting | REG-1 / RULE-8 — New Member Admission Outside the 241 Reserved Positions Related Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy

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STA / ART-21 — Founder Presidency — Twelve-Year Founding Period

21.1 WUFO shall have one temporary constitutional office known as the Founder President.

21.2 The Founder Presidency shall operate during the Embryonic Period and throughout the initial twelve-year Foundational Period and shall end as provided in these Statutes.
21.3 The twelve-year Foundational Period shall commence on the effective date on which the fiftieth (50th) Member completes valid Founding Accession to WUFO.
21.3A The period between the legal incorporation of WUFO and the threshold established in Article 21.3 shall constitute the Embryonic Period and shall not reduce the twelve-year Foundational Period.
21.4 The first and only Founder President shall be Joel Martin Ruiz Zenteno.
21.5 The purpose of the Founder Presidency is to build, launch, organise and stabilise WUFO during the Embryonic and Foundational Periods.
21.6 The Founder President may:
a. provide institutional leadership;
b. represent WUFO institutionally, legally, publicly and internationally within the powers granted by these Statutes;
c. propose policies, reforms and projects;
d. coordinate the initial construction of WUFO institutions;
e. supervise the central administration during the Embryonic and Foundational Periods;
f. execute decisions lawfully adopted by the competent WUFO bodies;
g. convene or organise meetings where these Statutes authorise that function;
h. communicate with Member Associations, Historical Confederations, governments, sporting bodies, commercial partners and other institutions;
i. participate in negotiations where a valid negotiating mandate has been granted; and

i. participate in negotiations where a valid negotiating mandate has been granted; and

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j. take administrative actions necessary to implement authorised WUFO decisions.

21.6A During the Embryonic Period and the Foundational Period, no WUFO competition shall be required to begin merely because a predetermined numerical membership threshold has been reached. Activation of a competition, and any necessary temporary founding format, shall depend upon real sporting, organisational, financial, logistical, infrastructure and operational capacity and shall be decided through the Founder President and the competent Congress in accordance with their respective constitutional powers. A temporary founding format shall not amend or abandon the permanent competition architecture established by WUFO law.

21.6B During the lawful existence of the Founder Presidency, the Founder President is WUFO's institutional and legal representative within the authority granted by these Statutes. That representation does not permit the Founder President to exercise powers reserved to a Congress, a Football Council, an independent body or another competent WUFO authority.

21.7 The Founder President may propose.

21.8 The Founder President may recommend.

21.9 The Founder President may represent and execute.

21.10 The Founder President may not replace the Congresses.

21.11 The Founder President may not replace the two WUFO Councils.

21.12 The Founder President may not change these Statutes unilaterally.

21.13 The Founder President may not create a fast-track decision procedure.

21.14 The Founder President may not negotiate or conclude a material agreement outside a valid institutional mandate.

21.15 The Founder President may not interfere with independent audit, judicial, disciplinary, electoral, anti-doping or integrity bodies.

21.16 The Founder President does not own WUFO.

21.17 The Founder President does not own the votes of Member Associations.

21.18 The Founder President shall have no personal Congress vote merely because he holds the Founder Presidency.

21.19 The Founder President may not appoint a successor Founder President.

21.20 The remuneration and employment benefits of the Founder President shall be governed by the financial and remuneration provisions of these Statutes.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-4 / RULE-1 — Founder Presidency | REG-26 / RULE-4 — Employment Does Not Create Constitutional Authority | REG-6 / RULE-108 — Independent Decision

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STA / ART-22 — Permanent End of the Founder Presidency

22.1 The office of Founder President shall end automatically at the expiration of the twelveyear Founding Period.

22.2 The office shall then permanently cease to exist.

22.3 The office shall not become vacant.

22.4 No election shall be held to replace the Founder President.

22.5 There shall never be a second Founder President.

22.6 The office shall not be inherited, transferred, renewed or recreated under another name for the purpose of continuing the same special founding authority.

22.7 All special powers connected only to the Founder Presidency shall end with the office.

22.8 The Founder may continue to use the historical title Founder or Founder Emeritus.

22.9 The historical title shall not create:

a. a vote;

b. a veto;

c. executive authority;

d. a permanent salary;

e. ownership of WUFO; or

f. a right to appoint future WUFO leaders.

22.10 From the end of the Founding Period, WUFO shall operate under its permanent postfoundational governance structure.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-4 / RULE-1 — Founder Presidency | REG-26 / RULE-226 — Founder Presidency End

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STA / ART-23 — Post-Foundational Presidential Body

23.1 At the end of the Founding Period, or earlier if STA / ART-29 requires early activation, WUFO shall have a permanent Presidential Body composed ex officio of the incumbent Presidents of CONMEBOL, Concacaf, UEFA, CAF, AFC and OFC.

23.2 The six members shall have equal institutional status. No member shall hold permanent precedence and there shall be no casting vote.

23.3 Membership arises solely from holding the Presidency of the relevant Historical Confederation.

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23.4 The Presidential Body shall provide collective institutional leadership, coordinate WUFO-wide implementation, supervise the Secretary General, receive administrative reports, coordinate cross-confederation matters, propose matters to the Congresses and ensure execution of valid decisions. After the Founder Presidency ends, the Presidential Body as a collective organ shall exercise WUFO's institutional and legal representation.
23.5 The Presidential Body may not override a Congress, amend the Statutes by itself, replace either Football Council, admit Members, create a fast-track procedure, interfere with independent bodies or assume a power reserved elsewhere.
23.6 No individual Historical Confederation President shall act alone as the President of WUFO or legally bind WUFO merely by membership in the Presidential Body. An individual member may bind or represent WUFO only through an express lawful delegation of the collective Presidential Body and only within that delegation.
23.7 Agreement among the six Presidents shall not replace a required Congress decision.
23.8 Membership in the Presidential Body creates no separate WUFO salary; legitimate expenses may be reimbursed under WUFO financial rules.
23.9 The Presidential Body safeguards and represents WUFO collectively. It does not govern football and shall not absorb powers assigned to the Congresses, Football Councils, Joint Membership Sitting or independent bodies.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-4 / RULE-2 — Composition | REG-26 / RULE-4 — Employment Does Not Create Constitutional Authority
Related Implementation: REG-4 / RULE-3 — Decisions

STA / ART-24 — Secretary General and Post-Foundational Administration

24.1 After the Founding Period, WUFO shall have a professional full-time Secretary General as its highest professional administrative officer.

24.2 The Secretary General shall be appointed and, where applicable, reappointed by the sixmember Presidential Body and requires at least four (4) affirmative votes out of six (6). There shall be no casting vote.

24.3 The Secretary General serves a four-year term and may serve no more than three terms, for a maximum of twelve years.

24.4 The Secretary General shall manage daily administration, direct central staff, implement approved budgets, coordinate departments, prepare meetings and documentation, execute decisions adopted by competent WUFO bodies, coordinate projects and preserve institutional records.

24.5 The Secretary General reports institutionally to the Congresses and operationally to the Presidential Body.

24.6 The Secretary General has no vote in either Football Council, either Congress, the Joint Congress or the Presidential Body.

24.7 The Secretary General has no independent legislative authority and may not negotiate or materially commit WUFO only under a valid mandate and approval system.

24.8 The Secretary General may publicly represent and explain positions already adopted by competent WUFO bodies but may not create WUFO's constitutional position unilaterally.

24.9 Remuneration and benefits are governed by the financial provisions of these Statutes and applicable Regulations.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-4 / RULE-4 — Appointment; RULE-5 — Administration | REG-26 / RULE-224 — Secretary General End of Office; RULE-261 — Coordination with Presidents | Related Implementation: REG-4 / RULE-6 — Budget Execution | REG-26 / RULE-4 — Employment Does Not Create Constitutional Authority; RULE-40 — Secretary General Selection

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STA / ART-25 — Member Association Officers and WUFO Delegates

25.1 WUFO shall not require a Member Association to abolish the office of President, Chair, Secretary General or any equivalent national office.

25.2 Each Member Association remains free to organise its own internal leadership in accordance with applicable law and its own Statutes.

25.3 Holding a national leadership office shall not automatically create a WUFO office.

25.4 Holding the office of President of a Member Association shall not automatically create:

a. a WUFO Congress seat in that person's own name;

b. a personal WUFO vote;

c. membership in a WUFO Council; or

d. any other WUFO governing office.

25.5 A Member Association may appoint its President or another officer as its WUFO Delegate.

25.6 When that person participates in a WUFO Congress, the person shall participate as the accredited Delegate of the Member Association.

25.7 WUFO shall recognise the Member Association as the holder of the Congress seat.

25.8 WUFO shall recognise the Delegate as the person authorised to physically represent that seat.

25.9 The General Assembly determines the mandate.

25.10 The Delegate carries the mandate.

25.11 The Delegate does not own the vote.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Direct statutory rule — no separate implementing Rule is identified in the current Regulations.

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STA / ART-26 — Direct Relationship Between WUFO and Member Associations

26.1 WUFO shall maintain a direct institutional relationship with its Member Associations.

26.2 WUFO shall not require a permanent political intermediary between WUFO and a Member Association.

26.3 Historical Confederations and recognised subregional structures shall perform the powers assigned to them by these Statutes, but shall not prevent lawful direct communication between WUFO and a Member Association.

26.4 WUFO may communicate directly with a Member Association concerning:

a. Congress matters;

b. membership;

c. competitions;

d. development programmes;

e. integrity;

f. finance and audit;

g. regulatory compliance;

h. disciplinary or judicial matters where applicable; and

i. other matters within WUFO jurisdiction.

26.5 Direct communication shall not remove powers that these Statutes expressly assign to a Historical Confederation.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-1 / RULE-2 — Official Member Register | REG-10 / RULE-61 — Institutional Legal Inbox

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STA / ART-27 — Independent Representation of Players, Referees, Supporters and Clubs

27.1 WUFO shall preserve direct institutional representation for important football constituencies.

27.2 The Men’s Football Council shall include one representative each for: players; referees; supporters; and clubs.

27.3 The Women’s Football Council shall include one representative each for: players; referees; supporters; and clubs.

27.4 These direct constituency representatives shall not be treated as representatives of a Historical Confederation.

27.5 Their role is to bring the direct perspective of their football constituency into the work of the relevant Council.

27.6 Their selection shall be separate from the twenty-four geographic Council seats.

27.7 The applicable Regulations shall establish fair and transparent selection procedures for these representatives.

27.8 Direct representation shall not convert players, referees, supporters or clubs into WUFO Member Associations.

27.9 WUFO shall seek structured cooperation and consultation with FIFPRO and, where appropriate, other genuinely independent representative player unions or player organisations.

27.10 Such cooperation may include matters concerning the international match calendar, player workload, health and safety, employment conditions affecting WUFO competitions, and the creation or material expansion of competitions.

27.11 WUFO shall not create, control or designate a purported players’ trade union for the purpose of replacing genuinely independent player representation.

27.12 Nothing in these Statutes shall require FIFPRO or any independent player union to affiliate with WUFO or surrender its institutional independence.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-3 / RULE-4 — Players Related Implementation: REG-3 / RULE-5 — Referees, Supporters and Clubs

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STA / ART-28 — No Mandatory Internal Governance Model for Member Associations and Clubs

28.1 WUFO shall not require every Member Association or club to copy the internal governance structure of WUFO.

28.2 A Member Association may maintain its own:

a. President or Chair;

b. Board or Executive Committee;

c. General Assembly;

d. Secretary General;

e. committees; and

f. other lawful internal bodies.

28.3 Clubs may also use governance structures permitted by applicable law and their football system.

28.4 WUFO may establish minimum requirements relating to:

a. democratic legitimacy;

b. integrity;

c. financial responsibility;

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d. transparency;

e. safeguarding;

f. lawful governance; and

g. compliance with WUFO sporting rules.

28.5 WUFO shall define how Member Associations participate in WUFO.

28.6 WUFO shall not redesign the internal structure of a Member Association merely to make every Member Association look the same.

28.7 The governing principle shall be:

WUFO defines how Members participate in WUFO. Members decide how they organise themselves internally, subject to applicable law and WUFO minimum standards.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-6 / RULE-9 — Member Association Refereeing Structures | REG-8 / RULE-3 — Domestic Primary Jurisdiction

STA / ART-29 — Vacancies, Interim Service and Completion of Terms

29.1 A vacancy shall not create or restart a term. A replacement completes only the time remaining in the existing term.

29.2 Service during any part of a Council term cycle counts as service in that cycle for purposes of the three-term limit.

29.3 A vacant geographic Council seat shall be filled by the same Historical Confederation and the replacement shall meet the sex requirement of the relevant Council.

29.4 A vacant direct constituency seat shall be filled by the same constituency: Players, Referees, Supporters or Clubs.

29.5 If the Secretary General leaves office before the end of a term, the Presidential Body shall appoint an Acting Secretary General for no more than 90 days unless binding law requires longer, and shall appoint a successor under STA / ART-24. The successor completes only the remaining term.

29.6 A person who ceases to be President of a Historical Confederation automatically ceases to sit on the Presidential Body; the lawful successor in that Confederation assumes the ex officio seat.

29.7 A change in Confederation leadership does not create a new Presidential Body term or alter the status of the other five members.

29.8 If the Founder President permanently leaves office before the end of the Founding Period, the Founder Presidency ends permanently and the Presidential Body activates immediately. No acting, interim or replacement Founder President shall exist.

29.9 The original twelve-year Founding Period continues to govern transitional rules that expressly depend upon it.

29.10 Governing rule: a vacancy does not restart the term; interim service does not create extra years in office.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-3 / RULE-2 — Terms and Independence; RULE-6 — Vacancies | REG-26 / RULE-226 — Founder Presidency End

IV. DEMOCRACY, VOTING AND MANDATES

STA / ART-30 — One Member Association — One Vote in Each Competent Congress

30.1 Each Member Association shall have one vote in the Men’s Congress.

30.2 Each Member Association shall have one vote in the Women’s Congress.

30.3 No Member Association shall have more votes because of:

a. population;

b. territorial size;

c. sporting success;

d. commercial value;

e. financial power;

f. historical influence; or

g. any other form of institutional importance.

30.4 No Member Association shall have fewer votes because it is small, new, less wealthy or less successful in football.

30.5 When the Men’s Congress and Women’s Congress meet as the Joint Congress, the two existing Congress seats remain separate.

30.6 A Member Association therefore participates in the Joint Congress through:

a. its reserved seat in the Men’s Congress; and

b. its reserved seat in the Women’s Congress.

30.7 No additional vote shall be created because the two Congresses meet together.

30.8 The governing principle shall be:

One Member Association — One Vote in Each Competent Congress.

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IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-3 — Joint Congress Related Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-2 — Branch Congress

STA / ART-31 — The Vote Belongs to the Member Association

31.1 A WUFO Congress vote belongs to the Member Association.

31.2 The vote does not belong personally to:

a. the Delegate;

b. the President of the Member Association;

c. the Secretary General of the Member Association;

d. any government official; or

e. any other individual.

31.3 The accredited Delegate carries the vote to the WUFO Congress.

31.4 The Delegate does not become the owner of the vote.

31.5 A change of Delegate shall not change the ownership of the Congress seat or vote.

31.6 A national President who serves as Delegate has the same voting role as any other accredited Delegate.

31.7 The person may hold an important national office, but inside the WUFO Congress the person votes as Delegate of the Member Association.

31.8 The official WUFO voting record shall show the vote as the vote of the Member Association.

31.9 The governing principle shall be:

The Member Association owns the vote. The Delegate carries the vote.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-1 — Member Ownership of the Vote; RULE-10 — Governing Principles

STA / ART-32 — Mandatory Mandate of the General Assembly

32.1 The General Assembly of each Member Association shall determine the voting mandate for its WUFO Congress seat.

32.2 A Delegate shall vote according to that mandate.

32.3 The Delegate shall not replace the mandate with a personal opinion.

32.4 The President, Board, Executive Committee, Secretary General or another officer of the Member Association shall not secretly change a mandate decided by the General Assembly.

32.5 A Delegate shall not vote on a proposal without a valid mandate when these Statutes require a mandate.

32.6 The Member Association shall give its Delegate enough instruction to determine whether the vote shall be YES or NO.

32.7 A mandate may cover more than one agenda item.

32.8 Each voting instruction must clearly identify the proposal or agenda item to which it applies.

32.9 A mandate shall remain valid only for the proposal that the General Assembly considered.

32.10 If the proposal changes materially, the original mandate shall no longer be sufficient.

32.11 The Member Association must then obtain a new mandate before voting on the materially changed proposal.

32.12 The governing principle shall be:

The General Assembly decides. The Delegate carries the decision to WUFO.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-5 — General Assembly Mandate

STA / ART-33 — Credential of Delegate and Certificate of Mandate

33.1 Every voting Delegate shall have two separate documents:

a. a Credential of Delegate; and

b. a Certificate of Mandate.

33.2 The Credential of Delegate identifies the person authorised to represent the Member Association.

33.3 The Certificate of Mandate records the voting instruction given by the Member Association.

33.4 The two documents have different purposes.

33.5 The Credential answers:

Who is authorised to sit and represent the Member Association?

33.6 The Certificate of Mandate answers:

How has the Member Association instructed that seat to vote?

33.7 A Credential of Delegate shall not by itself prove a voting mandate.

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33.8 A Certificate of Mandate shall not by itself authorise an unidentified or unaccredited person to sit as Delegate.

33.9 Both documents must be valid before the Delegate may exercise the vote.

33.10 The Certificate of Mandate shall identify:

a. the Member Association;

b. the relevant Congress seat;

c. the meeting or voting process;

d. the proposal or agenda item;

e. the voting instruction; and

f. the date on which the mandate was approved.

33.11 The applicable Regulations shall establish the standard form, verification method and filing procedure for both documents.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-5 — General Assembly Mandate

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STA / ART-34 — Accredited Delegate — Personal and Non-Transferable Credential

34.1 A Credential of Delegate shall be personal.

34.2 A Credential of Delegate shall not be transferable to another person.

34.3 A Delegate may not give, lend or transfer the Credential to another person.

34.4 A Delegate may not authorise another person to vote in the Delegate’s place without a new valid accreditation from the Member Association.

34.5 If an accredited Delegate cannot attend, the Member Association may appoint a replacement Delegate.

34.6 The replacement Delegate must receive a new Credential of Delegate.

34.7 The Member Association must also confirm the valid voting mandate for the replacement Delegate.

34.8 The replacement Delegate shall meet the requirements of the relevant historical founding materialsranch.

34.9 The Delegate for the Men’s Congress shall be a man.

34.10 The Delegate for the Women’s Congress shall be a woman.

34.11 WUFO shall verify the identity and accreditation of every Delegate before voting rights are activated.

34.12 No person may exercise more than one reserved Congress seat at the same time.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-5 — General Assembly Mandate

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STA / ART-35 — Nominal, Recorded and Public Voting

35.1 WUFO institutional voting shall be nominal, recorded and public.

35.2 Every official voting record shall identify:

a. the Member Association or WUFO office casting the vote;

b. the accredited person who exercised the vote, where applicable; and

c. whether the vote was YES or NO.

35.3 The official record shall also identify:

a. absence;

b. failure to vote; or

c. inability to vote because no valid mandate or credential existed.

35.4 WUFO shall not use secret voting for institutional decisions unless mandatory law expressly requires otherwise.

35.5 The result of a vote shall not be published only as a final number.

35.6 The public voting record shall show how each voting seat was exercised.

35.7 This rule applies to votes of:

a. the Men’s Congress;

b. the Women’s Congress;

c. the Joint Congress;

d. the Men’s Football Council;

e. the Women’s Football Council;

f. the Joint Membership Sitting;

g. the Presidential Body; and

h. other WUFO bodies exercising an institutional vote.

35.8 Publication shall take place through the official WUFO transparency system within the period established by the applicable Regulations.

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35.9 The governing principle shall be:

If a WUFO body votes, the football community has the right to know how it voted.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-7 — Recorded Voting | REG-28 / RULE-265 — Archive Governing Principle

STA / ART-36 — Duty to Vote — No Abstention

36.1 WUFO institutional voting shall use only two voting choices:

YES or NO.

36.2 Abstention shall not be a voting option.

36.3 Every Member Association represented in a Congress has a duty to obtain a valid mandate and exercise its vote.

36.4 Every voting member of another WUFO body has the same duty to vote unless legally disqualified from the matter.

36.5 A person who has a valid conflict of interest or other legal disqualification shall not be forced to vote in violation of an applicable integrity rule.

36.6 Such a case shall be recorded as a disqualification and not as an abstention.

36.7 A Member Association shall not use failure to issue a mandate as an informal way to abstain.

36.8 A Delegate shall not refuse to exercise a valid mandate merely to avoid taking a public position.

36.9 Absence or failure to vote does not become an abstention.

36.10 It shall be recorded as absence or failure to vote.

36.11 The governing principle shall be:

WUFO representatives are elected or appointed to make decisions. YES or NO must be chosen.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-10 — Governing Principles

STA / ART-37 — Absence or Failure to Vote Does Not Reduce the Required Majority

37.1 Absence shall not reduce a voting threshold established by these Statutes.

37.2 Failure to vote shall not reduce a voting threshold established by these Statutes.

37.3 Failure to obtain a valid mandate shall not reduce the required number of YES votes.

37.4 A technical failure by one voting participant shall not automatically reduce the required number of YES votes.

37.5 Where these Statutes require a number of votes calculated from the full voting membership, the full voting membership shall remain the basis of the calculation.

37.6 Example:

If a decision requires 38 YES votes from a body of 56 members, the requirement remains 38 YES votes, even if some members are absent.

37.7 Twenty members being absent shall not turn a requirement of 38 YES votes into a majority of those present.

37.8 A special voting rule expressly established by these Statutes shall always be applied according to its own stated threshold.

37.9 The governing principle shall be:

Absence does not make a constitutional majority smaller.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-10 — Governing Principles

STA / ART-38 — No Surprise Votes and Material Changes Require a New Mandate

38.1 A WUFO Congress shall not hold a surprise vote on a material proposal.

38.2 Member Associations must receive enough information to allow their General Assemblies to study the proposal and determine a mandate.

38.3 The proposed text and relevant supporting information shall be distributed before the vote within the period established by the applicable Regulations.

38.4 The agenda shall clearly identify matters expected to require a vote.

38.5 A proposal shall not be introduced at the meeting and immediately put to a binding vote if Member Associations did not have a reasonable opportunity to consider it.

38.6 A minor correction that does not change the meaning or effect of the proposal shall not automatically require a new mandate.

38.7 A material change shall require a new mandate.

38.8 A change is material when it significantly changes the:

a. purpose of the proposal;

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b. legal effect of the proposal;

c. financial obligation created by the proposal;

d. rights or duties of Member Associations;

e. structure of a competition;

f. distribution of money or commercial rights; or

g. institutional powers affected by the proposal.

38.9 When a material change is made during a meeting, the final vote shall be postponed for enough time to allow Member Associations to obtain new mandates.

38.10 A Delegate shall not decide personally that a new version is “close enough” to the original mandate when the change is material.

38.11 The governing principle shall be:

No mandate for Proposal A may be used to approve a materially different Proposal B.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-12 / RULE-172 — Operational Change Control | REG-2 / RULE-6 — Notice and Documentation

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STA / ART-39 — No Secret Mandates, No Secret Deals and No Fait Accompli

39.1 No WUFO officer, body or Delegate may rely on a secret personal instruction to override a valid institutional mandate.

39.2 A private instruction from a President, officer or other individual shall not replace a mandate approved through the proper internal process of the Member Association.

39.3 No WUFO officer or body may secretly commit WUFO to a material project and later ask the competent Congress only to approve a decision that has already been effectively made.

39.4 No WUFO officer or body may create a fait accompli to pressure a Congress into approval.

39.5 A material commitment shall not be presented publicly as an approved WUFO decision before the competent WUFO body has approved it.

39.6 Member Associations should not first learn from the press that WUFO has entered a major negotiation or made a major institutional commitment that required prior internal authority.

39.7 Confidentiality from the public may be allowed when legitimately required for:

a. negotiations;

b. personal data;

c. legal privilege;

d. security; or

e. another valid institutional reason.

39.8 Confidentiality from the public shall not mean secrecy from the WUFO body that has constitutional authority over the matter.

39.9 A confidential proposal must still be disclosed to the competent WUFO body when its authority is required.

39.10 The governing principle shall be:

No secret mandate. No secret deal. No fait accompli.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-13 / RULE-112 — No Fait Accompli | REG-12 / RULE-206 — No Secret Founding Agreement Related Implementation: REG-12 / RULE-19 — Final Approval; RULE-207 — No Fait Accompli | REG-13 / RULE-109 — Approval

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STA / ART-40 — Prior Internal Disclosure and Limits of Negotiating Authority

40.1 A material WUFO initiative shall be disclosed internally before formal negotiations begin when approval or authority from a WUFO body is required.

40.2 The competent WUFO body shall be told:

a. what WUFO proposes to negotiate;

b. with whom WUFO proposes to negotiate;

c. the main purpose of the negotiation;

d. the principal financial or institutional consequences known at that time; and

e. the limits of the requested negotiating authority.

40.3 The competent body may:

a. authorise negotiations;

b. reject negotiations;

c. request more information; or

d. place conditions on the negotiating mandate.

40.4 Permission to negotiate is not permission to give final approval.

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40.5 The governing principle shall be:

Authority to negotiate is not authority to approve.

40.6 A Founder President, Presidential Body, Secretary General, Council, committee, employee, adviser or other representative may negotiate only within the authority validly given to that person or body.

40.7 A negotiating mandate shall not allow the negotiator to change the constitutional body that has final decision-making authority.

40.8 If final approval belongs to a Congress, the negotiated agreement shall return to that Congress for approval.

40.9 A negotiator may recommend approval.

40.10 A negotiator may not declare final approval on behalf of a Congress unless these Statutes expressly give that authority.

40.11 Material changes made during negotiations shall be disclosed before final approval.

40.12 Any emergency authority capable of bypassing the normal process must be expressly written in these Statutes or the applicable Regulations.

40.13 No emergency power shall exist merely because an officer considers faster action convenient.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-12 / RULE-18 — Negotiating Authority; RULE-19 — Final Approval | REG-13 / RULE-109 — Approval; RULE-112 — No Fait Accompli | REG-2 / RULE-6 — Notice and Documentation Related Implementation: REG-12 / RULE-206 — No Secret Founding Agreement

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STA / ART-41 — In-Person, Remote and Hybrid Meetings and Voting

41.1 WUFO meetings and voting may take place:

a. in person;

b. remotely; or

c. through a hybrid format.

41.2 A remote or hybrid participant shall have the same institutional rights and duties as an inperson participant.

41.3 WUFO shall use a secure system to verify the identity of remote participants.

41.4 WUFO shall verify that a person exercising a Congress vote is the accredited Delegate for the relevant seat.

41.5 Remote voting shall use secure authentication.

41.6 The voting system shall record:

a. the identity of the voting seat;

b. the identity of the authorised voting person where applicable;

c. the vote cast; and

d. the time at which the vote was recorded.

41.7 Remote and hybrid voting shall remain subject to the same rules on:

a. mandates;

b. credentials;

c. public voting records;

d. voting thresholds;

e. conflicts of interest; and

f. prohibition of abstention.

41.8 A remote meeting shall not reduce constitutional voting requirements.

41.9 A technical problem affecting one participant shall not automatically invalidate the entire meeting.

41.10 WUFO shall provide a reasonable procedure to verify and address significant technical failures before a final result is certified.

41.11 No person may use another person’s digital identity, access code or voting credential.

41.12 Detailed technical and security requirements shall be established by the applicable Regulations.

41.13 The governing principle shall be:

The place of the meeting may change. The voting rules do not.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-8 — Remote or Hybrid Participation | REG-12 / RULE-181 — Coordination with REG-2

V. THE GAME AND ITS RULES

STA / ART-42 — Sporting Merit — The Field Decides

42.1 Sporting merit shall be a basic principle of WUFO football.

42.2 A sporting place shall be earned through sporting performance whenever the competition format provides a qualification path.

42.3 A team shall not receive a better sporting position only because it has:

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a. more money;

b. a larger market;

c. a larger stadium;

d. more supporters;

e. greater television value;

f. stronger commercial partners;

g. greater political influence; or

h. a more famous name.

42.4 A team that earns a place on the field shall not lose that place only because another team is commercially more attractive.

42.5 Sporting results shall determine qualification, ranking, promotion and relegation where those systems apply.

42.6 Sporting merit remains subject to necessary rules on:

a. safety;

b. competition integrity;

c. legal compliance;

d. financial responsibility;

e. player protection; and

f. essential competition requirements.

42.7 Such requirements shall be reasonable and proportionate.

42.8 They shall not be used as an excuse to remove a team only because it is small, poor, remote or commercially less valuable.

42.9 When a sporting problem can reasonably be corrected, WUFO and the competent football bodies should first seek a practical solution.

42.10 The governing principle shall be:

The field decides the sporting place. Money does not replace sporting merit.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-6 — Sporting Merit; RULE-12 — No Commercial Substitution | REG-16 / RULE-4 — Sporting Merit and Ticketing | REG-20 / RULE-4 — Sporting Merit | REG-13 / RULE-5 — Sporting Merit; RULE-28 — Sporting Merit Controls Related Implementation: REG-12 / RULE-73 — Sporting Merit; RULE-144 — Sporting Merit | REG-8 / RULE-111 — Sporting Merit After Placement | REG-25 / RULE-5 — Sporting Results Do Not Determine Basic Development Rights

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STA / ART-43 — Sporting Merit, Access and Opportunity

43.1 A club or representative team that earns sporting access shall be given a fair opportunity to use that access.

43.2 A team shall not automatically lose an earned place only because its normal stadium has a modest capacity.

43.3 The main question shall be whether the match can be organised safely, legally and properly.

43.4 Where reasonable, a team may satisfy competition requirements through:

a. temporary improvements;

b. an approved alternative stadium;

c. shared facilities;

d. temporary competition infrastructure;

e. technical assistance; or

f. a reasonable transition period.

43.5 WUFO shall prefer practical compliance over unnecessary exclusion.

43.6 Stadium requirements shall protect the competition.

43.7 Stadium requirements shall not be designed mainly to protect wealthy or established teams from sporting competition.

43.8 A team may still be denied access where a serious requirement involving safety, law, integrity or competition operation cannot reasonably be met.

43.9 Any such decision shall explain the specific reason for the exclusion.

43.10 Promotion and relegation shall be respected where they form part of the competition system.

43.11 When promotion and relegation exist, movement between divisions shall be determined mainly by sporting results.

43.12 Necessary licensing requirements may still apply.

43.13 WUFO shall not impose one identical promotion and relegation system on every domestic football league in the world.

43.14 Member Associations and leagues may use different competition structures where permitted by WUFO rules and applicable law.

43.15 WUFO shall protect sporting opportunity without forcing every football system to use the same domestic league model.

43.16 The governing principle shall be:

Earn the place on the field. Meet the essential requirements. Play.

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IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-7 — Earned Sporting Access; RULE-9 — Serious Requirements Remain Valid | REG-20 / RULE-4 — Sporting Merit | REG-25 / RULE-301 — Coordination with REG-18 and REG-19 | REG-13 / RULE-28 — Sporting Merit Controls Related Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-10 — Written Reasons for Exclusion; RULE-111 — Sporting Merit After Placement; RULE-164 — Practical Compliance Before Exclusion

STA / ART-44 — Laws of the Game Governance and IFAB Reform

44.1 WUFO shall seek cooperation with the International Football Association Board (IFAB) for continuity and development of the Laws of the Game.

44.2 WUFO supports continuity where continuity serves football and reform where the lawmaking structure no longer gives meaningful worldwide representation.

44.3 The WUFO technical law-making model shall contain ten (10) votes: England — 1; Scotland — 1; Wales — 1; Northern Ireland — 1; CONMEBOL — 1; Concacaf — 1; UEFA — 1; CAF — 1; AFC — 1; OFC — 1.

44.4 WUFO Central shall have no additional vote and no President, Secretary General or central officer shall receive an additional vote.

44.5 Approval to conduct an official Laws of the Game trial requires at least six (6) votes out of ten (10).

44.6 A permanent Laws change requires at least seven (7) votes out of ten (10).

44.7 A trial does not automatically become permanent; technical evidence, player safety, refereeing experience, supporter understanding, match flow, fairness and experience across football regions shall be considered.

44.8 No single Historical Confederation and no WUFO central officer shall control the Laws of the Game.

44.9 If effective cooperation with IFAB is possible, WUFO shall prefer continuity and cooperation. If meaningful participation is unavailable, WUFO may operate an independent technical structure preserving the same 4 Home Nations + 6 Confederations balance.

44.10 Governing principle: Continuity preferred. Dependency not.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-5 / RULE-1 — Ten-Vote Architecture; RULE-3 — Permanent Law Change | REG-6 / RULE-61 — No Secret Law Through Referee Instructions | REG-12 / RULE-152 — Laws of the Game | REG-20 / RULE-23 — Worldwide Sporting Opportunity Related Implementation: REG-5 / RULE-7 — IFAB Cooperation

STA / ART-45 — Experimental Laws and Trial Framework

45.1 Football must be able to test ideas before making them permanent.

45.2 WUFO shall support controlled, transparent and measurable experiments with the Laws of the Game.

45.3 A trial shall have:

a. a clear purpose;

b. written rules;

c. a defined trial period;

d. identified competitions or matches;

e. referee instructions;

f. data collection; and

g. a final evaluation.

45.4 An experimental Law shall not become permanent only because it was tested.

45.5 Permanent adoption shall follow the voting requirement established in STA / ART-44.

45.6 WUFO shall initially support study and controlled trials of the following reforms.

Restricted Video Assistant Referee

45.7 Video Assistant Referee review may be tested under a more limited model.

45.8 The purpose of Restricted VAR is to use video assistance for clearly defined high-impact situations without turning every match into continuous video re-refereeing.

45.9 The trial protocol shall clearly identify which incidents may be reviewed.

45.10 The trial shall also study:

a. time lost;

b. accuracy;

c. consistency;

d. referee authority; and

e. supporter understanding.

Live VAR Audio

45.11 WUFO may trial Live VAR Audio.

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45.12 The purpose is to allow supporters in the stadium and viewers following the broadcast to better understand important video review decisions.

45.13 The trial may include live or immediate referee explanations under the approved protocol.

45.14 Communication shall be clear, short and understandable.

Full-Body Offside

45.15 WUFO may trial a Full-Body Offside or Daylight Offside standard.

45.16 Under the trial, an attacker shall not be penalised for offside only because a small part of the body is ahead of the defender.

45.17 The trial may require the attacker’s entire legally playable body to be clearly beyond the relevant defender before offside is given.

45.18 The exact measurement standard shall be defined in the trial protocol.

45.19 The purpose is to favour clear decisions and attacking football while reducing extremely small technical offside decisions.

Anti-Clown Simulation

45.20 WUFO may trial stronger rules against obvious simulation and theatrical exaggeration.

45.21 This trial shall be known as the Anti-Clown Simulation reform.

45.22 Players shall not be rewarded for deliberately trying to deceive the referee through false or clearly exaggerated behaviour.

45.23 The trial may address conduct such as:

a. pretending that contact occurred when it did not;

b. greatly exaggerating minor contact;

c. deliberately creating a false appearance of serious injury; or

d. using theatrical behaviour mainly to obtain a sporting advantage.

45.24 Genuine pain, injury or normal human reaction shall not be punished merely because it appears dramatic.

45.25 The purpose is to punish deliberate deception, not genuine injury.

No-Wall Dangerous Free Kick

45.26 WUFO may trial the No-Wall Dangerous Free Kick.

45.27 Under the trial, certain free kicks in clearly defined dangerous attacking areas may be taken without a defensive wall.

45.28 The exact field areas and procedures shall be established by the trial protocol.

45.29 The purpose is to restore a meaningful attacking advantage where a serious foul has stopped a dangerous attacking situation.

Breakaway / Shootout Penalty

45.30 WUFO may trial a Breakaway / Shootout Penalty format.

45.31 Under the trial, a one-on-one attacking situation between the player and goalkeeper may replace the traditional penalty kick in specifically defined situations.

45.32 The trial protocol shall define:

a. when the procedure applies;

b. the starting position;

c. the time allowed;

d. goalkeeper movement;

e. rebounds; and

f. when the attempt ends.

45.33 The trial shall compare fairness, sporting value and spectator understanding with the traditional penalty procedure.

Triple Referee Review

45.34 WUFO may trial the Triple Referee Review (TRR) system.

45.35 Under TRR, three central referees shall participate in designated review decisions.

45.36 Each referee shall make an independent decision.

45.37 A decision supported by at least two of the three referees shall become the binding match decision.

45.38 The trial protocol shall define:

a. which incidents may use TRR;

b. how the three referees communicate;

c. how independence of each decision is protected; and

d. how the final decision is announced.

45.39 TRR shall be studied for:

a. accuracy;

b. consistency;

c. speed;

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d. independence; and

e. public confidence.

General Experimental Rule

45.40 WUFO may study other experimental Laws in the future.

45.41 No future experiment shall become permanent without the approval procedure required by these Statutes.

45.42 The governing principle shall be:

Test first. Measure the results. Decide after the evidence.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-6 / RULE-118 — Live Referee Audio | REG-5 / RULE-2 — Trial Threshold | REG-12 / RULE-152 — Laws of the Game

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STA / ART-46 — Refereeing Conduct, Integrity and Enforceable Fair Play

46.1 Refereeing shall be independent.

46.2 Referees shall apply the Laws of the Game without favour based on:

a. team reputation;

b. player reputation;

c. commercial importance;

d. home support;

e. television audience;

f. competition stage;

g. political pressure; or

h. institutional influence.

46.3 Famous players and famous clubs shall not receive special protection from the Laws.

46.4 Less famous players and smaller teams shall not receive weaker protection.

46.5 The same type of offence should receive the same type of response during the same match.

46.6 Referees shall be evaluated not only for individual decisions but also for consistency.

46.7 Serious refereeing incidents shall be reviewable under the applicable refereeing integrity system.

46.8 Match review shall be used to:

a. identify serious mistakes;

b. improve referee performance;

c. detect inconsistent decisions;

d. identify possible integrity concerns; and

e. improve future referee education.

46.9 Review shall not be used only to defend the referee automatically.

46.10 Referee authorities shall be free to recognise that an error occurred.

46.11 Protecting the reputation of refereeing shall never require pretending that an obvious error did not happen.

46.12 Referees shall not be punished merely for correcting a serious mistake through an authorised procedure.

46.13 Referees shall be expected to show the courage to make the correct decision even when that correction comes later than would have been ideal.

46.14 The fact that a serious error was not corrected immediately shall not automatically make the error untouchable for the rest of the match.

46.15 WUFO may use an authorised same-match review procedure for a clearly missed sending-off offence.

46.16 Where the approved procedure permits, a clearly missed first-half sending-off may be corrected at halftime.

46.17 Such a correction shall require clear evidence and the review procedure established by the applicable Rules or Protocol.

46.18 A doubtful incident shall not be converted into a sending-off only because the match has reached halftime.

46.19 Referee evaluation shall also examine whether similar incidents in the same match were treated differently without good reason.

46.20 Referee appointments, evaluations and discipline shall be protected from:

a. team officials;

b. competition hosts;

c. commercial partners;

d. political authorities; and

e. WUFO officers who have no refereeing authority.

46.21 WUFO shall maintain an independent refereeing structure for international competitions under its authority.

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46.22 Detailed rules on:

a. referee selection;

b. appointments;

c. evaluation;

d. review;

e. discipline;

f. integrity monitoring; and

g. same-match correction procedures

shall be established in the applicable Regulations, Rules and Protocols.

46.23 The governing principles shall be:

No celebrity immunity.

The same match requires the same standard.

A referee may correct an authorised serious error. Protecting fairness is more important than protecting appearances.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-6 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-160 — Governing Principles | REG-20 / RULE-161 — Independent Refereeing | REG-12 / RULE-153 — Refereeing | REG-13 / RULE-165 — Refereeing Independence Related Implementation: REG-6 / RULE-62 — Purpose; RULE-65 — Clearly Missed Sending-Off Offence; RULE-71 — Half-Time Review; RULE-72 — Player Still Participating

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STA / ART-47 — International Calendar — Coordination with the Six Historical Confederations

47.1 WUFO shall maintain a coordinated international football calendar in cooperation with CONMEBOL, Concacaf, UEFA, CAF, AFC and OFC.

47.2 Calendar planning shall consider WUFO competitions, Confederation competitions, domestic football, reasonable travel, player rest, climate and geography, major events and the practical needs of Member Associations.

47.3 WUFO shall seek to reduce unnecessary competition conflicts and unnecessary longdistance travel.

47.4 Each Historical Confederation may propose calendar solutions based on its geography and competition needs and shall coordinate when its competitions affect the worldwide calendar.

47.5 No Historical Confederation shall intentionally use its calendar to make participation in another valid WUFO competition impossible.

47.6 WUFO shall not add international match dates without considering workload. Commercial opportunity alone shall not justify calendar expansion.

47.7 Major permanent changes shall follow the competent WUFO approval process and applicable Regulations.

47.8 Governing principle: The world calendar is coordinated, not imposed blindly.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-7 / RULE-7 — Calendar Coordination with the Six Historical Confederations; RULE-8 — No Blind Central Imposition | REG-13 / RULE-193 — Coordination with REG-7 | REG-12 / RULE-184 — Coordination with REG-7 | REG-10 / RULE-240 — Coordination with REG-7 Related Implementation: REG-7 / RULE-6 — WUFO International Calendar; RULE-9 — Historical Confederation Autonomy; RULE-107 — Worldwide Coordination; RULE-171 — Governing Principles

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STA / ART-48 — Player Health, Rest and Workload Protection

48.1 Player health shall be a basic sporting responsibility of WUFO.

48.2 Players are not unlimited sporting resources.

48.3 Competition planning shall consider the physical and mental effects of:

a. match frequency;

b. travel;

c. recovery time;

d. climate;

e. time-zone changes;

f. season length; and

g. repeated international duty.

48.4 WUFO competitions shall include reasonable rest and recovery standards.

48.5 Detailed minimum rest requirements shall be established through the applicable Regulations after appropriate medical and sporting consultation.

48.6 WUFO shall consider player workload before creating or materially expanding a competition.

48.7 The six Historical Confederations shall apply the same player-health principle when planning their competitions.

48.8 Member Associations shall also consider the total workload of players called to representative teams.

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48.9 Calendar planning should avoid requiring unnecessary extreme travel within a short period where a reasonable alternative exists.

48.10 Medical decisions concerning an injured or unfit player shall not be controlled by commercial pressure.

48.11 A player shall not be required to continue playing only because:

a. the match is commercially important;

b. the player is famous;

c. the competition is in a late stage; or

d. a broadcaster or commercial partner prefers the player to participate.

48.12 Competition organisers shall provide appropriate medical and emergency standards.

48.13 Player health rules shall apply to men and women.

48.14 The needs of women players may also require specific health protections based on medical evidence.

48.15 Youth players may receive stronger protection because of their age and development.

48.16 WUFO may adopt stronger workload protections when medical evidence shows that existing standards are insufficient.

48.17 The governing principle shall be:

Football needs players healthy enough to play football. More matches are not automatically better football.

Maximum Match Altitude

48.18 No official WUFO match shall be played at a venue where the elevation of the playing field exceeds three thousand (3,000) metres above mean sea level.

48.19 The maximum established in Article

48.18 shall apply to every WUFO competition, Category, Division, age group and football branch falling under WUFO competition authority.

48.20 No exception shall be granted because of Host status, geographic importance, historical use, commercial value, competitive importance or the absence of another preferred stadium.

48.21 Where an ordinary home venue exceeds the maximum permitted elevation, the relevant Member Association or competition organiser shall use a compliant alternative venue.

48.22 The applicable Regulations shall establish the method and evidence required to certify playing-field elevation. A venue at or below three thousand (3,000) metres remains subject to all other medical, environmental and Host Certification requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-7 / RULE-58 — Altitude | REG-40 / RULE-130 — Youth Stronger Protection | REG-25 / RULE-128 — Youth Health | REG-6 / RULE-149 — Coordination with REG-7 Related Implementation: REG-7 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-4 — Worldwide Minimum Standard; RULE-54 — Medical Climate Standards; RULE-171 — Governing Principles

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STA / ART-49 — One Discipline — One Technical Laws Structure / Two Sporting Branches

49.1 WUFO recognises separate football disciplines, including:

a. association football;

b. futsal; and

c. beach football.

49.2 Each discipline shall have one common technical Laws structure.

49.3 The same technical Laws shall normally apply to the men’s and women’s game within the same discipline.

49.4 WUFO shall not create separate technical Laws only because one competition is for men and another is for women.

49.5 A specific technical difference may be adopted where there is a genuine sporting, medical, safety or competition-format reason.

49.6 Any such difference shall be clearly identified.

49.7 One common technical Laws structure does not merge the two sporting governance branches.

49.8 Men’s competitions remain under the Men’s Football Branch.

49.9 Women’s competitions remain under the Women’s Football Branch.

49.10 The Men’s Football Branch shall govern men’s competition matters.

49.11 The Women’s Football Branch shall govern women’s competition matters.

49.12 Technical experts working on the Laws of a discipline may be men or women.

49.13 Technical expertise shall be selected according to knowledge and ability.

49.14 No technical committee belonging only to one sporting Branch may unilaterally change common technical Laws for both Branches.

49.15 The process for adopting common technical Laws shall be established by these Statutes and the applicable Regulations.

49.16 The governing principle shall be:

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IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

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Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-93 — Beach Football; RULE-94 — Governance Remains Separate | REG-5 / RULE-4 — Common Laws | REG-7 / RULE-113 — Discipline-Specific Welfare Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-91 — Association Football; RULE-92 — Futsal; RULE-95 — Genuine Technical Difference; RULE-246 — Governing Principles

STA / ART-50 — Futsal Technical and Laws Structure

50.1 Futsal shall be recognised as a separate football discipline within WUFO.

50.2 Futsal shall have one common technical Laws structure.

50.3 WUFO shall maintain a Futsal Technical Laws Committee or equivalent technical body.

50.4 The Futsal Technical Laws Committee shall serve both the men’s and women’s game.

50.5 The Committee shall study:

a. the Futsal Laws;
b. player safety;
c. refereeing;
d. match flow;
e. technical development;
f. competition experience; and
g. proposed Laws experiments.

50.6 The Committee may propose changes to the Futsal Laws.

50.7 The Committee shall not change permanent Laws outside the approval process established by WUFO.

50.8 The technical committee may include qualified men and women.

50.9 Its members should include appropriate knowledge from areas such as:

a. futsal players;
b. futsal coaches;
c. futsal referees;
d. medicine and player safety;
e. technical development; and
f. competition organisation.

50.10 The six Historical Confederations shall have an opportunity to contribute technical knowledge to the Futsal Laws process.

50.11 Men’s futsal competitions shall remain under the Men’s Football Branch.

50.12 Women’s futsal competitions shall remain under the Women’s Football Branch.

50.13 The separation of competition governance shall not require separate men’s and women’s Futsal Laws.

50.14 Experimental futsal rules may be tested before permanent adoption.

50.15 Each trial shall have written rules and an evaluation process.

50.16 Detailed composition and procedures of the Futsal technical structure shall be established by the applicable Regulations.

50.17 The governing principle shall be:

Men and women may have separate competitions. Futsal remains one technical game.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-77 — No Separate Laws Merely Because Competition Is Women’s; RULE-92 — Futsal | REG-5 / RULE-6 — Futsal and Beach Football | REG-6 / RULE-126 — Futsal | REG-7 / RULE-113 — Discipline-Specific Welfare Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-71 — Common Futsal Laws; RULE-93 — Beach Football; RULE-94 — Governance Remains Separate; RULE-96 — Technical Committees

STA / ART-51 — Beach Football Technical and Laws Structure

51.1 Beach football shall be recognised as a separate football discipline within WUFO.

51.2 Beach football shall have one common technical Laws structure.

51.3 WUFO shall maintain a Beach Football Technical Laws Committee or equivalent technical body.

51.4 The Beach Football Technical Laws Committee shall serve both the men’s and women’s game.

51.5 The Committee shall study:

a. the Beach Football Laws;
b. player safety;
c. refereeing;
d. match flow;
e. playing-surface conditions;
f. technical development;
g. competition experience; and

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h. proposed Laws experiments.

51.6 The Committee may propose changes to the Beach Football Laws.

51.7 The Committee shall not change permanent Laws outside the approval process established by WUFO.

51.8 The technical committee may include qualified men and women.

51.9 Its members should include appropriate knowledge from areas such as:

a. beach football players;

b. beach football coaches;

c. beach football referees;

d. medicine and player safety;

e. technical development; and

f. competition organisation.

51.10 The six Historical Confederations shall have an opportunity to contribute technical knowledge to the Beach Football Laws process.

51.11 Men’s beach football competitions shall remain under the Men’s Football Branch.

51.12 Women’s beach football competitions shall remain under the Women’s Football Branch when such competitions are organised.

51.13 The separation of competition governance shall not require separate men’s and women’s Beach Football Laws.

51.14 Experimental beach football rules may be tested before permanent adoption.

51.15 Each trial shall have written rules and an evaluation process.

51.16 Detailed composition and procedures of the Beach Football technical structure shall be established by the applicable Regulations.

51.17 The governing principle shall be:

Men and women may have separate competitions. Beach football remains one technical game.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-81 — Common Beach Football Laws; RULE-93 — Beach Football | REG-5 / RULE-6 — Futsal and Beach Football | REG-6 / RULE-127 — Beach Football | REG-7 / RULE-113 — Discipline-Specific Welfare Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-91 — Association Football; RULE-94 — Governance Remains Separate; RULE-96 — Technical Committees; RULE-246 — Governing Principles

VI. CLUBS, PLAYERS AND THE FOOTBALL MARKET

STA / ART-52 — Club Licensing — Responsibility of Member Associations and Leagues

52.1 Club licensing shall be managed mainly by the competent Member Association, League or domestic football authority.

52.2 WUFO shall not operate one worldwide licensing office for every football club.

52.3 Member Associations and Leagues may create licensing rules for clubs under their authority.

52.4 Licensing rules must be:

a. written;

b. known before they are applied;

c. reasonably clear;

d. applied fairly; and

e. applied equally to clubs in comparable situations.

52.5 A League or Member Association shall not create a new licensing requirement only to block a club that has already earned promotion or qualification on the field.

52.6 A club shall not be excluded, suspended or disaffiliated only because it:

a. asks for promotion it earned on the field;

b. challenges a football decision;

c. files an appeal; or

d. defends a sporting right.

52.7 A club that earns a sporting place shall receive a fair opportunity to meet the necessary licensing requirements.

52.8 Where a problem can reasonably be corrected, the competent football authority should first allow a reasonable solution.

52.9 Such a solution may include:

a. correcting the problem;

b. temporary improvements;

c. use of an approved alternative stadium; or

d. a reasonable transition period.

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52.10 A serious licensing decision that removes a club from a competition, blocks an earned promotion or ends its affiliation shall include written reasons.

52.11 The club shall have access to an independent appeal.

52.12 WUFO may establish additional licensing requirements for clubs entering a WUFO competition.

52.13 WUFO may also act where there is a serious violation of sporting fairness or WUFO rules.

52.14 WUFO shall not become the normal licensing authority for domestic clubs.

52.15 The governing principle shall be:

Clubs are mainly regulated locally. WUFO protects basic sporting fairness.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-13 — Primary Licensing Responsibility; RULE-158 — No New Licensing Condition After Sporting Success Related Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-10 — Written Reasons for Exclusion; RULE-14 — Published Licensing Rules; RULE-166 — Governing Principles

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STA / ART-53 — Club Ownership and Control — Local Responsibility and Minimum WUFO Standards

53.1 Club ownership and control shall be regulated mainly by Member Associations, Leagues and applicable national law.

53.2 WUFO shall not operate the normal ownership approval process for every club in the world.

53.3 A Member Association or League may establish its own ownership rules.

53.4 Those rules may be stricter than the minimum WUFO standards.

53.5 Every club shall clearly identify the person or persons who ultimately own or control it.

53.6 Hidden control shall not be permitted.

53.7 A person shall not use another company, relative, partner or intermediary to hide the real control of a club.

53.8 Clubs shall disclose serious conflicts of interest connected to ownership or control.

53.9 Ownership structures shall not be used to:

a. manipulate matches;

b. hide financial interests;

c. secretly control another club;

d. avoid sporting sanctions; or

e. corrupt player transfers.

53.10 WUFO may require ownership information from a club participating in a WUFO competition.

53.11 WUFO may act directly where hidden ownership or control creates a serious international integrity problem.

53.12 Normal domestic ownership supervision shall remain with the competent Member Association or League.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-36 — Domestic Ownership Responsibility; RULE-37 — Real Controller Must Be Identifiable | REG-11 / RULE-151 — Coordination with REG-8 | REG-9 / RULE-160 — Coordination with REG-8 Related Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-3 — Domestic Primary Jurisdiction; RULE-41 — Ultimate Ownership Disclosure; RULE-160 — No Hidden Ownership

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STA / ART-54 — One Controller — One Club and No Automatic Worldwide Ban

54.1 WUFO supports the sporting independence of football clubs.

54.2 A person or business controlling more than one club may create a conflict of interest.

54.3 WUFO shall not impose an automatic worldwide ban on every form of multi-club ownership or control.

54.4 Member Associations and Leagues may decide whether to:

a. allow multi-club ownership;

b. restrict it; or

c. prohibit it

within their domestic football system.

54.5 Whatever system is used, clubs must remain sporting competitors and not parts of a plan to manipulate results.

54.6 Common ownership or control shall not be used to:

a. arrange match results;

b. manipulate transfers;

c. move players artificially to weaken or strengthen another club;

d. avoid financial rules;

e. share confidential sporting information unfairly; or

f. create another serious conflict of interest.

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54.7 Special rules may apply when two clubs under common ownership or control qualify for the same WUFO competition.

54.8 Those rules shall protect the independence and integrity of the competition.

54.9 WUFO may require reasonable measures to remove or control a serious conflict of interest.

54.10 Detailed measures shall be established in the applicable Regulations.

54.11 The governing principle shall be:

No automatic worldwide ban. No permission to manipulate football.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-46 — No Automatic Worldwide Ban | REG-11 / RULE-151 — Coordination with REG-8 | REG-9 / RULE-69 — Independent Sporting Decisions Related Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-48 — Related Clubs in the Same WUFO Competition; RULE-117 — New Multi-Club Conflict; RULE-159 — No Automatic Multi-Club Ban; RULE-166 — Governing Principles

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STA / ART-55 — Independent Owner Certification

55.1 Member Associations and Leagues shall normally manage owner certification for their clubs.

55.2 WUFO shall not certify every club owner directly.

55.3 The domestic system shall provide a reliable way to identify the real owner or controller of a club.

55.4 Owner information should be verified independently from the person making the declaration.

55.5 The certification process may verify:

a. identity;

b. real ownership or control;

c. major conflicts of interest;

d. relevant legal restrictions; and

e. other information required by the competent domestic rules.

55.6 A false ownership declaration shall be treated seriously.

55.7 Deliberately hiding the true controller of a club may constitute an integrity offence.

55.8 A club entering a WUFO competition may be required to provide proof of its ownership certification.

55.9 WUFO may request additional information where there is a serious international integrity concern.

55.10 Detailed certification procedures shall remain mainly with Member Associations and Leagues.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-59 — WUFO Verification | REG-11 / RULE-151 — Coordination with REG-8 | REG-9 / RULE-160 — Coordination with REG-8 Related Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-3 — Domestic Primary Jurisdiction; RULE-58 — Domestic Certification

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STA / ART-56 — Club Solvency and Season Guarantees

56.1 A club should not begin a season if it has no reasonable ability to complete that season.

56.2 Member Associations and Leagues shall normally enforce club solvency and season guarantee rules.

56.3 WUFO shall not impose one identical financial guarantee amount on every club in the world.

56.4 Domestic rules shall take account of the size and financial reality of the competition.

56.5 Before a season begins, a club may be required to show that it can meet essential season commitments.

56.6 Essential commitments may include:

a. player wages;

b. coaching and essential staff costs;

c. required match operations;

d. required travel for away matches; and

e. other basic competition obligations.

56.7 A Member Association or League may require protection through:

a. reserved funds;

b. a financial guarantee;

c. insurance;

d. an escrow or trust arrangement; or

e. another reliable method.

56.8 The form of protection may differ between football systems.

56.9 The purpose is not to guarantee that a club will make a profit.

56.10 The purpose is to reduce the risk that a club enters a competition and then cannot complete its basic obligations.

56.11 WUFO may establish additional financial requirements for clubs entering a WUFO competition.

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56.12 The governing principle shall be:

A club does not need to be rich. It needs a credible plan to finish the season it starts.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-63 — Season Completion Principle; RULE-72 — Season Completion Guarantee Form | REG-9 / RULE-160 — Coordination with REG-8 Related Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-70 — No Single Mandatory Financial Instrument; RULE-71 — Proportional Guarantee; RULE-73 — Release of Guarantee

STA / ART-57 — Club Identity and Relocation

57.1 A football club is more than the company or person that currently owns or controls it.

57.2 A club may have an identity built through:

a. its name;

b. colours;

c. badge;

d. history;

e. supporters;

f. home community;

g. sporting records; and

h. traditions.

57.3 A temporary owner or controller shall not automatically own the historical identity of the club as a personal asset.

57.4 Club relocation shall be regulated mainly by the competent Member Association and League.

57.5 A major relocation shall require a clear sporting or institutional reason.

57.6 Supporters and the affected football community should have a reasonable opportunity to be heard before a major permanent relocation.

57.7 A club shall not be moved only because another city offers a more profitable market when the move would unnecessarily destroy the club's historic football identity.

57.8 Relocation may still be permitted where there is a genuine reason involving:

a. survival of the club;

b. safety;

c. loss of a viable home ground;

d. legal necessity; or

e. another serious sporting or institutional need.

57.9 Domestic rules may provide stronger protection for club identity.

57.10 WUFO may act where a relocation seriously violates Sporting Merit, club continuity or another WUFO rule.

57.11 The governing principle shall be:

Owners may change. A club's history should not be treated as a disposable product.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-87 — Major Relocation; RULE-166 — Governing Principles | REG-9 / RULE-160 — Coordination with REG-8 Related Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-81 — Club Identity Is More Than the Corporate Vehicle; RULE-147 — Information on Major Identity Change; RULE-162 — Club Identity Survives More Than Ownership

STA / ART-58 — Phoenix Clubs and Institutional Continuity

58.1 The failure of a company shall not automatically require the death of a football identity.

58.2 A Member Association or League may recognise a Phoenix Club where a club must continue through a new legal structure.

58.3 A genuine Phoenix Club may preserve elements of the former club's football identity.

58.4 These may include:

a. name;

b. colours;

c. badge;

d. sporting history;

e. records;

f. trophies;

g. supporter identity; and

h. connection to the local community.

58.5 Phoenix status shall not be used only to escape debts, sanctions or proven misconduct.

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58.6 A new legal company shall not automatically erase the sporting consequences of deliberate wrongdoing by the persons who controlled the former club.

58.7 The competent Member Association or League shall decide whether genuine sporting continuity exists.

58.8 That decision shall consider both:

a. protection of the historic football identity; and

b. protection against abuse.

58.9 WUFO shall not normally decide domestic Phoenix Club cases.

58.10 WUFO may act where a Phoenix structure is used to avoid a WUFO sanction or creates a serious international integrity problem.

58.11 The governing principle shall be:

A football identity may survive financial failure. A new company shall not become a tool to erase deliberate wrongdoing.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-99 — Phoenix Status Is Not Automatic Innocence; RULE-166 — Governing Principles Related Implementation: REG-8 / RULE-93 — WUFO Review Trigger; RULE-98 — Sporting Continuity; RULE-108 — Domestic Sporting Placement; RULE-163 — Phoenix Continuity Is Not Phoenix Immunity

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STA / ART-59 — Agents and Promoters

59.1 Players and clubs may use agents or promoters where permitted by applicable football rules and law.

59.2 Member Associations may regulate agents operating mainly within their domestic football system.

59.3 International agent activity shall also follow the minimum international standards established by WUFO.

59.4 An agent relationship shall be based on a clear agreement.

59.5 Material agent fees and commissions connected to an international transfer shall be disclosed through the required system.

59.6 Hidden commissions shall not be permitted.

59.7 An agent shall disclose a serious conflict of interest.

59.8 An agent shall not secretly represent conflicting interests in the same transaction.

59.9 Stronger protections may apply when the player is a minor.

59.10 No agent or promoter shall own the sporting rights of a player as if the player were property.

59.11 Member Associations may adopt stricter domestic standards.

59.12 WUFO shall focus mainly on:

a. international transactions;

b. minimum transparency;

c. serious conflicts of interest; and

d. international integrity.

59.13 Detailed rules shall be established by the applicable Regulations.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-9 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-149 — Domestic Agent Interface | REG-10 / RULE-169 — No Payment by Interested Member to Player Representative | REG-8 / RULE-151 — Coordination with REG-9 Related Implementation: REG-9 / RULE-3 — Domestic Primary Regulation; RULE-12 — Minimum International Standard; RULE-30 — Club Officer Conflict; RULE-153 — Disclosure of Agents

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STA / ART-60 — International Player Transfer System

60.1 WUFO shall maintain or recognise a common system for international player transfers between Member Associations.

60.2 Domestic transfers shall remain mainly under the rules of the competent Member Association.

60.3 An international transfer shall be properly recorded.

60.4 The international transfer record shall identify the relevant:

a. player;

b. clubs;

c. Member Associations;

d. transfer or contractual basis; and

e. material payments required by the applicable Rules.

60.5 A player shall not be internationally transferred without the player’s valid consent where consent is required.

60.6 International transfer rules shall protect:

a. the player;

b. contractual stability;

c. sporting integrity;

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d. transparent payments; and

e. the proper registration of the player.

60.7 Special protections shall apply to international transfers involving minors.

60.8 A transfer system shall not treat a player as property owned by another person.

60.9 Financial rights connected to a transfer shall exist only where recognised by applicable law and football rules.

60.10 Material international transfer payments shall use identifiable and lawful payment routes.

60.11 Member Associations shall cooperate in verifying international registrations and transfers.

60.12 WUFO may investigate an international transfer where there is evidence of serious fraud, corruption or hidden financial benefit.

60.13 Detailed transfer procedures shall be established by the applicable Regulations.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-9 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-60 — Transparent Transfer Payments | REG-8 / RULE-54 — No Artificial Player Transfers | REG-10 / RULE-28 — International Club Transfer Is Separate Related Implementation: REG-9 / RULE-9 — International Transfer; RULE-39 — Common International Mechanism; RULE-40 — International Transfer Record; RULE-45 — Player Consent Is Required

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STA / ART-61 — Clandestine Transfer Benefits and Deliberate Transfer Corruption

61.1 Secret personal benefits connected to a player transfer are prohibited.

61.2 A person shall not secretly receive money, property, commissions, gifts or another material benefit in exchange for influencing a transfer.

61.3 Deliberately disguised payments are also prohibited.

61.4 Examples may include:

a. secret commissions;

b. kickbacks;

c. false consulting fees;

d. payments through another person or company;

e. hidden side agreements; or

f. another payment designed to hide the real beneficiary.

61.5 A material transfer payment shall be disclosed where required by the applicable Rules.

61.6 A clerical mistake or an accidental reporting error is not automatically deliberate corruption.

61.7 Permanent exclusion shall require proof of deliberate corruption.

61.8 A person proven, through a fair and independent process, to have deliberately participated in serious clandestine transfer corruption may be permanently excluded from WUFO football.

61.9 Permanent exclusion may apply to a person who:

a. demanded a corrupt payment;

b. paid a corrupt payment;

c. knowingly received a corrupt payment;

d. deliberately hid the true beneficiary; or

e. deliberately organised the corrupt scheme.

61.10 Clubs and other organisations involved in deliberate transfer corruption may also face sporting and financial sanctions.

61.11 Every accused person or organisation shall have the right to a fair process.

61.12 WUFO may share evidence with lawful public authorities where required or permitted by law.

61.13 The governing principle shall be:

A football transfer may create lawful income. It shall not create secret personal profit through corruption.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-9 / RULE-85 — Prohibition; RULE-172 — No Permanent Exclusion Without Independent Process | REG-8 / RULE-123 — No Artificial Financial Transfers Related Implementation: REG-9 / RULE-2 — Supremacy of the Statutes; RULE-11 — Clandestine Transfer Benefit; RULE-124 — Permanent Exclusion Is Exceptional; RULE-175 — Governing Principles

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STA / ART-62 — National Teams and Player Eligibility — Legionnaire Players

62.1 Eligibility for WUFO national and territorial representative teams shall be governed by common WUFO rules.

62.2 Member Associations shall not create their own international eligibility rules that conflict with WUFO rules.

62.3 Ordinary Eligibility requires a genuine connection established by: birth in the represented jurisdiction; a biological parent born there; a grandparent born there; or five (5) years of genuine residence there.

62.4 Shared citizenship or nationality with a parent State alone does not create eligibility for a distinct WUFO jurisdiction. The Primary Connection Association has priority under the applicable Rules.

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62.5 WUFO shall maintain the WUFO Legionnaire International Player Program as an additional, limited eligibility route for certain adult players who have not received a genuine senior international opportunity through their Ordinary Eligibility connections.

62.6 A player validly admitted through that Program is a Legionnaire Player.

62.7 The Program exists to give eligible adult players a genuine second opportunity to play representative football.

62.8 It shall not allow Member Associations to buy representative teams.

62.9 Money, salary, gifts or private commercial benefits shall not create representative-team eligibility.

62.10 A Legionnaire Player shall have reached at least twenty-five (25) years of age before using this special route.

62.11 Senior participation, including the five-match consolidated sporting-connection rule, shall be governed by REG-10.

62.12 The Member Association with the player's Primary Connection shall receive formal notice and exclusive priority under the Legionnaire procedure for a maximum of twelve (12) months from valid service. A valid Release - No Objection or express decision not to exercise priority may end that protection earlier. If the Primary Connection Association does not exercise priority within twelve months, its priority expires and the player may complete the Legionnaire route subject to the remaining WUFO requirements.

62.13 Player eligibility shall be based on written rules applied equally to all Member Associations and all WUFO jurisdictions.

62.14 The applicable Regulations shall establish: a. Ordinary Eligibility and genuine connection; b. Primary Connection; c. the priority process; d. Legionnaire registration and status; e. numerical limits and the closed Active Legionnaire Slot Release System; f. changes, retirement, discipline and anti-carousel safeguards; and g. procedures for resolving competing claims.

62.15 No Member Association shall receive a special eligibility rule because it is richer, larger or more commercially important.

62.16 A registered Legionnaire Player is a full member of the representative team and shall have the same ordinary sporting rights, duties and team conditions as other eligible players. Legionnaire status shall not, by itself, justify inferior or privileged treatment. Governing principle: Representative football is not a player market. Eligibility must follow common sporting rules.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-10 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-11 — Primary Connection | REG-20 / RULE-121 — Common Eligibility Rules; RULE-123 — Legionnaire Route and Youth | REG-9 / RULE-1[illegible] — Coordination with REG-10 | REG-12 / RULE-155 — Player Eligibility
Related Implementation: REG-10 / RULE-48 — Twelve Months Is a Maximum Protection Period; RULE-57 — Primary Connection Has Exclusive Legionnaire Priority; RULE-80 — Primary Connection Response; RULE-275 — Governing Principles

STA / ART-63 — Betting Commercial Transition — Ten Years

63.1 WUFO football shall enforce a ten-year transition away from commercial dependence on betting operators.

63.2 The transition period shall begin when these Statutes enter into force.

63.3 The purpose of the transition is to avoid an immediate financial shock while allowing football bodies time to replace betting-related commercial income.

63.4 Existing lawful commercial agreements may continue during the transition, subject to applicable law and WUFO integrity rules.

63.5 New or renewed agreements shall not extend beyond the end of the ten-year transition period.

63.6 During the transition, betting operators shall have no influence over:

a. match decisions;

b. refereeing;

c. disciplinary decisions;

d. player selection;

e. competition formats; or

f. integrity investigations.

63.7 Commercial income shall never reduce the duty to investigate match manipulation or betting corruption.

63.8 Member Associations, Leagues and clubs may adopt a faster transition.

63.9 WUFO shall not require a football body to keep a betting sponsor for the full ten years.

63.10 At the end of the transition period, the commercial restrictions established by the applicable Regulations shall fully apply.

63.11 The transition concerns commercial relationships with football.

63.12 It does not give WUFO authority to regulate lawful private betting activity outside football.

63.13 The governing principle shall be:

Ten years to transition. No permanent dependence on betting money.

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Primary Implementation: REG-11 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-2 — Supremacy of the Statutes | REG-22 / RULE-45 — Separation from Commercial Betting Transition | REG-17 / RULE-104 — Host Local Rights Also Subject to REG-11 | REG-13 / RULE-93 — Restricted Commercial Categories Related Implementation: REG-11 / RULE-30 — Faster Exit Is Permitted; RULE-78 — No Betting Sponsorship After Transition; RULE-136 — Commercial Transition and Integrity Are Separate; RULE-162 — No Permanent Dependence on Betting Money

STA / ART-64 — Cryptoassets and Arms Commercial Transition — Ten Years

64.1 WUFO football shall complete a ten-year commercial transition concerning:

a. cryptoasset-related commercial relationships covered by WUFO rules; and

b. commercial relationships with the arms industry covered by WUFO rules.

64.2 The transition period shall begin when these Statutes enter into force.

64.3 WUFO shall not require the immediate cancellation of every existing lawful agreement.

64.4 Existing agreements may continue during the transition subject to:

a. applicable law;

b. transparency requirements;

c. integrity rules; and

d. the final transition deadline.

64.5 New or renewed agreements shall not extend beyond the end of the ten-year transition period.

64.6 Member Associations, Leagues and clubs may complete the transition earlier.

64.7 The applicable Regulations shall clearly define which cryptoasset activities and armsindustry activities are covered.

64.8 The Regulations shall avoid treating an ordinary technology, banking or payment service as a prohibited cryptoasset relationship only because that service uses digital technology.

64.9 Commercial partners covered by this Article shall have no influence over sporting or institutional decisions.

64.10 The transition shall not protect an agreement that is illegal, corrupt or already prohibited by another WUFO rule.

64.11 WUFO may require public disclosure of covered commercial agreements during the transition.

64.12 At the end of the ten-year period, the permanent commercial restrictions established by the applicable Regulations shall apply.

64.13 The governing principle shall be:

A long transition protects football stability. The final direction remains clear.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-11 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-2 — Supremacy of the Statutes | REG-17 / RULE-102 — REG-11 Controls Restricted Categories Related Implementation: REG-11 / RULE-3 — Three Restricted Commercial Categories; RULE-31 — WUFO Central Begins Without Covered Dependence; RULE-125 — Illegal Agreement Receives No Protection; RULE-171 — Governing Principles

VII. WORLD COMPETITIONS

STA / ART-65 — 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship — Founding Transition and Three Scenarios

65.1 The 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship shall be presented by WUFO as A NEW BEGINNING and treated as a special founding and transition event.

65.2 WUFO shall seek a solution that protects:

a. the sporting value of the WUFO Championship Cup;

b. the interests of participating teams;

c. existing host commitments;

d. supporters;

e. broadcasters and commercial partners; and

f. the long-term stability of world football.

65.3 Three possible scenarios shall exist for the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

Scenario A — WORLD RECONCILIATION

65.4 Scenario A shall be known as WORLD RECONCILIATION.

65.5 Scenario A shall contain:

a. sixty-four (64) teams; and

b. one hundred and twenty-eight (128) matches.

65.6 The sixty-four teams shall be divided into sixteen (16) groups of four (4).

65.7 The first and second placed teams in each group shall advance to the Round of 32.

65.8 Scenario A shall protect the existing one hundred and four (104) match Old World host programme.

65.9 Spain, Morocco and Portugal shall not lose matches in order to create the South American New World programme.

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65.10 The Old World Block shall consist of:

a. seventy-two (72) group-stage matches; and

b. thirty-two (32) knockout matches.

65.11 The Old World Block shall therefore retain:

72 group matches + 32 knockout matches = 104 matches.

65.12 The expansion from forty-eight (48) to sixty-four (64) teams shall create a separate New World Block of twenty-four (24) additional matches.

65.13 Four complete groups shall form the New World Block:

a. Group A;

b. Group E;

c. Group I; and

d. Group M.

65.14 Each of those four groups shall contain six matches.

65.15 The New World Block shall therefore contain:

4 groups × 6 matches = 24 additional matches.

65.16 The New World Block shall be hosted through:

a. Uruguay;

b. Argentina;

c. Paraguay;

d. Chile; and

e. Brazil.

65.17 After the group stage, the first and second placed teams from Groups A, E, I and M shall advance.

65.18 Eight (8) teams shall therefore qualify from the New World Block.

65.19 Those eight teams shall travel to the Old World and join the other twenty-four qualified teams in the Round of 32.

65.20 From the Round of 32 onward, the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship shall continue within the Old World host programme.

65.21 No knockout match shall be removed from the Old World Block to create the New World Block.

65.22 No group-stage match contained within the original one hundred and four match programme shall be transferred to South America.

65.23 The complete structure shall therefore be:

Old World Block — 104 matches. New World Block — 24 additional matches. Total — 128 matches.

65.24 The detailed South American match calendar, stadium rotation and final distribution of the twenty-four matches shall be established in the 2030 Hosting Agreement and Competition Schedule.

65.25 The schedule shall seek balanced use of Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Asunción, Santiago and Rio de Janeiro.

65.26 The final matches of every group shall be played simultaneously.

65.27 South American stadium scheduling shall provide reasonable pitch and operational recovery between uses.

Scenario A — Founding Economic Model

65.28 The 2030 Organiser shall finance and assume the operating risk of the tournament under the Founding Agreement.

65.29 The Organiser shall retain ninety percent (90%) of the final audited net profit.

65.30 WUFO shall receive ten percent (10%) of final audited net profit, reserved entirely for its initial institutional and foundational development and not as ordinary distributable surplus.

65.31 Net profit means revenue actually received from the Championship less reasonable direct tournament operating costs.

65.32 Permanent public infrastructure and long-term capital projects shall not automatically reduce the net profit of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

65.33 Any exceptional treatment of such permanent infrastructure shall be agreed in writing before the relevant expenditure is made.

65.34 Separate accounts shall be maintained for the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

65.35 The final accounts shall be independently audited.

65.36 WUFO shall have access to the financial information reasonably necessary to verify the calculation.

65.37 The final financial settlement shall normally be completed within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the final match of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

65.38 If there is no audited net profit, no profit payment shall be due to WUFO.

65.39 WUFO shall not be responsible for an operating loss of the Organiser.

65.40 The governing principle of Scenario A shall be:

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The New World does not receive a share of the Old World's pre-existing championship programme. The New World expansion consists only of the twenty-four additional matches created by expansion from 48 to 64 teams.

65.41 Scenario B shall preserve the existing forty-eight-team structure of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

65.42 Scenario B shall contain:

a. forty-eight (48) teams; and

b. one hundred and four (104) matches.

65.43 The existing qualification system for the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship shall continue.

65.44 The Confederation allocation of qualification places already established for the fortyeight-team 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship shall continue.

65.45 Existing host commitments shall be preserved.

65.46 Scenario B shall not create the additional twenty-four-match New World Block established under Scenario A.

65.47 Scenario B shall be available where the parties prefer continuity of the existing competition rather than the exceptional sixty-four-team New World expansion.

65.48 The governing principle shall be:

Preserve the existing structure of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship and protect the commitments already made.

Scenario C — Total Rupture / Independent WUFO Championship Cup Contingency

65.49 Scenario C shall exist as a contingency if neither Scenario A nor Scenario B can operate.

65.50 Scenario C shall contain forty-eight (48) teams.

65.51 Scenario C shall use a single-tournament structure of one hundred and four (104) matches.

65.52 The competition may be hosted through:

a. Spain, Morocco and Portugal; or

b. Spain and Portugal if Morocco does not participate in the independent competition.

65.53 Scenario C shall not include a South American host block.

65.54 The participating Member Associations shall be determined only if Scenario C becomes necessary.

65.55 The qualification system and Confederation allocation of places shall also be determined if Scenario C becomes necessary.

65.56 The qualification system shall be based on sporting merit and the actual WUFO membership available to participate.

65.57 Scenario C shall not be the preferred founding solution.

65.58 The governing principle shall be: Scenario C preserves an independent forty-eight-team WUFO Championship Cup if institutional rupture makes a common arrangement for the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship impossible.

65.59 Only one of the three scenarios shall become operative for 2030.

65.60 Any binding 2030 Founding Agreement shall follow the approval rules established by these Statutes.

65.61 Authority to negotiate shall not constitute authority to give final approval.

65.62 References in this Article to the “2030 Existing Global Senior Championship” identify the external/transitional 2030 competition only. They do not alter or replace the legal name of WUFO’s permanent senior championship, the WUFO Championship Cup.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-12 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-209 — Governing Principles | REG-17 / RULE-165 — 2030 Founding Agreement | REG-13 / RULE-24 — Scenario B Allocation Incorporated by Reference Related Implementation: REG-12 / RULE-11 — New World Block; RULE-17 — Scenario C Is Not a Negotiating Threat; RULE-95 — Net Profit Formula; RULE-123 — Continuity of the Existing Tournament Format

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STA / ART-66 — 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship — Final Transitional Edition and Saudi–WUFO Model

66.1 The 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall be treated as the final transitional edition of the pre-existing single-tier global senior championship before the introduction of the permanent WUFO Championship Cup A–G system.

66.2 The 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall contain:

a. forty-eight (48) teams; and

b. one hundred and four (104) matches.

66.3 The existing qualification system shall continue for the 2034 edition.

66.4 The Confederation allocation of qualification places shall follow the forty-eight-team structure used for Scenario B of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

66.5 Categories A to G shall not apply to the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

66.6 The permanent Seven-Category WUFO Championship Cup system shall begin with the 2035–2038 Championship Cycle, subject to lawful activation.

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66.7 WUFO shall use a clear separation between the Host Economy and the Global WUFO Competition Assets.

Host Responsibilities and Host Economy

66.8 The Host shall principally provide or organise:

a. stadiums;

b. local infrastructure;

c. local security;

d. local tournament operation;

e. local transport systems;

f. local medical and emergency services;

g. local competition technology and Video Assistant Referee infrastructure;

h. ceremonies;

i. technical television production of the World Feed; and

j. other territorial responsibilities established in the Host Agreement.

66.9 The Host shall retain the economic rights allocated to the Host Economy and, specifically, one hundred percent (100%) of all ticketing revenue from the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship. WUFO shall receive zero percent (0%) of the gate.

66.10 The Host Economy may include: a. ticketing; b. hospitality; c. Fan Zones; d. concessions; e. food and beverage; f. parking where applicable; g. authorised local sponsorship; h. local tourism promotion; i. local commercial activities; and j. other host rights expressly allocated by agreement.

66.10A WUFO shall receive an institutional allocation of sixty (60) tickets for every match of the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship. This is institutional inventory only and creates no WUFO participation in ticketing revenue.

66.10B Dynamic, surge, demand-based, algorithmic or artificial-scarcity pricing of official 2034 championship tickets is prohibited. Demand shall not rewrite the published official price.

WUFO Responsibilities and Global Rights

66.11 WUFO shall principally assume the central competition and team-related obligations assigned to it.

66.12 These may include:

a. team participation support;

b. competition prize obligations;

c. Club Protection;

d. Club Benefit;

e. anti-doping;

f. central integrity systems;

g. central competition medicine;

h. sporting administration; and

i. other central obligations assigned by the Host Agreement.

66.13 WUFO shall retain the global competition assets assigned to WUFO.

66.14 These shall include, as applicable:

a. worldwide audiovisual rights;

b. WUFO global sponsorship rights;

c. worldwide licensing rights;

d. competition intellectual property;

e. official legacy championship marks, to the extent lawfully assigned or licensed to WUFO;

f. global competition advertising inventory; and

g. other expressly reserved global commercial rights.

66.15 The Host shall technically produce the World Feed under WUFO standards.

66.16 The completed signal shall be delivered to WUFO.

66.17 WUFO shall control the worldwide commercial exploitation of the World Feed.

66.18 The Host shall receive agreed worldwide destination-promotion opportunities through broadcasts of the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

66.19 The Host Agreement may provide a short destination-promotion window during each match broadcast.

66.20 There shall be no second general profit-sharing calculation after the tournament where the rights and revenues have already been allocated between the Host and WUFO.

66.21 The governing principle shall be:

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The Host monetises the Host Economy. WUFO monetises the global competition.

66.22 References in STA / ART-65 and STA / ART-66 to the 2030 and 2034 Existing Global Senior Championships identify external/transitional competitions only. WUFO does not adopt any third-party commercial competition name as the legal name of its own permanent championship competition.

66.23 The permanent WUFO competition established from the first activated 2035–2038 cycle shall be known as the WUFO Championship Cup.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-13 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-218 — Governing Principles | REG-17 / RULE-160 — Host Destination Promotion; RULE-167 — REG-13 Controls the 2034 Economic Allocation Related Implementation: REG-13 / RULE-2 — 2034 Is a Separate Transitional Championship Regime; RULE-3 — Final Transitional Edition of the Existing Global Senior Championship; RULE-30 — Two Economic Spheres; RULE-101 — Host Destination Promotion

STA / ART-67 — WUFO Championship Cup — Permanent Seven-Category Architecture and Four-Year Cycle

67.1 Subject to lawful activation and the conditions established by WUFO law, the permanent WUFO Championship Cup architecture shall consist of Categories A through G.

67.2 The intended first complete permanent cycle is 2035–2038. Adoption of this architecture is prospective and does not constitute an unconditional promise that an edition will proceed if lawful sporting, financial, operational, safety or legal conditions are absent.

67.3 Conditional activation shall not mean discretionary application after activation. Once the applicable conditions exist and the architecture is lawfully activated, the rules attached to it shall apply by their terms.

67.4 Categories A through F shall each contain 32 teams. Category G shall contain every remaining eligible Member and shall be expandable. In a full 241-Member founding field, Category G contains 49 teams.

67.5 Category A crowns the absolute WUFO World Champion. Categories B through G crown Category Champions only.

67.6 The four-year cycle shall be: Year 1 — Categories D and E; Year 2 — Category G; Year 3 — Categories C and B; Year 4 — Categories F and A.

67.7 Paired-year category letters do not determine chronological order. The Host Draw and climate windows may cause E before D, B before C, or A before F.

67.8 Each Category concludes in its own competition window. There shall be no common Seven Finals Week.

67.9 Category A need not be the final event chronologically. The cycle closes only when the last scheduled Championship Cup of the four-year cycle has been completed and certified.

67.10 Sporting promotion and relegation earned during one Championship Cycle takes effect only in the next complete Championship Cycle and never mid-cycle.

67.11 At the end of each cycle WUFO shall publish the Official Championship Category Movement Record.

67.12 In Categories A through F, the eight group fourth-place teams are relegated one Category for the next cycle; in Categories B through F, the eight Round-of-16 winners / quarterfinalists are promoted one Category. Category A has no promotion above it; Category F relegation is to Category G.

67.13 No third-place playoff shall form part of the permanent Championship Cup architecture.

67.14 The original trophy lifted by a Category champion belongs permanently to that winning Member Association. The governing principle is: The Trophy They Lift Is the Trophy They Keep.

67.15 Permanent trophy finish identity shall be: A — Deep Gold; B — Bright Silver; C — Dark Bronze; D — Titanium Blue-Grey; E — Copper Red; F — Pale Brass / Champagne; G — Natural Stainless Steel.

67.16 On representative-team crests, external championship stars may represent only absolute WUFO World Championship titles. Stars forming an integral heraldic or national element inside a crest may remain.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-14 / RULE-1 — Permanent Architecture; RULE-2 — Four-Year Cycle; RULE-4 — Movement A–F; RULE-5 — Permanent Lowest Category

STA / ART-68 — Category G — Permanent Lowest Category, Expansion and Promotion

68.1 Category G is the permanent final and lowest WUFO Championship Cup Category. No Category H shall be created.

68.2 Four-team groups are the ordinary preference. Category G may expand progressively up to sixteen groups, labelled A through P, before any larger structural reconfiguration is considered.

68.3 Sixteen teams shall qualify to the Category G knockout phase: group winners first, followed by the number of best runners-up required to reach sixteen qualifiers.

68.4 For 12 groups: 12 winners + 4 best runners-up; 13 groups: 13 + 3; 14 groups: 14 + 2; 15 groups: 15 + 1; 16 groups: 16 winners.

68.5 In the full founding 49-team reference field, Category G may use 11 groups of four and one publicly drawn group of five. For inter-group comparison of runners-up only, the runnerup in the five-team group shall have the result against that group’s fifth-placed team disregarded.

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68.6 Category G may use more than eight venues and additional certified internal venues; such additional venues do not become permanent Primary Host Positions.

68.7 If future membership growth makes one undivided Category G impracticable, G may be divided into two or more equal parallel sections. No new letter Category shall be created, and total promotion from G to F shall remain exactly eight teams.

68.8 Any future parallel-section configuration shall be determined when required by the competent Branch Council together with the Presidential Body.

68.9 Governing principle: Every eligible Member plays. Every eligible Member can rise.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-14 / RULE-3 — Inaugural 2034 Snapshot; RULE-14 — New Members

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STA / ART-69 — Official Ranking Snapshot, Unified Team Draw and Group Positions

69.1 The final whistle closing a four-year Championship Cycle freezes the ranking used for the next cycle.

69.2 Approximately one week after the entire prior cycle ends, WUFO shall conduct one unified Team Draw covering all seven Categories for the next Championship Cycle.

69.3 The ceremony order shall be D → E → G → C → B → F → A.

69.4 For the inaugural permanent cycle, WUFO shall use the first Official WUFO Ranking Snapshot taken at the final whistle of the applicable last 2034 competition.

69.5 If all 241 Founding Members are active at inaugural classification: positions 1–32 enter A; 33–64 B; 65–96 C; 97–128 D; 129–160 E; 161–192 F; 193–241 G.

69.6 Only the inaugural 2035-2038 Cycle uses the 2034 Official WUFO Ranking Snapshot to determine both Category and Pot.

69.7 From 2039-2042 onward: relegated teams enter Pot 1; continuing teams occupy Pots 2-3, with ranking used only to order them; and promoted teams enter Pot 4. Categories A and G use the adaptations required by their positions in the system under REG-14.

69.8 The drawing order shall be Pot 1 → Pot 4 → Pot 3 → Pot 2.

69.9 Pot 1 seeds occupy group position 1. Every non-seed shall immediately undergo a separate Group-Position Sub-Draw among the remaining positions before the next team is drawn.

69.10 A Host Team may be pre-placed in its Home Group for territorial reasons but retains the Pot assigned under this Article. If it is not a Pot 1 seed, its group position remains subject to the Group-Position Sub-Draw.

69.11 Multiple Host Positions allocated to the same Member do not create multiple Home Groups for that Member's representative team.

69.12 There shall be no Confederation separation and no political, commercial or broadcaster reshuffle of a valid draw.

69.13 A Member admitted after inaugural classification enters Category G. A Member admitted at least 12 months before that cycle's G begins may be inserted through a Supplementary Category G Draw without redoing the original groups; a later admission waits for the next Championship Cycle.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-14 / RULE-6 — Timing and Ceremony Order; RULE-7 — Pots and Extraction; RULE-8 — Host-Team Placement

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STA / ART-70 — Group-Stage and Knockout Hosting Principles

70.1 In Categories A through F, the group stage shall follow One Group — One Stadium: eight groups, eight Primary Host Positions, one primary stadium for each group.

70.2 A Paired Venue may support simultaneous final group matchday requirements without abolishing the One Group — One Stadium principle.

70.3 Each of the eight Primary Host Positions in Categories A through F shall host at least one Round-of-16 match.

70.4 The Round-of-16 cross-pair principle shall be: 1A v 2B at A; 1B v 2A at B; 1C v 2D at C; 1D v 2C at D; 1E v 2F at E; 1F v 2E at F; 1G v 2H at G; 1H v 2G at H.

70.5 Governing supporter/travel principle: Win your group, stay home. Finish second, travel.

70.6 Bracket corridors use the Sister-Host Protocol among Sister Host Venues A-C, B-D, E-G and F-H; each stadium remains one Host Venue.

70.7 From the quarterfinals onward, WUFO may assign venues adaptively to reduce unnecessary team and supporter travel and to protect recovery, transport, time-zone, climate, safety and cost considerations. Commercial or political favoritism is prohibited.

70.8 Opening and Final Host Positions shall be drawn in the Year-10 Category Allocation Draw as territorial positions; exact stadiums are certified later. They are not part of the Unified Team Draw.

70.9 Supporting external Host Positions shall not ordinarily receive the Opening or Final where an internal certified Host Position is reasonably available.

70.10 Category G may use a broader certified venue network under STA / ART-68.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-14 / RULE-9 — One Group — One Stadium; RULE-10 — Round of 16; RULE-11 — Quarterfinals Onward

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STA / ART-71 — Thirty-Five Host Clusters and the Vicenio

71.1 WUFO shall maintain thirty-five (35) permanent Host Clusters for the WUFO Championship Cup.

71.2 A Host Cluster is a sporting, territorial and operational hosting structure. It is not a Historical Confederation and has no effect on sovereignty, political recognition or a Member's Confederation status.

71.3 French legal terminology: Groupement territorial d'accueil; short form: Groupement hôte. Spanish legal terminology: Agrupación Territorial Anfitriona; short form: Agrupación anfitriona.

71.4 A Vicenio is a twenty-year hosting rotation containing five permanent cohorts of seven Host Clusters, for 35 hosting opportunities.

71.5 Subject to activation and certification, each Host Cluster receives one hosting opportunity in each Vicenio.

71.6 The intended First Vicenio is 2035-2054, followed by 2055-2074, 2075-2094 and subsequent twenty-year periods.

71.7 The composition of the five seven-Cluster cohorts is permanent. The cohorts are not reconstructed or redrawn from one Vicenio to the next. Simulated Category results used during design have no legal effect.

71.8 At the end of Year 10 of the current Vicenio, WUFO shall conduct the Year-10 Category Allocation Draw for the next Vicenio. Within each permanent seven-Cluster cohort, that draw redistributes Categories A-G among the same seven Clusters, subject to the protected climate rules; it does not redraw cohort membership.

71.9 The Year-10 Category Allocation Draw shall also determine the Opening and Final Host Positions under STA / ART-75and the applicable Regulations.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-1 — Permanent Host System | REG-7 / RULE-157 — Coordination with REG-15 | REG-13 / RULE-197 — Coordination with REG-15 Related Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-5 — First Vicenio Status

STA / ART-72 — Permanent Host Positions, Rotation and Geographic Protection

72.1 Permanent Primary Host Positions belong to the territorial allocations established for each Host Cluster, not to an individual reference city or stadium.

72.2 Reference cities and stadiums are planning references only and acquire no permanent ownership of a Host Position.

72.3 A protected territorial allocation shall not be transferred permanently merely because another territory has greater population, wealth, stadium size or commercial value.

72.4 Where a Host Position is rotational, the right belongs to the defined eligible pool under STA / ART-73 and REG-15, not to the most recent host.

72.5 Temporary operational substitution does not permanently transfer a territorial allocation or restart an alternating sequence.

72.6 Every actual venue remains subject to certification for the relevant edition.

72.7 Cluster-wide and territory-specific protections in STA / ART-73 shall be applied as written.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-11 — Primary and Supporting Positions | REG-14 / RULE-12 — Opening and Final Host Positions | REG-13 / RULE-191 — Coordination with REG-15 | REG-7 / RULE-157 — Coordination with REG-15 Related Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-4 — Opening and Final Host Positions STA / ART-73 Composition of the Thirty-Five WUFO Championship Cup Host Clusters 73.A North American Cluster Eastern Canada — 2. Eastern and Central United States — 3. Central Mexico — 3. Initial locations: Toronto; Montreal; New York; Atlanta; Houston; Monterrey; Mexico City; Guadalajara. Total: 8. 73.B Andean Cluster Colombia — 2. Ecuador — 2. Peru — 2. Venezuela — 1. Bolivia — 1. Initial locations: Barranquilla; Cali; Guayaquil; Quito; Lima — Estadio Monumental; Lima — Estadio Nacional; Mérida; Sucre. Total: 8. 73.C Brazilian Cluster Brazil — 8. Initial Host Pairs: Fortaleza — Recife; Brasília — Salvador da Bahia; Rio de Janeiro — Belo Horizonte; Porto Alegre — São Paulo. The eight Brazilian Host Positions shall be administered operationally as four Host Pairs. The four Host Pairs shall be distributed in a reasonably balanced manner across Brazil. Within each pair, priority shall be given to practical distance and efficient transport connectivity between the two Host Cities or stadiums. No additional permanent regional quota, population formula, commercial-market requirement or fixed city entitlement shall be inferred. Future certified cities or pair combinations may change without altering Brazil's eight-position allocation. 73.D Pacific–West North America Cluster Alaska — 1. Hawaii — 1. Western United States — 3. Western Canada — 2. North-West Mexico — 1. Initial Host Pairs: Anchorage — Seattle; Honolulu — Los Angeles; Vancouver — Edmonton; San Francisco — La Paz–Los Cabos. Total: 8. Alaska and Hawaii shall remain separate Host Regions. 73.E South Cone Cluster Chile — 2. Argentina — 4. Paraguay — 1. Uruguay — 1. Initial locations: Santiago — Estadio Nacional; Santiago — Estadio Monumental; Córdoba; Buenos Aires; Avellaneda; La Plata; Asunción; Montevideo. Total: 8. Of Argentina's four (4) Host Positions, at least one (1) shall be located outside both the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area and the Province of Buenos Aires. The protected position shall therefore be located in another Argentine Province. No particular city shall possess a permanent entitlement to that position, and previous hosting shall not create a permanent right. 73.F Caribbean Cluster Cuba — 1. Haiti — 1. Bahamas — 1. Jamaica — 1. Dominican Republic — 1. Puerto Rico — 1. Guadeloupe — 1. Martinique — 1. Initial locations: Havana; Port-au-Prince; Nassau; Kingston; Santo Domingo; Bayamón; Basse-Terre; Fort-de- France. Total: 8. Each of the eight territorial Host Positions in the Caribbean Cluster shall remain separate and shall return with the Cluster in each ordinary twenty-year rotation. A Host Position assigned to one Caribbean territory shall not be transferred permanently to another territory because the other territory has a larger stadium, stronger economy, greater population or greater commercial value. If a designated city or stadium cannot be certified, any replacement shall follow the applicable WUFO replacement rules. A temporary replacement shall not change the permanent territorial allocation of the Caribbean Cluster. 73.G Antilles–Guyanas Cluster French Guiana — 1 (FIXED). Suriname — 1 (FIXED). Guyana — 1 (FIXED). Trinidad and Tobago — 1 (FIXED). Barbados — 1 (POSSIBILITY OF ROTATION). Saint Lucia — 1 (POSSIBILITY OF ROTATION). Curaçao — 1 (POSSIBILITY OF ROTATION). Grenada — 1 (POSSIBILITY OF ROTATION). Initial reference locations: Cayenne; Paramaribo; Georgetown; Port of Spain; Bridgetown; Castries; Willemstad; St. George's. The four fixed territorial positions shall remain inamovible. The four positions identified as having a possibility of rotation may, in a future

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Vicenio, be reassigned to an eligible Antilles Member, Caribbean island Member or Bermuda only where the replacement does not already hold another allocated Primary Host Position, has at least one single qualifying metropolitan area exceeding 100,000 resident inhabitants, and satisfies every applicable WUFO Host Certification requirement. Previous hosting shall create no entitlement to a rotational position. Rotation is permitted but is not mandatory in every Vicenio where the current holder remains eligible and certifiable. A temporary operational substitution made because a position cannot be certified for a particular edition shall not by itself transfer the permanent territorial allocation or create a future entitlement. 73.H Central American Cluster Guatemala — 1. Belize — 1. El Salvador — 1. Honduras — 1. Nicaragua — 1. Costa Rica — 1. Panama — 1. South-East Mexico — 1. Initial locations: Guatemala City; Belize City; San Salvador; Tegucigalpa; Managua; San José; Panama City; Cancún. Total: 8. The Mexican position shall remain specifically assigned to South-East Mexico. For this protected Host Position, South-East Mexico means Chiapas, Tabasco, Campeche, Yucatán and Quintana Roo only. Guerrero remains within Central Mexico and is not included. 73.I Britain & Ireland Cluster England — 4. Northern Ireland — 1. Republic of Ireland — 1. Scotland — 1. Wales — 1. Initial locations: London; Newcastle; Manchester; Liverpool; Belfast; Dublin; Glasgow; Cardiff. Total: 8. The four smaller national positions shall not be absorbed by England. 73.J South East Europe–Anatolia–Caucasus Cluster Türkiye — 3. Bulgaria — 1. Greece — 1. Azerbaijan — 1. Armenia — 1. Georgia — 1. Initial locations: Ankara; Istanbul — first certified stadium; Istanbul — second certified stadium; Sofia; Athens; Baku; Yerevan; Tbilisi. Total: 8. 73.K Germany–Poland Cluster Germany — 5. Poland — 3. Initial locations: Cologne; Frankfurt; Stuttgart; Munich; Berlin; Gdańsk; Warsaw; Wrocław. 73.L Central–South Europe Cluster Austria — 2. Switzerland — 2. Italy — 3. Malta — 1. Initial locations: Salzburg; Vienna; Basel; Geneva; Turin; Milan; Rome; Valletta. The Malta position shall not be transferred because another Member has a larger population, more stadiums or greater commercial value. 73.M Balkans Cluster Slovenia; Croatia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Serbia; Montenegro; Kosovo; North Macedonia; Albania — one Host Position each. Initial locations: Ljubljana; Zagreb; Sarajevo; Belgrade; Podgorica; Pristina; Skopje; Tirana. 73.N East Europe Cluster Ukraine — 2. Romania — 2. Hungary — 1. Moldova — 1. Czechia — 1. Slovakia — 1. Initial locations: Lviv; Kyiv; Cluj-Napoca; Bucharest; Budapest; Chișinău; Prague; Bratislava. 73.O Nordic–Baltic Cluster Iceland; Norway; Sweden; Denmark; Finland; Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania — one Host Position each. Initial locations: Reykjavík; Oslo; Stockholm; Copenhagen; Helsinki; Tallinn; Riga; Vilnius. 73.P West Europe Cluster France — 4. Netherlands — 2. Belgium — 1. Luxembourg — 1. Initial locations: Paris; Lille; Lyon; Marseille; Rotterdam; Amsterdam; Brussels; Luxembourg City. 73.Q Iberia Cluster Spain — 5. Portugal — 3. Initial locations: Bilbao; Madrid — Metropolitano; Seville — Ramón Sánchez-Pizjuán; Madrid — Santiago Bernabéu; Barcelona;

73.R Russia-Belarus Cluster Russia - 7. Belarus - 1. Initial Host Pairs: Saint Petersburg - Nizhny Novgorod; Novosibirsk - Vladivostok; Yekaterinburg - Moscow (Lukoil); Moscow (Luzhniki) - Minsk. The Belarus position shall remain protected. Of Russia's seven (7) Host Positions, at least one (1) shall be located in the Ural Federal District, at least one (1) in the Siberian Federal District, and at least one (1) in the Far Eastern Federal District. The remaining four (4) Russian Host Positions may be located elsewhere within the Russian Federation, subject to Host Certification and the Large Host Territory Geographic Balance Principle.

73.S North Africa Cluster Egypt — 2. Libya — 1. Tunisia — 1. Algeria — 2. Morocco — 2. Initial locations: New Capital; Alexandria; Tripoli; Tunis; Algiers — 5 Juillet Stadium; Algiers — Mandela Stadium; Tangier; Rabat. 73.T Central Asia Cluster Kazakhstan — 1. Kyrgyzstan — 1. Tajikistan — 1. Uzbekistan — 1. Turkmenistan — 1. Iran — 2. Afghanistan — 1. Initial locations: Astana; Bishkek; Dushanbe; Tashkent; Ashgabat; Tehran; Mashhad; Kabul. Kazakhstan shall remain a UEFA Member Association. The Cluster shall have hosting effect only and shall not alter any Member Association's Confederation affiliation. If Kabul cannot be certified for a particular edition, Afghanistan may use another certified internal Host Location without losing Afghanistan's protected territorial Host Position. 73.U Middle East Cluster Lebanon; Syria; Palestine; Jordan; Iraq; Kuwait; Israel; Cyprus — one Host Position each. Initial locations: Beirut; Aleppo; Hebron; Amman; Basra; Kuwait City; Haifa; Nicosia. Israel and Cyprus shall remain UEFA Member Associations. Participation in this Cluster shall have no political or sovereignty effect. 73.V Arabian Peninsula Cluster Saudi Arabia — 2. United Arab Emirates — 2. Qatar — 1. Bahrain — 1. Oman — 1. Yemen — 1. Initial locations: Riyadh; Jeddah; Dubai; Abu Dhabi; Doha; Manama; Muscat; Seiyun. 73.W South Asia Cluster India — 2. Pakistan — 1. Sri Lanka — 1. Maldives — 1. Bangladesh — 1. Nepal — 1. Bhutan — 1. Initial locations: Delhi; Kolkata; Islamabad; Colombo; Malé; Dhaka; Kathmandu; Thimphu. WUFO shall seek geographic balance between the two Indian positions. 73.X South East Asia Cluster Thailand; Cambodia; Vietnam; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Brunei; Indonesia — one Host Position each. Initial locations: Bangkok; Phnom Penh; Hanoi; Vientiane; Kuala Lumpur; Yangon; Bandar Seri Begawan; Jakarta. 73.Y Far East Asia Cluster Japan — 3. Republic of Korea — 2. Chinese Taipei — 1. Philippines — 1. Singapore — 1. Initial locations: Tokyo; Saitama; Yokohama; Seoul; Busan; Kaohsiung; Bocaue; Singapore. 73.Z East Asia Cluster China — 4. Mongolia — 1. Democratic People's Republic of Korea — 1. Hong Kong — 1. Macao — 1. Initial locations: Beijing; Dalian; Hangzhou; Shanghai; Ulaanbaatar; Pyongyang; Hong Kong; Macao. Of China's four (4) Host Positions, one (1) shall be the mandatory protected western-region position. That protected position shall rotate by Vicenio in the fixed sequence: Qinghai Province → Tibet Autonomous Region → Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region → repeat. Nyingchi shall be the WUFO Reference Host Location for the Tibet rotation. Reference status is not automatic certification. Any Nyingchi venue must comply with the universal 3,000-metre maximum playing-field altitude and every ordinary WUFO stadium, transport, accommodation, medical, security, broadcast and operational requirement. The other three Chinese Host Positions may be located elsewhere in China subject to Host Certification and geographic balance. Hong Kong and Macao shall retain separate sporting Host Positions subject to STA / ART-2. 73.AA Austral Cluster Australia — 4. New Zealand — 2. Papua New Guinea — 1. Timor-Leste — 1. Initial locations: Brisbane; Perth; Sydney; Melbourne — Marvel Stadium; Wellington; Auckland; Port Moresby; Dili. At least two of Australia's four Host Positions shall be located outside:

a. Victoria;

b. New South Wales; and

c. the Australian Capital Territory.

Those two positions shall be located in two different Australian States or Territories.

73.AB Oceania Cluster

The Oceania Cluster shall contain eight Host Positions.

The initial hosts shall be:

Guam — Hagåtña; Solomon Islands — Honiara; Vanuatu — Port Vila; New Caledonia — Nouméa; Fiji — Suva; Tonga — Teufaiva; Samoa — Apia; Tahiti — Pirae.

The Host Positions may rotate in later twenty-year cycles.

The eight Primary Host Positions belong to the Oceania Cluster and may rotate among eligible OFC Members in later Vicenios. No initial island or reference host owns a permanent Primary Host Position. Eligible future applicants may include Federated States of Micronesia; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Nauru; Palau; Tuvalu; Northern Mariana Islands; Cook Islands; American Samoa; Wallis and Futuna; Niue; and other eligible OFC Members. To exercise a rotating Primary Host Position, a Member must have one single qualifying metropolitan area with at least 100,000 resident inhabitants, measured by a recent official census or estimate accepted by

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WUFO, and must satisfy all other Host Certification requirements. Separate towns, islands or settlements shall not be aggregated to reach the population threshold. Previous hosting creates no permanent exclusive right. Failure to qualify or obtain certification in one Vicenio does not permanently exclude a Member from future eligibility.

73.AC Far West Africa Cluster

Senegal; Cape Verde; Mauritania; Gambia; Guinea-Bissau; Guinea; Sierra Leone; Liberia — one position each.

Initial locations:

Dakar; Praia; Nouakchott; Banjul; Bissau; Conakry; Freetown; Monrovia.

73.AD West Africa Cluster

Nigeria — 2.

Mali; Burkina Faso; Côte d’Ivoire; Ghana; Togo; Benin — one each.

Initial locations:

Lagos; Abuja; Bamako; Ouagadougou; Abidjan; Kumasi; Lomé; Cotonou.

73.AE Central West Africa Cluster

Niger; Chad; São Tomé and Príncipe; Gabon; Equatorial Guinea; Central African Republic; Congo; Cameroon — one each.

Initial locations:

Niamey; N'Djamena; São Tomé; Libreville; Bata; Bangui; Brazzaville; Yaoundé.

73.AF Central Africa Cluster

The following five Host Positions shall remain fixed:

Uganda — 1. Burundi — 1. Rwanda — 1. Tanzania — 1. Zanzibar — 1.

Three Host Positions shall be shared between Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

One appearance:

Angola 2 — Democratic Republic of the Congo 1.

Next appearance:

Democratic Republic of the Congo 2 — Angola 1.

The 2–1 / 1–2 sequence shall repeat permanently.

Initial locations:

Benguela; Luanda; Kinshasa; Kampala; Bujumbura; Kigali; Dar es Salaam; Zanzibar.

The Zanzibar position shall remain separate from Tanzania.

A temporary operational substitution shall not interrupt or restart the Angola–Democratic Republic of the Congo alternating sequence.

73.AG Southern Africa Cluster

South Africa — 2.

Namibia; Botswana; Zambia; Zimbabwe; Lesotho; Eswatini — one each.

Initial locations:

Cape Town; Johannesburg; Windhoek; Gaborone; Lusaka; Harare; Maseru; Mbabane.

73.AH South East Africa Cluster

Malawi; Mozambique; Mauritius; Réunion; Mayotte; Comoros; Seychelles; Madagascar — one each.

Initial locations:

Lilongwe; Maputo; Port Louis; Saint-Pierre; Mamoudzou; Moroni; Victoria; Antananarivo.

Réunion and Mayotte shall hold separate sporting Host Positions subject to STA / ART-2.

73.AI East Africa Cluster

The following five positions shall remain fixed:

Somalia — 1. Djibouti — 1. Sudan — 1.

South Sudan — 1. Eritrea — 1.

Three positions shall be shared between Ethiopia and Kenya.

One appearance:

Ethiopia 2 — Kenya 1.

Next appearance:

Kenya 2 — Ethiopia 1.

The sequence shall repeat permanently.

Initial locations:

Mogadishu; Nairobi; Addis Ababa; Harari; Djibouti City; Khartoum; Juba; Asmara.

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A temporary replacement shall not interrupt or restart the alternating sequence.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-7 / RULE-157 — Coordination with REG-15

STA / ART-74 — Host Certification, Final Readiness and Emergency Relocation

74.1 All 35 Host Clusters are equally eligible for Categories A through G, subject to the Host Draw, climate/calendar compatibility and later certification. Present-day infrastructure shall not exclude a Cluster from the draw.

74.2 Assignment begins a development and certification process; it is not a promise that unsafe or uncertifiable infrastructure will be accepted.

74.3 Around T−4 years, WUFO shall conduct a corrective development review. This review is intended to identify and solve deficiencies and is not the ordinary final cancellation point.

74.4 At T−2, meaning 24 months before opening, WUFO shall conduct the decisive Final Host System Review. The Host must demonstrate a safe and certifiable host system.

74.5 Internal substitution, modular or temporary infrastructure and Supporting Host Positions may form part of the solution, but a Supporting Host Position should complement rather than erase a substantial internal Host backbone.

74.6 If no safe and certifiable solution exists at T−2, the Council of the affected Branch shall decide the remedy, including replacement, redistribution, reorganisation or support. There shall be no automatic lottery or automatic nearest-host rule.

74.7 Failure for one edition causes loss or reorganisation of that edition only and does not permanently remove the Host Cluster or its future Vicenio entitlement.

74.8 A Supporting Cluster that assists another event shall not be penalised and retains its own future draw and Vicenio rights.

74.9 At any time after assignment, war, armed conflict, epidemic or pandemic, serious social unrest, major natural disaster, grave regional security deterioration, large transport disruption, border closure, public-health emergency, binding government restriction or a comparable circumstance may justify relocation of affected Host Positions or the entire Championship.

74.10 WUFO is not required to preserve isolated apparently safe Host Positions where fragmentation, travel, safety or competition-integrity risks make the overall event impracticable.

74.11 The competent Branch Council may retain the event with adjustments, relocate affected positions, redistribute positions, or relocate the whole Category event. Such action is editionspecific and creates no permanent punishment.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-8 — T−4 Development Review and T−2 Final Host System Review; RULE-9 — Regional / Cluster-Wide Emergency Related Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-10 — Quality Before Size; RULE-11 — Primary and Supporting Positions

STA / ART-75 — Climate Windows and the Year-10 Category Allocation Draw

75.1 WUFO shall use three global calendar classifications for Championship hosting: EARLY — 1 January to 30 April; MID — 1 May to 31 August; LATE — 1 September to 31 December.

75.2 These are worldwide calendar classifications and are not literal claims about local seasons.

75.3 A justified cross-window schedule may cross an adjacent boundary with joint approval of the competent Branch Council and Presidential Body. It shall be edition-specific, shall not change the Cluster's permanent preferred window and shall not circumvent the Year 2 / Category G protection.

75.4 Category G in Year 2 shall never be assigned a MID window. Years 1, 3 and 4 shall each contain exactly one MID Championship. Each seven-Cluster cohort shall contain three MID, two EARLY and two LATE Clusters.

75.5 Commercial, broadcaster or sponsor preference alone is insufficient to change a climate window.

75.6 A permanent climate-architecture change requires independent technical evidence and the protected four-fifths Joint Congress majority. Once a Vicenio has been drawn, permanent changes should ordinarily take effect only in the next Vicenio.

75.7 Each permanent seven-Cluster cohort shall be drawn from one pot for Category allocation. Every Cluster is eligible for A through G, subject only to the fixed climate/calendar compatibility rules. Cohort membership itself is not redrawn.

75.8 The Category-slot order shall be D -> E -> G -> C -> B -> F -> A.

75.9 Each Cluster is extracted once and assigned to the earliest compatible open Category slot. An incompatible Cluster advances to the next compatible open slot; skipped slots remain open.

75.10 Two Championships in the same year shall not share the same preferred window.

75.11 The Opening Host Position and Final Host Position shall also be publicly drawn as territorial positions during the Year-10 Category Allocation Draw; exact stadiums are certified later. These positions are separate from the Unified Team Draw.

75.12 WUFO shall publish an Official Year-10 Category Allocation Draw Record showing extraction order, compatibility, Category assignment, window and Opening/Final Host Positions.

75.13 Governing principle: Permanent cohorts. One pot per cohort. One ball per Cluster. Fixed Category order. Climate before commerce. Every Cluster eligible A-G. Only Category assignments rotate among the same seven Clusters in each cohort.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

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Primary Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-2 — One Vicennial Host Draw; RULE-3 — Climate Windows Related Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-4 — Opening and Final Host Positions; RULE-6 — Procedure-Based Probabilities

STA / ART-76 — Permanent, Modular and Temporary Championship Infrastructure

76.1 WUFO shall prioritise safety, quality and practical long-term use and shall avoid unnecessary white elephants.

76.2 The ordinary Tournament Capacity reference is approximately 15,000 seats, normally with at least about 8,000 permanent seats and up to about 7,000 certified modular or temporary seats.

76.3 The baseline technical objective is approximately equivalent to a CAF Category 3 standard together with WUFO competition requirements.

76.4 A Category A Final may be fully compliant in a first-class stadium of approximately 15,000 capacity. WUFO shall not automatically require 40,000, 60,000 or 80,000 seats for Category A or B.

76.5 A larger existing stadium may be used where appropriate, but demand does not create an obligation to build one.

76.6 Existing, renovated, modular and temporary solutions shall be preferred where they provide safe and sensible value. Temporary infrastructure is legitimate infrastructure.

76.7 Temporary accommodation, medical, transport, media, hospitality and supporter facilities may supplement permanent capacity where certified.

76.8 Safety, player welfare, medical, accessibility, security, transport, broadcast and playingsurface standards remain mandatory.

76.9 Category G must pass a viability test showing that hosting makes sense without extraordinary overinvestment or rescue funding.

76.10 No Host is required to assume unsustainable debt merely to increase prestige or capacity.

76.11 Governing principle: Build what football needs, not what prestige demands. Quality before size. No white elephants.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-10 — Quality Before Size Related Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-11 — Primary and Supporting Positions

STA / ART-77 — Host Acceptance of the Draw and Equal Dignity of Championship Categories

77.1 Every Host Cluster enters the Vicennial Host Draw eligible for Categories A through G subject to climate/calendar compatibility.

77.2 A Host Cluster may not demand, condition participation upon, reject or privately exchange a Category because another Category offers greater prestige, audience, revenue or commercial value.

77.3 All seven Categories possess equal institutional and sporting dignity. Equal dignity does not require identical operational scale, spending, capacity or media demand.

77.4 Once the draw is valid, the Host shall proceed in good faith.

77.5 Genuine failure, safety events or emergencies under STA / ART-74 are not voluntary refusal.

77.6 An unjustified voluntary refusal may cause loss of that edition but shall not permanently remove the Cluster or its future Vicenio rights.

77.7 Category assignments may not be sold, traded or informally transferred.

77.8 Governing principle: The Host accepts the draw.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-15 / RULE-7 — The Host Accepts the Draw

STA / ART-78 — Independent Category Windows and Championship Cycle Closure

78.1 The former Seven Finals Week architecture is abolished.

78.2 Each WUFO Championship Cup Category shall conclude within its own assigned competition window.

78.3 In a paired year, either Category may be played first according to climate, Host Draw and calendar needs; the letter does not create chronological priority.

78.4 Category A crowns the absolute WUFO World Champion but does not automatically close the four-year Championship Cycle.

78.5 The Championship Cycle closes only when the last scheduled Category event in that cycle is completed and officially certified.

78.6 Sporting movement from the completed cycle applies only to the next complete cycle.

78.7 No Category Final shall be treated as an exhibition event merely because another Category determines the absolute World Champion.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-14 / RULE-13 — Champions and Trophy

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STA / ART-79 — Universal WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Price Pyramid

79.1 WUFO shall maintain a permanent protected WUFO Championship Cup ticket price structure.

79.2 Base prices shall be expressed in United States dollars at 2022 real value.

79.3 Four ticket classes shall exist:

a. Class 1 — Premium;

b. Class 2 — Intermediate;

c. Class 3 — Economic International; and

d. Class 4 — Protected Local.

79.4 The protected base schedule shall be:

Category / Round	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
A — Group Stage	$200	$150	$70	$10
A — Round of 16	$350	$250	$120	$15
A — Quarterfinal	$550	$400	$200	$20
A — Semifinal	$850	$600	$350	$30
A — Final	$1,500	$950	$550	$50
B — Group Stage	$150	$100	$50	$8
B — Round of 16	$220	$150	$80	$12
B — Quarterfinal	$320	$220	$120	$16
B — Semifinal	$450	$300	$160	$20
B — Final	$600	$400	$200	$25
C — Group Stage	$100	$75	$35	$6
C — Round of 16	$140	$100	$50	$8
C — Quarterfinal	$200	$140	$70	$10
C — Semifinal	$280	$180	$95	$12
C — Final	$400	$250	$120	$15
D — Group Stage	$75	$50	$25	$5
D — Round of 16	$100	$70	$35	$6
D — Quarterfinal	$130	$90	$45	$7
D — Semifinal	$180	$120	$60	$8
D — Final	$250	$150	$80	$10
E — Group Stage	$50	$35	$15	$3
E — Round of 16	$65	$45	$22	$3.50
E — Quarterfinal	$85	$55	$30	$4
E — Semifinal	$110	$75	$40	$4.50
E — Final	$150	$90	$50	$5
F — Group Stage	$30	$20	$10	$2
F — Round of 16	$40	$25	$13	$2.20
F — Quarterfinal	$50	$32	$17	$2.50
F — Semifinal	$65	$42	$22	$2.70
F — Final	$90	$50	$30	$3
G — Group Stage	$20	$12	$5	$1
G — Round of 16	$25	$16	$7	$1.20
G — Quarterfinal	$30	$20	$9	$1.50
G — Semifinal	$38	$25	$12	$1.70
G — Final	$50	$30	$15	$2

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79.5 Protected Local tickets shall provide genuine access to the host community.

79.6 WUFO may establish reasonable proof-of-residence rules.

79.7 The detailed ticket allocation and sales procedures shall be established by Regulation.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-10 — Protected Local Ticket; RULE-24 — Protected Base Value | REG-13 / RULE-128 — Applicable Ticket Rules Related Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-8 — Protected Price; RULE-9 — Ticket Class; RULE-19 — WUFO Championship Cup Categories

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STA / ART-80 — Perpetual Inflation-Only WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Protection

80.1 The real economic value of the protected WUFO Championship Cup prices shall remain permanent.

80.2 Nominal prices may change only through the approved inflation adjustment.

80.3 Prices shall not increase because:

a. demand is high;

b. a famous team qualifies;

c. two traditional rivals meet;

d. few tickets remain; or

e. the market appears willing to pay more.

80.4 Dynamic, surge, demand-based, algorithmic and artificial-scarcity pricing are prohibited for all official WUFO Championship Cup tickets.

80.5 The applicable Regulation shall establish the WUFO Global Ticket Price Index and a transparent mathematical method based on an independently published international measure of world consumer-price inflation.

80.5A The founding real-value reference year for the protected WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Price Pyramid shall be 2022.

80.6 WUFO shall publish every inflation adjustment.

80.7 The same method shall apply consistently across all Categories.

80.8 The governing principle shall be:

The number may change with inflation. The real price shall remain protected.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-8 — Protected Price; RULE-50 — Nominal Adjustment Only for Inflation | REG-13 / RULE-129 — No Dynamic Pricing Outside the Protected Framework Related Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-49 — Real Price Protection; RULE-55 — Adjustment Record; RULE-58 — No Ordinary Dynamic Pricing; RULE-221 — Protected Prices Are Real-Value Protections

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STA / ART-81 — Official Ticket Return, Supporter Bundles and Capacity-Constrained Hosts

81.1 No supporter may obtain private resale profit from an ordinary WUFO Championship Cup ticket. Official nominative return, authorised transfer and reallocation shall be the permitted mechanisms.

81.2 Returned inventory shall return to the official system and be offered at the protected official price applicable to that ticket.

81.3 WUFO may use identity and anti-bot controls subject to applicable privacy law.
81.3A Ordinary purchases are limited to ten (10) tickets per match under one registered purchaser name; multiple transactions, accounts or sales windows do not increase that maximum.

81.4 The Country Supporter Bundle is the ordinary group-stage supporter product covering the three group matches of one representative team.

81.5 The bundle protects supporter continuity over visit[illegible]er and may be allocated under competition-specific supporter and local-access rules.

81.6 A capacity-constrained host territory may, where permitted by local law, establish a sustainable visitor ceiling and may require evidence such as a valid match bundle or ticket, accommodation, event permit and onward travel.

81.7 Immigration, border admission and entry permission remain solely within the lawful authority of the competent government. WUFO shall not assume governmental immigration power.

81.8 Reasonable exceptions may apply to citizens, residents, workers, family, teams, media and accredited service providers. Restrictions shall not be arbitrarily discriminatory.

81.9 The Host retains its ordinary ticketing upside and bears ordinary unsold-inventory risk, including inventory left unsold because the Host responsibly chooses a visitor ceiling below theoretical maximum demand.

81.10 WUFO shall not compensate empty seats merely because a Host responsibly limits visitors, and no Host is required to exceed sustainable visitor capacity in order to maximise ticket sales.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-236 — Governing Principles | REG-13 / RULE-131 — Zero Resale Profit Related Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-13 — Official Return System; RULE-151 — Applicable Privacy Law; RULE-215 — Lower Operational Instruments

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STA / ART-82 — Host Local Economic Freedom during the WUFO Championship Cup

82.1 Subject to the Host Agreement and WUFO global rights, the Host may benefit from lawful local sponsorship, tourism promotion, cultural programmes, festivals, food and beverage, concessions, Fan Zones, local commerce and allocated hospitality rights.

82.2 Local sponsor revenue allocated to the Host or Local Organising Committee remains with the Host side unless it voluntarily agrees otherwise.

82.3 Existing lawful stadium naming rights shall be respected subject to safety, law and clearly defined competition inventory.

82.4 In the permanent Championship Cup, the Host retains 100% of ticketing revenue and WUFO receives 0% of gate revenue.
82.4A From 2038 onward, WUFO receives sixty (60) institutional tickets at every match. They are inventory only and create no revenue share.
82.5 Governing principle: WUFO controls global competition rights; the Host benefits from hosting.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-81 — Authorised Local Rights | REG-13 / RULE-137 — Local Food and Commerce | REG-11 / RULE-34 — Existing Local Rights Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-82 — Local Sponsorship Revenue Remains Local; RULE-171 — Host Local Economic Freedom Continues; RULE-223 — Existing Stadium Naming Rights Remain Protected; RULE-238 — Governing

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STA / ART-83 — Host Technical Production, WUFO World Feed and Universal Free Access

83.1 The Host shall provide or arrange technical production of WUFO Championship Cup matches to WUFO standards and deliver the completed signal to WUFO.

83.2 WUFO controls the worldwide World Feed and global audiovisual exploitation of the WUFO Championship Cup.

83.3 Host destination-promotion opportunities may be allocated in the international broadcast under the Host Agreement.

83.4 Universal Free Access is mandatory under STA / ART-110 and REG-17. The Host production obligation shall support, and shall not dilute, that system.

83.5 The detailed universal-access system, including the minimum public-reach standard and protected free package, is governed by STA / ART-110 and REG-17 and is not duplicated in this Article.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-25 — Host Produces the Signal; RULE-238 — Governing Principles | REG-13 / RULE-171 — Universal Free Access; RULE-199 — Coordination with REG-17 | REG-11 / RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-17 Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-8 — World Feed; RULE-160 — Host Destination Promotion; RULE-215 — Lower Instruments Cannot Remove Universal Free Access; RULE-225 — WUFO Championship Cup Universal Free Access Remains Permanent

STA / ART-84 — Local Organising Committees — Host and WUFO Responsibilities

84.1 Each WUFO Championship Cup Host Cluster shall operate through one or more approved Local Organising Committees or equivalent Host structures.

84.2 The Host side is principally responsible for stadium availability, local workforce, local transport, local security coordination, permits, accommodation capacity, local medical capacity, supporter services and local event operation.

84.3 WUFO is principally responsible for competition rules and format, team registration, refereeing governance, central integrity and discipline, official draws, global competition branding and worldwide audiovisual rights.

84.4 The Host Agreement shall clearly divide responsibilities and costs. Neither side may shift an agreed responsibility after the fact merely to move an unexpected cost unfairly to the other.

84.5 Where a responsibility is shared, the Host Agreement shall identify the allocation and accounting treatment before material expenditure is incurred.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-13 / RULE-123 — LOC Required; RULE-125 — LOC Authority | REG-17 / RULE-10 — Local Inventory; RULE-204 — Coordination with REG-15 | REG-11 / RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-17 Related Implementation: REG-13 / RULE-13 — Local Organising Committee; RULE-126 — LOC Has No WUFO Sporting Sovereignty | REG-17 / RULE-238 — Governing Principles

STA / ART-85 — Championship Global and Local Commercial Inventory

85.1 WUFO Championship Cup commercial inventory shall be separated into global WUFO rights and local Host rights.

85.2 WUFO global inventory may include worldwide competition sponsorship, field-of-play advertising, global broadcast inventory, worldwide licensing, WUFO competition marks and other expressly reserved global rights.

85.3 Host local inventory may include authorised local sponsors, tourism and cultural partners, Fan Zones, local commerce and other rights allocated by the Host Agreement.

85.4 Neither WUFO nor the Host shall sell a right belonging to the other. Any overlap shall be defined before commercial sales begin.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-86 — WUFO Global Inventory; RULE-87 — Host Local Inventory | REG-13 / RULE-85 — Global Advertising Inventory; RULE-87 — Inventory Must Be Defined Before Sale | REG-11 / RULE-146 — Global and Local Inventory; RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-17 Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-9 — Global Inventory; RULE-85 — Two Principal Inventories; RULE-88 — Neither Side Sells the Other's Right; RULE-216 — WUFO Championship Cup Global Rights Remain Global

STA / ART-86 — Founding Financial Feasibility and Seventeen-Line Expenditure Architecture

86.1 WUFO shall use a complete, transparent expenditure architecture rather than an undefined residual pool.

86.2 The Founding Financial Feasibility Benchmark uses approximately US$5.750 billion as a reference central cycle revenue scale. It is not guaranteed WUFO revenue and shall not be described as the net profit of the incumbent international football governing body or as WUFO net distributable revenue.

86.3 The Founding Reference Expenditure Budget is US$5,360.65M. The following seventeen lines are Founding Reference Amounts and Percentages of total reference expenditures and are planning benchmarks rather than permanent nominal locks:

a. WUFO Development Program — US$1,920M — 35.82% of reference expenditures.

b. National Football Development Partnerships — US$1,250M — 23.32% of reference expenditures.

c. Confederation Development Fund — US$300M — 5.60% of reference expenditures.

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d. World League — Logistics — US$785.45M — 14.65% of reference expenditures.

e. World League — Referees and Officials — US$30M — 0.56% of reference expenditures.

f. Club Benefit Programme — US$91.38M — 1.70% of reference expenditures.

g. WUFO Championship Cup A–G — Logistics — US$348.81M — 6.51% of reference expenditures.

h. WUFO Championship Cup — Category A Prize Money — US$53M — 0.99% of reference expenditures.

i. WUFO Central Administration — US$90M — 1.68% of reference expenditures.

j. Development Fiduciary / Independent External Audit — US$20M — 0.37% of reference expenditures.

k. Free Streaming Backstop — US$10M — 0.19% of reference expenditures.

l. Club Protection Programme — US$170M — 3.17% of reference expenditures.

m. Anti-Doping — US$20M — 0.37% of reference expenditures.

n. Central Sports Medicine — US$10M — 0.19% of reference expenditures.

o. Integrity / Match-Fixing / Investigations — US$10M — 0.19% of reference expenditures.

p. Champion of Champions — US$2M — 0.04% of reference expenditures.

q. General / Contingency Reserve — US$250M — 4.66% of reference expenditures.

86.4 The controlling Founding Reference Expenditure Budget is US$5,360.65M and one hundred percent (100%). The displayed line amounts sum to US$5,360.64M and the displayed percentages sum to 100.01% solely because the adopted line figures are presented in rounded form. The US$0.01M reconciliation difference and 0.01 percentage-point display difference are rounding effects only and create no eighteenth expenditure line, entitlement, reserve or unallocated pool.

86.5 The difference between reference central revenue and reference expenditures is a reference cycle result only. It is not an eighteenth expenditure line and its lawful treatment shall be determined through the approved budget, reserve and audit system.

86.6 Amounts and percentages in this Article demonstrate founding feasibility and seriousness. Actual budgets may vary prospectively through lawful approval, while substantive protections established elsewhere in these Statutes remain applicable.

86.7 Every complete official WUFO budget presentation shall identify all seventeen expenditure lines and show the percentage applicable to each line; where approved amounts are available, both amount and percentage shall be shown.

86.8 The Financial Schedule incorporated through REG-24 shall show, for each line, reference amount, reference percentage, approved actual budget, actual spending, variance, carry-forward where applicable and audit status.

86.9 No cost shall be double counted. A cost already charged to one approved line shall not also be charged to another line unless the accounting treatment transparently identifies a legitimate allocation or transfer.

86.10 The Confederation Development Fund applies to the six Historical Confederations. Its founding reference principle is equal one-sixth allocation among the six, without prejudice to separately funded and prospectively activated Progressive Confederational Integration Support.

86.11 Progressive Confederational Integration Support is a protected commitment of progressive realisation as WUFO capacity grows. It creates no arrears, no retroactive debt and no automatic accrued entitlement before a specific support level is funded and activated.

86.12 Governing principle: reference central revenue → seventeen identifiable WUFO expenditure lines → audited cycle result. WUFO is not designed around an undefined fortypercent residual.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-24 / RULE-1 — Reference Scale, Not Guaranteed Revenue; RULE-2 — Founding Reference Expenditure Schedule | REG-25 / RULE-306 — Coordination with REG-24 | REG-13 / RULE-202 — Coordination with REG-24 Related Implementation: REG-24 / RULE-3 — No Undefined Residual Pool; RULE-15 — Line 9 — WUFO Central Administration; RULE-22 — Line 16 — Champion of Champions; RULE-25 — Cycle Result and Carry-Forward

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STA / ART-87 — National Football Development Programme

87.1 WUFO shall maintain a National Football Development Programme (NFDP).

87.2 There shall be no arbitrary fixed limit restricting the programme to a set number of Member Associations.

87.3 All eligible Members may access the programme under the applicable Rules.

87.4 Development support may include:

a. grassroots football;

b. youth football;

c. women’s football;

d. coaching;

e. refereeing;

f. playing fields;

g. training infrastructure; and

h. community football.

87.5 NFDP money shall be used only for approved football purposes.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

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Primary Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-11 — National Football Development Programme Related Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-25 — NFDP Is Additional Development Capacity; RULE-36 — No Arbitrary Fixed Member Limit; RULE-37 — All Eligible Members May Access NFDP; RULE-53 — National Development Plan

STA / ART-88 — U6 Development Cohort

88.1 WUFO shall encourage organised football development beginning before the age of six.

88.2 The U6 Development Cohort shall focus on:

a. play;

b. movement;

c. coordination;

d. enjoyment;

e. safe introduction to the ball; and

f. long-term participation.

88.3 U6 football shall not copy adult professional competition.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-104 — U6 Development Policy; RULE-106 — U6 Is Development, Not Professional Competition Related Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-16 — U6 Development Cohort; RULE-88 — Grassroots Development; RULE-126 — Age-Appropriate Competition; RULE-313 — Lower Instruments Cannot Convert U6 into Adult Professional Football

STA / ART-89 — Accelerated Development Pathway for Older Players

89.1 WUFO development shall not be limited to children who enter through the U6 system.

89.2 Member Associations may create accelerated programmes for older children, adolescents and young players who lacked early access to organised football.

89.3 Such programmes may include:

a. intensive coaching;

b. additional competition;

c. technical development;

d. physical preparation;

e. scouting; and

f. educational support.

WORLD LEAGUE

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-17 — Accelerated Development Pathway; RULE-139 — Member Accelerated Programmes Related Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-153 — Right to Develop After a Late Start; RULE-145 — Scouting; RULE-152 — Women and Girls; RULE-320 — Final Governing Principles

STA / ART-90 — World League — Universal Access, Divisions and Expansion

90.1 WUFO shall organise the World League in four-year cycles; promotion and relegation occur only after a full cycle is completed and certified.

90.2 Every eligible Member shall have a place in the World League subject to the applicable registration cut-off and lawful activation. The 241 Founding Membership Positions do not guarantee that all 241 are active in the inaugural cycle.

90.3 In the full 241-Member reference architecture, Divisions 1 through 29 contain eight teams each and Division 30 contains nine teams: 29 × 8 + 9 = 241.

90.4 Eight-team divisions use double round robin: 56 division matches and 14 matches per team. A nine-team Division 30 uses double round robin: 72 division matches and 16 matches per team, producing 1,696 World League matches in the full 241-Member architecture.

90.5 Before the full architecture is active, WUFO shall form as many eight-team divisions as practicable. The lowest operating division may temporarily contain a different number; no eligible Member shall be excluded merely to preserve arithmetic symmetry.

90.6 A Member admitted after a World League cycle has begun waits until the next World League cycle and enters the lowest operating Division.

90.7 The ordinary entry cut-off is 31 December of the final year of the preceding World League cycle.

90.8 Unlike the Championship Cup, the World League may create Division 31, Division 32 and further lower Divisions as membership grows.

90.9 A new bottom Division should be created when bottom restructuring can produce at least two viable six-team Divisions. The lowest teams and new entrants may then be redistributed and the system shall progressively normalise toward eight-team Divisions.

90.10 No new Member receives direct entry above the lowest operating Division because of prestige, strength, wealth, market value or political influence.

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90.11 Inaugural placement shall follow published sporting criteria. Thereafter, promotion and relegation determine movement.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-18 / RULE-1 — Universal Sporting Access; RULE-2 — Entry Cut-Off and New Members; RULE-3 — Expansion Below Division 30 Related Implementation: REG-18 / RULE-13 — Official World League Ranking

STA / ART-91 — World League Promotion and Relegation

91.1 Sporting movement is automatic after a completed and certified World League cycle and never mid-cycle.

91.2 Standard eight-team intermediate Division: 1st–3rd promote; 4th–5th remain; 6th–8th relegate.

91.3 Division 1: 1st–5th remain; 6th–8th relegate; there is no promotion above Division 1.

91.4 The lowest operating Division: top three promote; no team is relegated below a Division that does not exist. In the full initial nine-team Division 30, 1st–3rd promote to Division 29 and 4th–9th remain while Division 31 does not exist.

91.5 A temporary six-team intermediate Division with a Division both above and below operates 3 up / 3 down: either a team goes up or it goes down.

91.6 A temporary six-team lowest Division operates top three up / bottom three remain unless a lower Division exists.

91.7 Six-team Divisions are transitional and shall be normalised toward eight teams when practicable.

91.8 The same principles repeat for Division 31 and lower Divisions. Creation of a new lower Division shall not alter promotion or relegation already earned in higher Divisions.

91.9 No team may be protected from relegation or denied promotion because of market size, television value, supporters, wealth, politics, history or commercial influence.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-18 / RULE-4 — Placement; RULE-5 — Standard Eight-Team Intermediate Division; RULE-6 — Division 1 Related Implementation: REG-18 / RULE-13 — Official World League Ranking

STA / ART-92 — World League Match Windows and Genuine Home/Away Principle

92.1 WUFO shall ordinarily schedule no more than one World League match per Member in each designated international representative-team window.

92.2 The purpose is to protect player health, recovery, club football and sustainable international scheduling.

92.3 The World League shall use a genuine home-and-away principle. A designated home fixture shall ordinarily be played within the football territory represented by the Home Member.

92.4 WUFO shall seek reasonable alternating home/away sequences and avoid unnecessarily long runs of home or away fixtures.

92.5 A home match shall not be commercially relocated merely to obtain a larger crowd, higher revenue, a promoter payment, broadcaster preference, sponsor preference or a larger diaspora audience.

92.6 Temporary relocation may be approved only for a genuine sporting, legal, safety or operational impossibility, including war or serious security risk, epidemic or public-health restriction, binding law, unavailable or uncertifiable infrastructure, natural disaster, serious civil disorder, major transport or border disruption, or a comparable circumstance.

92.7 Commercial opportunity is not force majeure.

92.8 An alternative or neutral venue shall prioritise fairness, proximity, home supporters, player welfare, safety and continuity. Temporary use creates no future commercial or homeright entitlement.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-18 / RULE-7 — Lowest Operating Division; RULE-8 — Transitional Six-Team Divisions

STA / ART-93 — World League Team Travel, Participation Support and Match Responsibilities

93.1 WUFO shall finance or centrally arrange approved essential international and exceptional participation costs required for official Member Association delegations to fulfil World League obligations.

93.2 WUFO support may include approved international travel, official team accommodation, meals, approved daily subsistence or per diem, and necessary delegation transport within the authorised match period.

93.3 Participation support is equitable and case-specific. It does not require identical payments to every Member Association.

93.4 The amount and form of support shall reflect objectively demonstrated and reasonable participation costs, including geographic distance, remoteness and insularity, flight complexity, actual transport and accommodation costs, authorised delegation size, visa or transit needs, exceptional maritime/air/ground transport, safety requirements, necessary travel time and player recovery.

93.5 Equal sporting opportunity does not mean equal nominal expenditure. A Member whose geography makes participation substantially more expensive may receive greater WUFO support than a Member whose reasonable costs are materially lower.

93.6 Support covers approved, reasonable and necessary costs and is not an automatic cash entitlement. WUFO may arrange travel directly, use global supplier contracts, reimburse verified expenditure or use another controlled-payment mechanism.

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93.7 For a home match, the Member Association is responsible for ordinary domestic assembly costs of its own locally based players and staff to the national-team camp, training base, airport, hotel or match venue.

93.8 WUFO shall nevertheless finance or centrally arrange the official representative-team accommodation and meals during the authorised World League match period whether the team is playing home or away.

93.9 Where a Member uses an approved residential national-team facility instead of a commercial hotel, WUFO shall fund or reimburse only eligible reasonable costs actually incurred and shall not pay a fictitious commercial-hotel amount.

93.10 Extraordinary domestic travel caused by a WUFO competition decision, emergency relocation, neutral-venue arrangement or comparable exceptional circumstance may be assumed or shared by WUFO case by case.

93.11 WUFO appoints and pays approved fees, travel and accommodation for international referees and central competition officials. These costs shall remain separately identifiable from World League team logistics.

93.12 The Home Member shall finance and operate ordinary home-match responsibilities including stadium, local match security, ambulances and local medical services, workforce, playing surface, lighting, utilities and local technical match operation.

93.13 A cost allocated to WUFO shall not also be imposed upon a Member, and a cost allocated to the Home Member shall not also be charged to WUFO, except under an expressly approved and transparently accounted cost-sharing arrangement.

93.14 Governing principle: WUFO finances international and exceptional participation. The Member finances ordinary domestic assembly. WUFO finances official accommodation and meals during the authorised match period. The Home Member operates the home match.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-19 / RULE-1 — Equitable, Case-Specific Support; RULE-2 — Eligible WUFO Participation Costs; RULE-3 — Home-Team Accommodation and Meals

STA / ART-94 — World League Conflict, Safety, Alternative and Neutral Venues

94.1 No team shall be required to play in a location that WUFO determines is not reasonably safe.

94.2 Where the scheduled home location cannot safely host a match, the home Member Association should first propose another suitable location within its territory.

94.3 If no safe domestic location is available, WUFO may approve a neutral venue.

94.4 A neutral venue may also be used where:

a. direct travel is legally impossible;

b. serious conflict prevents safe participation;

c. border restrictions prevent the match; or

d. another serious safety condition exists.

94.5 Use of a neutral venue shall not change which Member Association is the designated home team.

94.6 Neutral venue decisions shall have no political-recognition effect under STA / ART-2.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-19 / RULE-4 — Ordinary Domestic Assembly; RULE-5 — Referees and Central Officials

STA / ART-95 — World League Sponsorship, Naming Rights and Television Production

95.1 Each World League Division may have its own commercial sponsor.

95.2 Each Division may also have its own naming-rights partner.

95.3 A sponsor shall receive no sporting control over the competition.

95.4 Commercial agreements shall not influence:

a. promotion;

b. relegation;

c. referee appointments;

d. disciplinary decisions; or

e. competition results.

95.5 The Host Member Association shall arrange or provide the required match television production.

95.6 Production shall satisfy WUFO technical standards.

95.7 The required signal shall be delivered to WUFO.

95.8 WUFO shall control the worldwide audiovisual rights of the World League.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-19 / RULE-6 — Home Member Operation

STA / ART-96 — World League Stadiums, Pitches, Ticketing and Visiting Supporters

96.1 A World League match shall be played in a stadium satisfying the applicable WUFO professional and safety standards.

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96.2 Stadium requirements shall be reasonable for the Division and local football conditions.

96.3 The playing surface shall satisfy WUFO safety and technical requirements.

96.4 Detailed stadium and pitch standards shall be established by Regulation.

96.5 The Host Member Association shall normally control ordinary local match ticketing.

96.6 At least twenty percent (20%) of stadium capacity shall be offered at a price no higher than the cheapest normal local league ticket used at the venue.

96.7 Where there is no normal local league reference at the venue, a comparable major nearby football club may be used as the reference.

96.8 Visiting supporters shall receive a fair ticket allocation.

96.9 The minimum or standard visiting-supporter allocation shall be established by the applicable Competition Regulations and shall take account of safety, stadium design, supporter demand and reasonable international practice.

96.10 Ticket rules shall not be used only to replace ordinary supporters with premium customers.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-19 / RULE-7 — Stadium Standard; RULE-8 — Alternative and Neutral Venue

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STA / ART-97 — World League Audiovisual Rights, Revenue Distribution and Broadcasting

97.1 WUFO shall centrally own or control the worldwide audiovisual rights of the World League and may sell and distribute the competition as one worldwide property.

97.2 A Home Member shall not separately sell a worldwide right reserved to WUFO.

97.3 Net central World League audiovisual revenue shall be distributed 85% to the six Historical Confederations and 15% to WUFO Central.

97.4 The 85% Confederation share is distributed by sporting position under Regulation. Member Weight is a calculation unit attributable to the Member's Historical Confederation, not by itself a direct payment entitlement of the Member Association.

97.5 WUFO shall publish the principal distribution totals.

97.6 The World League is not subject to the mandatory universal WUFO Championship Cup free-access rule and may use free-to-air, subscription, streaming, digital or mixed distribution models while considering accessibility and commercial sustainability.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-18 / RULE-11 — Home Territory | REG-19 / RULE-9 — Ordinary Home Match Ticketing

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STA / ART-98 — Official World League Ranking

98.1 WUFO shall maintain an official World League Ranking based only on World League matches.

98.2 Confederation championships, the WUFO Championship Cup, the Champion of Champions and other matches shall not add or remove World League Ranking points unless these Statutes are lawfully amended to provide otherwise.

98.3 The World League Ranking shall be used only for purposes expressly established by WUFO law.

98.4 The World League Ranking shall not determine or eliminate a Champion of Champions participant.

98.5 The applicable Regulations shall establish ranking calculation and tie-breaking methods.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-18 / RULE-12 — Central Audiovisual Revenue | REG-19 / RULE-10 — Governing Allocation

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STA / ART-99 — Women’s Senior WUFO Championship

99.1 WUFO shall organise an official Women’s Senior WUFO Championship.

99.2 The competition shall belong to the Women’s Football Branch.

99.3 Sporting decisions shall be made through the Women’s Football governance structure.

99.4 The tournament shall have its own sporting and financial plan.

99.5 The competition shall seek broad worldwide representation.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-25 — Official Competition; RULE-26 — Women’s Football Branch | REG-25 / RULE-169 — Women’s Futsal | REG-7 / RULE-80 — Women’s Calendar Planning | REG-10 / RULE-244 — Coordination with REG-20 Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-13 — Women’s Football Branch; RULE-15 — Branch Sporting Authority; RULE-199 — Women’s Senior Champion; RULE-224 — Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup Is Permanent

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STA / ART-100 — Women’s U-20 and U-17 WUFO Championships and Exceptional Representation

100.1 WUFO shall organise:

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a. a Women’s U-20 WUFO Championship; and

b. a Women’s U-17 WUFO Championship.

100.2 These competitions shall form part of the long-term women’s development pathway.

100.3 WUFO may use an Exceptional Women’s Representation Mechanism where ordinary development remains seriously unequal.

100.4 The mechanism shall be:

a. transparent;

b. temporary where possible;

c. based on sporting and development reasons; and

d. governed by Regulation.

100.5 Exceptional representation shall not create a permanent preferential right.

100.6 As normal competitive pathways become viable, sporting qualification shall progressively replace exceptional measures.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-10 — Exceptional Women’s Representation; RULE-41 — Purpose | REG-25 / RULE-166 — Exceptional Representation Is Temporary; RULE-168 — Ordinary Qualification Is the Long-Term Objective | REG-10 / RULE-244 — Coordination with REG-20 | REG-7 / RULE-80 — Women’s Calendar Planning Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-34 — Development Pathway; RULE-42 — Exceptional — Not Ordinary; RULE-47 — Progressive Replacement by Sporting Qualification; RULE-234 — Sporting Qualification Progressively Takes Over

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STA / ART-101 — Men’s U-20 and U-17 WUFO Championships — No Founding U-15 Global Megaevent

101.1 WUFO shall organise:

a. a Men’s U-20 WUFO Championship; and

b. a Men’s U-17 WUFO Championship.

101.2 These competitions shall support player development.

101.3 WUFO shall not establish a worldwide U-15 megaevent during the founding period.

101.4 Younger players shall instead be developed principally through:

a. domestic football;

b. regional football;

c. development programmes; and

d. age-appropriate competition.

101.5 A future global U-15 competition shall require separate sporting, medical and financial review.

101.6 Commercial or marketing value alone shall not justify the creation of a global U-15 competition. Player development, age-appropriate competition and child protection shall come first.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-64 — No Founding Men’s Global U-15 WUFO Championship Cup; RULE-66 — No Commercial Pressure for U-15 | REG-7 / RULE-82 — Child Protection Before Commercial Value; RULE-89 — No Global U-15 World Megaevent at Founding | REG-25 / RULE-137 — No Founding Global U15 Megaevent | REG-23 / RULE-188 — Age-Appropriate Communication Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-67 — Future Review; RULE-235 — No Men’s Founding Global U-15 Megaevent | REG-7 / RULE-91 — Commercial Demand Does Not Create the Competition; RULE-92 — Future Review

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STA / ART-102 — Men’s and Women’s WUFO Futsal Championships

102.1 WUFO shall organise an official Men’s Futsal WUFO Championship.

102.2 WUFO shall organise an official Women’s Futsal WUFO Championship.

102.3 Men’s futsal competition shall belong to the Men’s Football Branch.

102.4 Women’s futsal competition shall belong to the Women’s Football Branch.

102.5 Both competitions shall use the common technical Futsal Laws structure established by these Statutes.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-70 — Men’s Football Branch; RULE-76 — Same Technical Futsal Game | REG-7 / RULE-115 — Futsal Scheduling | REG-25 / RULE-302 — Coordination with REG-20 | REG-10 / RULE-244 — Coordination with REG-20 Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-14 — Men’s Football Branch; RULE-69 — Official Competition; RULE-74 — Official Competition; RULE-75 — Women’s Football Branch

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STA / ART-103 — historical founding materialseach Football World Competitions

103.1 WUFO shall organise an official Men’s Beach Football WUFO Championship.

103.2 WUFO shall support the progressive development of a Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship.

103.3 A women’s competition shall be introduced when participation, player development and financial viability are sufficient for a credible world competition.

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103.4 Women’s beach football shall not be created only as a symbolic tournament without a realistic development base.

103.5 Men’s and women’s beach football shall use the common Beach Football technical Laws structure established by these Statutes.

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Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-83 — Progressive Development; RULE-86 — Real Development Base | REG-25 / RULE-170 — Women’s Beach Football | REG-7 / RULE-116 — Beach Football Scheduling | REG-10 / RULE-244 — Coordination with REG-20 Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-12 — Activation; RULE-79 — Official Competition; RULE-81 — Common Beach Football Laws; RULE-85 — Activation Conditions

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STA / ART-104 — Six Historical Confederation Championships — Commercial Autonomy

104.1 Each of the six Historical Confederations may organise its own senior representativeteam championship within its constitutional authority.

104.2 Each Historical Confederation retains one hundred percent (100%) of the commercial rights and revenue of its own championship except where these Statutes expressly establish a WUFO-wide right or the Confederation voluntarily agrees otherwise.

104.3 WUFO shall not require one central commercial package for all six Confederation championships.

104.4 Existing competition names, histories, trophies and traditions may continue or be adapted.

104.5 PAFU is not a seventh Historical Confederation. CONMEBOL and Concacaf retain their separate championships and autonomy; PAFU coordinates only the common Pan- American functions expressly assigned to it.

104.6 This Article shall be read with STA / ART-12 Confederation Competition Continuity.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-20 — Historical Confederation Rights; RULE-71 — One Hundred Percent Regional Competition Rights | REG-7 / RULE-106 — Regional Championship Calendar Autonomy; RULE-109 — Common Period Is Not One Common Tournament Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-70 — Historical Confederations Are Commercially Autonomous; RULE-72 — No Mandatory Six-Confederation Commercial Bundle; RULE-76 — Historical Confederation Can Reorganise Its Competition | REG-7 / RULE-112 — No Calendar Ownership

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STA / ART-105 — Global Visibility and Calendar Cooperation of the Six Historical Confederations

105.1 WUFO and the six Historical Confederations shall cooperate to improve worldwide visibility, distribution and calendar coordination of Confederation championships.

105.2 WUFO may assist with international distribution, broadcaster relationships, global promotion, common digital visibility and calendar coordination without acquiring ownership of the Confederation competition.

105.3 Year 2 of the four-year representative-team architecture is protected principally for the major Historical Confederation senior championships and Cups that determine the champions and pathways used for the subsequent Champion of Champions.

105.4 Each Historical Confederation retains reasonable freedom to stage its championship in the season or period appropriate to its climate and competition system, subject to the coordinated WUFO calendar and player-welfare rules.

105.5 Governing principle: WUFO requires the Champion, not the season.

105.6 Calendar cooperation shall protect player rest and workload.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-7 / RULE-108 — Common Finals Period; RULE-171 — Governing Principles | REG-17 / RULE-73 — WUFO May Assist | REG-21 / RULE-10 — Central Operating Provision Related Implementation: REG-7 / RULE-9 — Historical Confederation Autonomy; RULE-10 — Calendar Cooperation Does Not Create Commercial Ownership; RULE-109 — Common Period Is Not One Common Tournament; RULE-112 — No Calendar Ownership

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STA / ART-106 — Champion of Champions — Four Permanent Pathways

106.1 WUFO shall organise the Champion of Champions as a four-team senior representative-team competition.

106.2 The four permanent qualification pathways are: Pan-America through PAFU — 1; UEFA — 1; CAF — 1; Asia-Pacific jointly through AFC and OFC — 1.

106.3 No fifth champion shall be eliminated through a World League Ranking Snapshot.

106.4 PAFU shall determine the Pan-American representative through the lawful common pathway agreed for CONMEBOL and Concacaf.

106.5 AFC and OFC shall determine one joint Asia-Pacific representative through their agreed pathway. If they cannot agree, the neutral fallback procedure established by REG-21 shall apply.

106.6 The qualification mechanisms shall respect sporting merit and shall not create a hidden fifth-place elimination by ranking.

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Primary Implementation: REG-21 / RULE-1 — Confederation Autonomy; RULE-2 — Calendar Cooperation; RULE-3 — Four Permanent Pathways

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STA / ART-107 — Champion of Champions — Four Teams, Three Matches, Special Year-3 Window and Host Model

107.1 The Champion of Champions contains four teams and exactly three matches: Semifinal 1, Semifinal 2 and Final.

107.2 There shall be no third-place match.

107.3 The event should ordinarily be completed within approximately one week.

107.4 The event shall be staged in Year 3 in a dedicated Special Late-Winter / Spring representative-team window established sufficiently in advance by the WUFO International Calendar.

107.5 A Member participating in the Champion of Champions shall not play a World League match in that same special window.

107.6 The event uses a separate Champion of Champions Host Model and does not require the 35-Cluster WUFO Championship Cup host system.

107.7 The Host may design a distinctive physical trophy for its edition subject to WUFO approval, while the official Champion of Champions title and records remain continuous.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-21 / RULE-4 — Pan-American Pathway; RULE-5 — Asia-Pacific Pathway; RULE-6 — Dedicated Year-3 Window; RULE-10 — Central Operating Provision

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STA / ART-108 — Champion of Champions Revenue, Prize Distribution and Ticketing

108.1 Twenty percent (20%) of WUFO-controlled central Champion of Champions event revenue shall form the competition prize pool.

108.2 The prize pool shall be distributed: Champion — 55%; Runner-up — 25%; Losing Semifinalist 1 — 10%; Losing Semifinalist 2 — 10%.

108.3 Total distribution shall equal one hundred percent (100%) of the prize pool.

108.4 Champion of Champions ticketing shall be controlled by the Host under the applicable Host Agreement and may operate as a premium event subject to applicable law and basic supporter protections.

108.5 The permanent WUFO Championship Cup ticket-price pyramid does not automatically apply to the Champion of Champions.

108.6 The Host retains local ticketing revenue allocated to it under the Host Agreement. WUFO retains its assigned central audiovisual, sponsorship and competition rights.

108.7 The US$2M central operating provision in the Founding Reference Budget is separate from the protected 20% event-revenue prize pool.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-21 / RULE-7 — Four Teams, Three Matches; RULE-8 — Separate Host Model; RULE-9 — Prize Pool; RULE-11 — Ticketing and Rights

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STA / ART-108A — Possible Future WUFO Club Competition

108A.1 WUFO may consider the establishment of an international club competition in the future.

108A.2 No such competition shall be introduced without prior coordination with the relevant domestic leagues, FIFPRO and/or other legitimately independent representative player unions, and the six Historical Confederations.

108A.3 The existence of this Article does not require WUFO to create such a competition and establishes no predetermined format, calendar, number of clubs, qualification allocation, prize structure or launch date.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Direct statutory rule — no separate implementing Rule is identified in the current Regulations.

VIII. MEDIA, COMMERCIAL & FANS

STA / ART-109 — Audiovisual Rights — Central, Regional and Local Allocation

109.1 Audiovisual rights shall belong to the WUFO body, Historical Confederation, Member Association, league, competition organiser or other football body to which those rights are assigned under these Statutes and the applicable Regulations.

109.2 WUFO Central shall not automatically own every audiovisual right generated within WUFO football.

109.3 The worldwide audiovisual rights of the WUFO Championship Cup shall belong to or be controlled by WUFO, subject to the host arrangements established by these Statutes.

109.4 The worldwide audiovisual rights of the World League shall belong to or be controlled by WUFO.

109.5 Each Historical Confederation shall retain the audiovisual rights of its own championships and competitions unless:

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a. these Statutes expressly create a WUFO-wide right; or

b. the Historical Confederation voluntarily agrees otherwise.

109.6 Domestic audiovisual rights shall normally remain with the competent Member Association, league, club or domestic rights holder.

109.7 Domestic rights shall not become WUFO rights only because the relevant competition is played within the WUFO football system.

109.8 Technical production of a match signal shall not by itself create ownership of the audiovisual rights.

109.9 A Host may therefore produce a match signal while WUFO owns or controls the worldwide audiovisual rights of the competition.

109.10 WUFO may assist a Historical Confederation or Member Association with international distribution without acquiring ownership of the underlying rights only because it provided that assistance.

109.11 No football body shall sell, license or transfer an audiovisual right that belongs to another football body.

109.12 Any shared or overlapping audiovisual inventory shall be clearly identified before it is commercially sold.

109.13 Audiovisual agreements shall respect the sporting independence of WUFO and its Member Associations.

109.14 A broadcaster shall receive no authority over:

a. competition results;

b. team eligibility;

c. referee appointments;

d. disciplinary decisions;

e. promotion or relegation;

f. Laws of the Game; or

g. another sporting decision.

109.15 The governing principle shall be:

Central rights remain central. Regional rights remain regional. Production does not by itself create ownership.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-4 — Production Is Not Ownership; RULE-18 — WUFO Championship Cup Worldwide Rights | REG-13 / RULE-79 — Worldwide Audiovisual Rights; RULE-98 — Production Does Not Create Ownership | REG-11 / RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-17 | REG-12 / RULE-188 — Coordination with REG-17 Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-2 — Commercial Rights Follow Legal Allocation; RULE-19 — World League Worldwide Rights; RULE-21 — Domestic Audiovisual Rights; RULE-238 — Governing Principles

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STA / ART-110 — Audiovisual Access — WUFO Championship Cup Universal Free Access

110.1 WUFO shall protect universal public access to the WUFO Championship Cup.

110.2 Each rights territory shall have at least one lawful free-access path capable, alone or in combination with other free platforms, of reaching at least ninety percent (90%) of the population technically capable of receiving ordinary audiovisual service, subject to reasonable technical and geographic methodology under REG-17.

110.3 Free access may be provided through free-to-air television, free digital streaming or another broadly accessible lawful no-mandatory-payment platform.

110.4 Universal free access does not require WUFO to give away the commercial value of its audiovisual rights; commercial packages may coexist with the mandatory free-access path.

110.5 The protected live free package shall include at minimum the matches of the WUFO Member Association representing the rights territory, the Opening Match of the relevant Championship Cycle, all seven Category Finals and both Category A Semifinals.

110.6 One free platform or a combination of free platforms may satisfy the obligation if the required public reach and no-mandatory-payment conditions are met.

110.7 The World League and Historical Confederation competitions are not automatically subject to the same universal free-access mandate and may use free-to-air, subscription, paid streaming, free streaming, digital or mixed models.

110.8 The applicable authority shall balance public accessibility and commercial sustainability without diluting the specific WUFO Championship Cup guarantee.

110.9 The Free Streaming Backstop in the Founding Reference Budget may be used as a lastresort mechanism where a commercial solution cannot otherwise satisfy this Article; it is not automatic funding for every stream.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-44 — Measurable Universal Free Access Standard; RULE-238 — Governing Principles | REG-13 / RULE-171 — Universal Free Access; RULE-172 — Commercial Sale May Still Exist | REG-11 / RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-17 | REG-20 / RULE-173 — Competition-Specific Rights Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-38 — Free-Access Path in Every Distributed Territory; RULE-39 — Permitted Free-Access Methods; RULE-40 — Free Does Not Mean Commercially Worthless; RULE-225 — WUFO Championship Cup Universal Free Access Remains Permanent

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STA / ART-111 — Sponsorships and Commercial Rights

111.1 WUFO may commercialise only those sponsorship, licensing, advertising and commercial rights that belong to WUFO under these Statutes or a valid agreement.

111.2 Historical Confederations shall retain their own commercial rights except where these Statutes expressly provide otherwise or the Historical Confederation voluntarily agrees otherwise.

111.3 Member Associations shall retain their own commercial rights except where a specific right is validly assigned to WUFO, a Historical Confederation or another competent football body.

111.4 WUFO shall not assume ownership of a commercial right only because a Member Association participates in WUFO football.

111.5 Commercial partners may support football financially.

111.6 Commercial partners shall not govern football.

111.7 No sponsor, advertiser, broadcaster, licensee or commercial partner shall control:

a. Laws of the Game;

b. competition format;

c. sporting rankings;

d. promotion or relegation;

e. Member admission;

f. player eligibility;

g. referee appointments;

h. disciplinary decisions;

i. integrity investigations;

j. host allocation; or

k. another sporting or constitutional decision.

111.8 WUFO shall clearly separate global, regional, national and local commercial inventory where those rights belong to different bodies.

111.9 A global commercial agreement shall not automatically cancel a lawful local commercial agreement.

111.10 Existing lawful stadium naming-rights agreements shall be respected subject to applicable law and the specific competition rules.

111.11 A stadium shall not be required to remove its lawful commercial name only because the naming-rights company competes with a WUFO sponsor.

111.12 Commercial conflicts shall be addressed through clearly defined inventory rather than by unnecessary removal of legitimate local rights.

111.13 Commercial agreements shall not be used to hide ownership, corrupt payments or improper influence.

111.14 Material commercial agreements shall be subject to the transparency and audit rules established elsewhere in these Statutes.

111.15 The governing principle shall be:

Commercial partners may support football. They do not govern football.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-13 / RULE-65 — Existing Stadium Naming Rights | REG-17 / RULE-92 — Existing Lawful Naming Rights Protected; RULE-238 — Governing Principles | REG-11 / RULE-34 — Existing Local Rights; RULE-59 — Stadium Naming Rights | REG-12 / RULE-188 — Coordination with REG-17 Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-2 — Commercial Rights Follow Legal Allocation; RULE-3 — WUFO Does Not Own Everything; RULE-5 — Commercial Partners Do Not Govern Football; RULE-223 — Existing Stadium Naming Rights Remain Protected

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STA / ART-112 — Optional Front-of-Shirt Sponsorship for Representative Teams

112.1 A Member Association may use authorised front-of-shirt commercial sponsorship on its representative team shirts where permitted by applicable law and WUFO rules.

112.2 Front-of-shirt sponsorship shall be optional.

112.3 No Member Association shall be required to place a commercial sponsor on a representative team shirt.

Men’s Senior Association Football

112.4 Where a Member Association uses front-of-shirt sponsorship on its Men’s Senior Association Football representative team, the commercial value attributable to that sponsorship shall be distributed:

a. eighty percent (80%) to the Member Association;

b. ten percent (10%) to the Member Association’s Historical Confederation; and

c. ten percent (10%) to WUFO.

112.5 The Member Association shall remain the principal beneficiary of the sponsorship.

112.6 Neither WUFO nor the Historical Confederation shall acquire control of the representative team because it receives a share of the sponsorship value.

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Women’s Football

112.7 Front-of-shirt sponsorship revenue attributable to a Women’s Football representative team shall belong one hundred percent (100%) to the Member Association.

112.8 No mandatory WUFO or Historical Confederation percentage shall apply to that Women’s Football sponsorship revenue.

Futsal

112.9 Front-of-shirt sponsorship revenue attributable to a representative futsal team shall belong one hundred percent (100%) to the Member Association.

112.10 No mandatory WUFO or Historical Confederation percentage shall apply to that futsal sponsorship revenue.

Beach Football

112.11 Front-of-shirt sponsorship revenue attributable to a representative beach football team shall belong one hundred percent (100%) to the Member Association.

112.12 No mandatory WUFO or Historical Confederation percentage shall apply to that beach football sponsorship revenue.

General Protection

112.13 A commercial sponsor shall receive no authority over:

a. player selection;

b. coaching appointments;

c. match decisions;

d. team eligibility;

e. competition participation; or

f. another sporting matter.

112.14 Sponsorship content shall comply with applicable WUFO commercial, integrity and transition rules.

112.15 Detailed shirt placement, size, design and technical requirements shall be established by Regulation.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-112 — One Hundred Percent to Member Association; RULE-117 — Beach Football | REG-11 / RULE-55 — Front-of-Shirt Sponsorship; RULE-56 — Representative-Team Shirts | REG-20 / RULE-174 — Women’s Commercial Rights | REG-22 / RULE-248 — Sponsorship Transition Does Not Reduce Integrity Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-107 — Protected 80/10/10 Distribution; RULE-116 — Futsal; RULE-229 — Women’s Football 100% Member; RULE-231 — Beach Football 100% Member

STA / ART-113 — Bundled Sponsorship Contracts and Fair-Value Allocation

113.1 A Member Association, Historical Confederation or WUFO may sell several commercial rights together in one bundled agreement.

113.2 Bundling shall not be used to hide the real commercial value of an individual right.

113.3 Where a bundled agreement includes rights subject to different revenue-sharing rules, a reasonable value shall be assigned to each material right.

113.4 The allocation shall reflect fair commercial value.

113.5 A party shall not artificially reduce the stated value of a right only to avoid a payment owed to another football body.

113.6 A party shall not artificially increase the stated value of a right only to obtain an unfair payment from another football body.

113.7 A bundled agreement may include, for example:

a. Men’s Senior front-of-shirt sponsorship;

b. Women’s Football sponsorship;

c. futsal sponsorship;

d. beach football sponsorship;

e. training kit rights;

f. digital rights;

g. stadium advertising;

h. social-media rights; and

i. other commercial properties.

113.8 Where the parties cannot reasonably agree on the value allocated to a material right, an independent fair-value assessment may be required.

113.9 The independent assessment shall be based on reasonable commercial evidence.

113.10 WUFO Regulations may establish:

a. valuation methods;

b. disclosure requirements;

c. audit procedures;

d. independent valuation procedures; and

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e. procedures for resolving valuation disputes.

113.11 Commercial confidentiality may be protected where genuinely necessary.

113.12 Commercial confidentiality shall not be used to hide an artificial allocation or avoid financial obligations.

113.13 The governing principle shall be:

Bundling shall not be used to hide the real value of a commercial right.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-132 — Different Revenue Rules Require Allocation; RULE-144 — Independent Assessment | REG-11 / RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-17 | REG-12 / RULE-188 — Coordination with REG-17 | REG-20 / RULE-174 — Women's Commercial Rights Related Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-131 — Bundling Shall Not Hide Value; RULE-133 — Fair Commercial Value; RULE-134 — No Artificial Undervaluation; RULE-138 — Fair-Value Assessment

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STA / ART-114 — Supporters and Fair Treatment

114.1 WUFO shall recognise supporters as an essential part of football.

114.2 Supporters shall not be treated only as a source of commercial revenue.

114.3 WUFO competitions shall seek fair, safe and reasonable treatment of supporters.

114.4 Supporter protection shall include, where applicable:

a. clear ticket prices;
b. clear ticket conditions;
c. reasonable access to tickets;
d. safe stadium entry;
e. protection against ticket fraud;
f. reasonable treatment of visiting supporters;
g. disability and accessibility arrangements;
h. non-discriminatory treatment;
i. clear refund or return procedures;
j. reasonable information before travel; and
k. protection against abusive commercial practices.

114.5 Mandatory hidden charges shall not be used to defeat an officially protected ticket price.

114.6 Any mandatory booking or transaction charge shall be transparent before the supporter completes the purchase.

114.7 Ticketing procedures should seek to place tickets in the hands of supporters who genuinely intend to attend the match.

114.8 WUFO may use technical measures to reduce mass speculative buying and automated ticket acquisition.

114.9 Supporters shall receive reasonable information concerning:

a. match location;
b. match time;
c. stadium entry conditions;
d. ticket restrictions;
e. travel restrictions known to WUFO; and
f. material changes affecting attendance.

114.10 A competition organiser shall not intentionally create unreasonable ticket scarcity only to increase prices.

114.11 Commercial maximisation alone shall not justify unreasonable treatment of supporters.

114.12 Supporter safety measures shall be proportionate.

114.13 Supporter segregation may be used where reasonably required for safety.

114.14 Safety rules shall not be used only as an excuse to remove ordinary supporters and replace them with higher-priced commercial inventory.

114.15 The governing principle shall be:

Football needs revenue. It also needs supporters who can still afford and enjoy the game.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-2 — Supporters Are Part of Football; RULE-137 — Safety Is Not Premium Inventory Policy | REG-12 / RULE-158 — Supporter Protection | REG-20 / RULE-180 — Ordinary Supporter Access | REG-22 / RULE-97 — Supporters Are Part of Football Related Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-72 — No Artificial Scarcity; RULE-114 — Anti-Bot Systems; RULE-136 — Segregation Where Necessary; RULE-236 — Governing Principles

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STA / ART-115 — WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Protection as a Permanent Supporter Right

115.1 The WUFO Championship Cup ticket protections established in Chapter VII shall constitute permanent supporter protections under WUFO law.

115.2 Those protections shall include:

a. the Universal WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Price Pyramid;

b. the Protected Local ticket class;

c. permanent protection of real ticket prices;

d. inflation-only price adjustment;

e. prohibition of ordinary dynamic demand pricing;

f. zero resale profit;

g. the official ticket return or exchange system;

h. protection against speculative mass purchasing;

i. anti-bot measures;

j. secure ticketing systems; and

k. protection against ticket fraud.

115.3 These protections shall not be removed only because WUFO could earn more money by charging higher prices.

115.4 WUFO Championship Cup ticket prices shall not become more expensive in real terms only because the competition becomes more commercially valuable.

115.5 A famous team, traditional rivalry, sold-out stadium or high market demand shall not by itself permit an increase beyond the protected ticket structure.

115.6 A returned WUFO Championship Cup ticket shall return to the official system.

115.7 It shall not become a private speculative asset.

115.8 WUFO shall not use the return of a ticket as an opportunity to sell that ticket again at a higher dynamic price.

115.9 An authorised ticket transfer shall not create a private resale profit.

115.10 The detailed rules concerning:

a. ticket sale periods;

b. supporter identity;

c. authorised transfer;

d. ticket return;

e. refunds;

f. anti-bot controls;

g. digital security;

h. local eligibility;

i. supporter allocations; and

j. data protection

shall be established by the applicable Regulations.

115.11 Ticketing technology may change as technology develops.

115.12 These Statutes shall protect the supporter principles rather than require one permanent technical system.

115.13 The WUFO Championship Cup ticket protections shall not automatically apply to the Champion of Champions, which is governed by its separate premium-event rules.

115.14 The governing principle shall be:

A WUFO Championship Cup ticket is access to football, not a speculative financial asset.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-17 — Permanent Supporter Protection; RULE-225 — Zero Resale Profit | REG-20 / RULE-178 — Men's Senior WUFO Championship Cup Price Pyramid Does Not Automatically Apply | REG-13 / RULE-128 — Applicable Ticket Rules | REG-12 / RULE-187 — Coordination with REG-16 Related Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-3 — Supremacy of the Statutes; RULE-232 — Champion of Champions Remains Separate; RULE-236 — Governing Principles

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STA / ART-116 — Visiting Supporters and Local Supporter Access

116.1 WUFO competitions shall provide reasonable access for visiting supporters where safety, law and stadium design permit.

116.2 A Host shall not eliminate visiting-supporter access only to create more premium commercial inventory.

116.3 Visiting-supporter allocations may vary according to:

a. stadium capacity;

b. competition;

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c. safety;

d. expected demand; and

e. operational requirements.

116.4 The World League visiting-supporter protection established in Chapter VII shall apply.

116.5 The applicable World League Regulations shall establish the detailed allocation and operational procedures.

116.6 WUFO Championship Cup ticketing shall also protect reasonable access for supporters of participating teams.

116.7 WUFO Championship Cup host communities shall have a genuine opportunity to attend matches played in their own area.

116.8 Protected Local ticket inventory shall not be converted entirely into international or premium inventory only because demand is high.

116.9 Rules for local eligibility shall be reasonable and transparent.

116.10 A supporter shall not be discriminated against because of nationality, race, ethnicity, sex or another status protected by applicable law or WUFO rules.

116.11 Restrictions based on genuine safety, sanctions, law or stadium security may still apply.

116.12 WUFO may require Member Associations and Hosts to provide supporter information and assistance for major international matches.

116.13 Supporter organisations may be consulted on matters that materially affect:

a. ticketing;

b. stadium access;

c. visiting allocations;

d. travel arrangements; and

e. supporter safety.

116.14 Such consultation shall not give a supporter organisation authority over sporting decisions unless these Statutes expressly provide otherwise.

116.15 The governing principle shall be:

The host community must be able to participate. Visiting supporters must be treated fairly. Football must remain accessible to real supporters.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-147 — Equal Supporter Treatment; RULE-236 — Governing Principles | REG-13 / RULE-133 — Visiting Supporters | REG-20 / RULE-180 — Ordinary Supporter Access | REG-22 / RULE-102 — Visiting Member Cooperation Related Implementation: REG-16 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-40 — Genuine Host Community Access; RULE-169 — No Elimination for Premium Inventory; RULE-182 — Visiting Supporters

IX. INTEGRITY, DISCIPLINE & PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY

STA / ART-117 — Racism Eradication

117.1 WUFO shall maintain a policy of active opposition to racism and racial discrimination in football.

117.2 No player, coach, referee, officer, employee, supporter, club, Member Association or other person participating in WUFO football shall engage in racist abuse or discriminatory conduct.

117.3 Prohibited conduct may include:

a. racist insults;

b. racist chants;

c. discriminatory gestures;

d. discriminatory signs or symbols;

e. racial harassment;

f. organised discriminatory behaviour; and

g. discrimination in access to football.

117.4 A football body shall not ignore serious racist conduct only because stopping or investigating it may create inconvenience for a match or competition.

117.5 Referees and match officials shall have authority to use the applicable WUFO antiracism procedures during a match.

117.6 Those procedures may include:

a. a warning;

b. temporary suspension of play;

c. removal of persons responsible where possible; and

d. abandonment of the match where serious conduct continues and no reasonable solution exists.

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117.7 A match shall not automatically be abandoned because of one isolated incident where the responsible person can be identified and removed.

117.8 WUFO shall seek to punish the persons actually responsible before imposing wider sanctions where this is reasonably possible.

117.9 Clubs and Member Associations shall have a duty to take reasonable measures against organised racist behaviour under their control.

117.10 Failure to take reasonable action after repeated or serious racist incidents may create institutional responsibility.

117.11 Sanctions shall consider:

a. seriousness;

b. repetition;

c. whether the conduct was organised;

d. whether the responsible persons were identified;

e. the actions taken by the club or Member Association; and

f. the effect on players, officials and supporters.

117.12 Education and prevention programmes may accompany disciplinary sanctions.

117.13 Anti-racism rules shall apply equally throughout all WUFO competitions.

117.14 The governing principle shall be:

Racism has no sporting privilege, no commercial excuse and no institutional protection in WUFO football.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-6 / RULE-103 — Discriminatory Conduct; RULE-141 — Referee Responsibility in Anti-Racism Procedures | REG-22 / RULE-68 — Immediate Authority; RULE-320 — Governing Principles | REG-12 / RULE-189 — Coordination with REG-22 | REG-13 / RULE-200 — Coordination with REG-22 Related Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-15 — Racist Conduct; RULE-64 — Organised Racist Chanting; RULE-189 — Serious Treatment; RULE-290 — Racism Is Misconduct

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STA / ART-118 — Player and Technical Staff Conduct — Zero Violence and Personal Responsibility

118.1 Players, coaches and technical staff shall be personally responsible for their behaviour.

118.2 Football competition shall not excuse deliberate violence.

118.3 WUFO shall apply a zero-tolerance principle toward serious deliberate violence against:

a. another player;

b. a referee or match official;

c. a coach or technical staff member;

d. a supporter;

e. a competition worker; or

f. another person present at a football event.

118.4 Sporting emotion, provocation, rivalry or the importance of a match shall not excuse serious violent conduct.

118.5 A famous player or coach shall not receive lighter treatment because of reputation or commercial importance.

118.6 A less famous person shall not receive stronger punishment only because that person has less institutional influence.

118.7 Players and technical staff shall also be expected to respect:

a. referees;

b. opponents;

c. supporters;

d. competition personnel; and

e. the dignity of the game.

118.8 Deliberate attempts to encourage violence by supporters may constitute serious misconduct.

118.9 A club or Member Association shall not automatically be responsible for every personal act committed by one player or staff member.

118.10 Institutional responsibility may arise where the football body:

a. ordered the conduct;

b. encouraged it;

c. deliberately protected the offender;

d. repeatedly failed to act; or

e. created a culture in which serious misconduct was knowingly tolerated.

118.11 WUFO recognises that football has a strong public influence, including influence on children.

118.12 Players, coaches and public football officials shall therefore be expected to understand the example created by their public behaviour.

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118.13 This principle shall not remove normal human emotion or personality from football.

118.14 The purpose is to protect the game from violence and serious abuse, not to require artificial behaviour.

118.15 The governing principle shall be:

Every person is responsible for his or her own behaviour. Football does not excuse violence.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-5 — No Celebrity Immunity; RULE-320 — Governing Principles | REG-6 / RULE-143 — Violence | REG-20 / RULE-170 — Same Protection Related Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-79 — Organised Violence; RULE-90 — Sporting Emotion Is Not Unlimited Immunity

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STA / ART-119 — Anti-Doping — WADA-Based Independent System

119.1 WUFO shall maintain an anti-doping system based on the World Anti-Doping Code and the applicable international anti-doping standards.

119.2 Anti-doping control shall be independent from ordinary competition politics and commercial interests.

119.3 No WUFO President, Historical Confederation President, Member Association officer, sponsor, broadcaster or competition organiser shall interfere improperly with:

a. testing;

b. laboratory analysis;

c. results management;

d. therapeutic-use procedures;

e. investigations; or

f. anti-doping disciplinary decisions.

119.4 Anti-doping rules shall apply to all WUFO competitions within their proper scope.

119.5 Testing may occur:

a. during competition; and

b. outside competition

where permitted by the applicable anti-doping rules.

119.6 Players shall receive clear information concerning their anti-doping duties.

119.7 Anti-doping procedures shall protect:

a. integrity of samples;

b. confidentiality where required;

c. medical rights;

d. due process; and

e. the right to independent appeal.

119.8 A positive analytical result shall not by itself remove the right to the applicable legal and disciplinary process.

119.9 Sanctions shall follow the applicable anti-doping rules and internationally recognised standards.

119.10 WUFO shall cooperate with legitimate anti-doping authorities where required or appropriate.

119.11 Anti-doping information shall not be manipulated for political, commercial or media purposes.

119.12 The governing principle shall be:

Anti-doping protects clean competition and must remain independent from football politics.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-23 / RULE-3 — WADA-Based System; RULE-281 — Governing Principles | REG-13 / RULE-73 — Anti-Doping; RULE-167 — Anti-Doping Independence | REG-12 / RULE-156 — Anti-Doping | REG-20 / RULE-165 — Anti-Doping Related Implementation: REG-23 / RULE-6 — WUFO Competitions; RULE-15 — Independent Anti-Doping Function; RULE-142 — Internationally Recognised Sanctions; RULE-276 — Cooperation Is Required

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STA / ART-120 — Match Manipulation, Betting and Competition Integrity

120.1 Match manipulation is prohibited.

120.2 No person participating in WUFO football shall deliberately influence a match or competition for an improper sporting, financial or personal purpose.

120.3 Prohibited manipulation may include:

a. arranging a match result;

b. arranging a particular score;

c. deliberately manipulating a specific event within a match;

d. deliberately underperforming for an improper benefit;

e. influencing player selection for a corrupt purpose;

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f. corrupt referee influence; or

g. another intentional act designed to falsify genuine sporting competition.

120.4 Offering, requesting, receiving or paying a bribe connected to match manipulation is prohibited.

120.5 Players, referees, coaches, officers and other persons subject to WUFO rules shall not misuse confidential football information for betting or improper financial benefit.

120.6 A person with direct influence over a WUFO match shall not bet on that match.

120.7 Additional betting restrictions may apply to players, referees, coaches, officers and competition personnel under the applicable Regulations.

120.8 A betting operator or commercial partner shall have no influence over:

a. refereeing;

b. team selection;

c. disciplinary decisions;

d. competition formats;

e. integrity investigations; or

f. match results.

120.9 Commercial income shall never prevent or delay an integrity investigation.

120.10 Persons subject to WUFO rules may be required to report a serious approach to manipulate a match.

120.11 WUFO shall maintain an independent competition-integrity structure.

120.12 WUFO may cooperate with:

a. Member Associations;

b. Historical Confederations;

c. lawful public authorities;

d. recognised sport-integrity bodies; and

e. other appropriate institutions.

120.13 Evidence shall be handled under fair and secure procedures.

120.14 Serious deliberate match manipulation may result in long-term or permanent exclusion from WUFO football where permitted by the applicable disciplinary rules and after a fair process.

120.15 A person shall not receive immunity only because the person is important to a club, competition, broadcaster or commercial partner.

120.16 The governing principle shall be:

The result must come from the game, not from a secret agreement.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-11 / RULE-137 — Participant Betting Restrictions; RULE-139 — No Confidential Information for Betting Advantage | REG-6 / RULE-33 — Betting Restrictions; RULE-101 — Deliberate Match Manipulation | REG-22 / RULE-34 — Absolute Prohibition; RULE-120 — Governing Principles Related Implementation: REG-11 / RULE-106 — No Influence Over Discipline or Integrity; RULE-126 — Integrity Rule Prevails Immediately; RULE-138 — Manipulation Reporting; RULE-153 — Coordination with REG-22

STA / ART-121 — Institutional Autonomy, Government Cooperation and the Rule of Law

121.1 WUFO and its Member Associations shall protect the sporting autonomy of football.

121.2 A government shall not control football merely because football operates within its territory.

121.3 A government shall not appoint or remove football leaders only for political convenience.

121.4 A government shall not manipulate:

a. football elections;

b. sporting results;

c. team selection;

d. referee appointments;

e. membership decisions; or

f. competition administration

for a political purpose.

121.5 Football autonomy shall not place football above the law.

121.6 Legitimate government or judicial action shall not automatically constitute improper interference.

121.7 Legitimate public action may include:

a. criminal investigations;

b. anti-corruption investigations;

c. enforcement of tax law;

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d. labour law enforcement;
e. public safety measures;
f. court orders;
g. audits of public money;
h. child-protection enforcement; and
i. other lawful public responsibilities.

121.8 A Member Association shall not use the principle of football autonomy to hide:

a. corruption;
b. criminal conduct;
c. misuse of public money;
d. violence;
e. abuse; or
f. another serious violation of law.

121.9 WUFO shall examine the real nature of government action before deciding that improper interference has occurred.

121.10 WUFO shall not sanction an entire football community automatically because a government has taken a lawful action.

121.11 Where improper interference exists, WUFO should first seek a practical correction where possible.

121.12 Sanctions shall be proportionate.

121.13 WUFO should seek to sanction the persons or institutions actually responsible before unnecessarily harming:

a. players;
b. clubs;
c. supporters; or
d. youth football.

121.14 Cooperation between WUFO and governments is permitted and may be necessary in matters including:

a. safety;
b. infrastructure;
c. public health;
d. criminal law;
e. anti-corruption;
f. immigration;
g. taxation;
h. safeguarding; and
i. major-event organisation.

121.15 Government cooperation shall not give a government control over sporting decisions reserved to football.

121.16 The governing principle shall be:

Government shall not govern football. Football shall never be above the law.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-6 — Government and Law Principle; RULE-121 — Government Shall Not Govern Football | REG-12 / RULE-180 — Government Does Not Govern Sporting Decisions | REG-12 / RULE-163 — No Host Political Control | REG-6 / RULE-38 — Political Pressure Related Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-119 — Government Appointment of Football Leadership; RULE-201 — Proportional Response; RULE-300 — Football Autonomy Is Sporting Autonomy; RULE-320 — Governing Principles

STA / ART-122 — Political and Territorial Neutrality

122.1 WUFO shall remain politically and territorially neutral as a sporting institution.

122.2 WUFO shall not decide political questions that are not necessary for the administration of football.

122.3 Sporting membership, participation, competition placement or Host Cluster allocation shall not constitute political recognition.

122.4 This Article shall be read together with STA / ART-2 Sporting Recognition Is Not Political Recognition.

122.5 WUFO sporting maps shall be used only for football administration and competition purposes.

122.6 A WUFO sporting map shall not be interpreted as an official political map.

122.7 WUFO shall use neutral sporting terminology where a territorial or political dispute exists.

122.8 Participation of one Member Association shall not require another Member Association to abandon its political or legal position.

122.9 WUFO shall not use competition rules to support:

a. annexation claims;
b. secession claims;
c. territorial claims;

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d. diplomatic recognition;

e. political parties; or

f. government propaganda.

122.10 WUFO shall comply with binding law, court orders and regulatory obligations where legally required.

122.11 Political pressure alone shall not determine sporting recognition or participation.

122.12 Commercial pressure alone shall not determine sporting recognition or participation.

122.13 The governing principle shall remain:

Sporting recognition is not political recognition.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-131 — No Political Recognition Effect; RULE-238 — No Sporting Recognition Through Discipline | REG-6 / RULE-84 — No Political Review | REG-12 / RULE-163 — No Host Political Control | REG-8 / RULE-29 — No Political Licensing Punishment Related Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-236 — Official Political Pressure

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STA / ART-123 — Political Messages and Institutional Political Use

123.1 WUFO competitions shall not be used as official platforms for partisan political campaigns.

123.2 Official WUFO competition spaces shall remain principally sporting spaces.

123.3 Players, teams, Member Associations, officers and competition organisers shall not use official match activity to promote:

a. a political party;

b. an electoral candidate;

c. a government campaign;

d. an armed political movement;

e. a territorial claim; or

f. another partisan political campaign.

123.4 The applicable Regulations may restrict political slogans, signs, gestures, messages or symbols displayed:

a. on competition shirts;

b. on official team equipment;

c. on the field of play;

d. during official ceremonies; or

e. through official WUFO competition channels.

123.5 WUFO shall distinguish partisan political campaigning from legitimate football messages concerning:

a. anti-racism;

b. anti-violence;

c. safeguarding;

d. fair play;

e. inclusion;

f. public health; or

g. another approved football or humanitarian principle.

123.6 Approval of a general football or humanitarian message shall not be used as a disguised method of supporting a political party, government or territorial position.

123.7 Personal political opinions expressed outside official WUFO competition activity shall remain subject principally to applicable law and the person’s own rights and responsibilities.

123.8 WUFO shall not attempt to control the private political beliefs of players, supporters or football officials.

123.9 A government shall not use a Member Association or representative team as an official political propaganda instrument.

123.10 A Member Association shall not be required to promote a government political message as a condition of participation in WUFO football.

123.11 Sanctions under this Article shall consider:

a. context;

b. seriousness;

c. repetition;

d. whether the message was institutional or personal; and

e. whether the conduct created a real risk to competition neutrality or safety.

123.12 The governing principle shall be:

Football may defend football values. WUFO competitions shall not become partisan political platforms.

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Primary Implementation: REG-13 / RULE-107 — No Political Propaganda | REG-12 / RULE-163 — No Host Political Control | REG-22 / RULE-6 — Government and Law Principle | REG-6 / RULE-38 — Political Pressure

STA / ART-124 — Member Association Misconduct — Corrective Measures, Financial Suspension and International Suspension

124.1 Membership in WUFO creates rights and responsibilities.

124.2 A Member Association shall exercise its authority fairly and in accordance with:

a. these Statutes;

b. applicable WUFO Regulations;

c. sporting merit;

d. institutional integrity;

e. basic procedural fairness; and

f. applicable law.

124.3 A Member Association may commit serious institutional misconduct where it deliberately or repeatedly acts in a manner that is:

a. seriously unethical;

b. seriously unsporting;

c. arbitrary;

d. discriminatory;

e. retaliatory;

f. corrupt;

g. an abuse of football authority; or

h. seriously contrary to WUFO rules.

124.4 Serious misconduct may also include the deliberate use of football authority to:

a. deny a properly earned sporting right;

b. punish a club or person for making a legitimate appeal;

c. protect favoured clubs or persons unfairly;

d. manipulate affiliation or licensing;

e. prevent fair sporting development;

f. misuse development funds;

g. create improper conflicts of interest;

h. obstruct an independent investigation; or

i. repeatedly ignore binding WUFO decisions.

124.5 A disagreement with WUFO shall not by itself constitute misconduct.

124.6 A sporting mistake, administrative error or reasonable difference of interpretation shall not automatically constitute serious misconduct.

124.7 Where correction is reasonably possible, WUFO should normally begin by:

a. identifying the problem;

b. giving written reasons;

c. making corrective recommendations or directions; and

d. giving the Member Association a reasonable opportunity to correct the problem.

124.8 The Member Association shall have the right to respond.

124.9 If the Member Association corrects the problem within the required period, stronger sanctions should normally be avoided unless the original conduct was exceptionally serious.

124.10 If the Member Association:

a. refuses to correct the misconduct;

b. continues the misconduct;

c. deliberately ignores corrective measures; or

d. repeatedly commits the same serious misconduct,

WUFO may impose stronger sanctions.

Financial Suspension

124.11 WUFO may suspend some or all future WUFO financial benefits of the Member Association.

124.12 Financial suspension may include:

a. development distributions;

b. grants;

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c. discretionary financial support;

d. future WUFO benefits; or

e. other payments subject to WUFO authority.

124.13 Financial suspension shall not automatically permit WUFO to confiscate money that legally belongs to:

a. players;

b. clubs;

c. employees;

d. third parties; or

e. another legally protected beneficiary.

124.14 Restricted money intended for safeguarding, youth protection or another protected purpose may receive special treatment under the disciplinary decision.

International Sporting Suspension

124.15 WUFO may suspend a Member Association and its representative teams from international WUFO competitions where the seriousness of the misconduct justifies that measure.

124.16 Suspension may be:

a. for a defined period;

b. for a defined competition; or

c. until clearly stated corrective conditions are satisfied.

124.17 Clubs affiliated with the Member Association shall not automatically be suspended from international competition only because the Member Association is sanctioned.

124.18 Club participation may be affected where:

a. the clubs participated in the misconduct;

b. the misconduct directly affects the integrity of their participation; or

c. the disciplinary decision expressly and proportionately requires it.

Serious and Urgent Cases

124.19 WUFO may take immediate provisional action where delay would create a serious risk to:

a. competition integrity;

b. player or supporter safety;

c. WUFO funds;

d. evidence; or

e. the lawful operation of football.

124.20 Provisional action shall not remove the right to a full disciplinary process.

Due Process and Appeal

124.21 A serious sanction shall require written reasons.

124.22 The Member Association shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

124.23 Final sanctions shall be imposed through the competent disciplinary structure.

124.24 The disciplinary decision shall be independent from improper political or commercial influence.

124.25 A Member Association subject to a serious sanction shall have access to an independent appeal.

124.26 Sanctions shall be proportionate to the seriousness, duration, repetition and consequences of the misconduct.

124.27 The governing principle shall be:

WUFO should first correct misconduct where correction is possible. Serious or repeated refusal to act fairly may lead to financial and international sporting suspension.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-204 — Suspension as Serious Measure; RULE-320 — Governing Principles | REG-8 / RULE-124 — Referral to Integrity Regulation | REG-6 / RULE-110 — Appeal | REG-9 / RULE-123 — Possible Sanctions Related Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-124 — Emergency Exception; RULE-225 — Criticism Is Not Automatically Misconduct

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STA / ART-125 — Collective and Institutional Responsibility / Collective Sanctions

125.1 WUFO shall distinguish individual misconduct from institutional misconduct.

125.2 A club, Member Association or football community shall not automatically be punished for every act committed by one individual.

125.3 Collective sanctions may be used where the organisation itself bears responsibility.

125.4 Institutional responsibility may arise where an organisation:

a. ordered the misconduct;

b. organised it;

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c. financed it;

d. knowingly protected it;

e. repeatedly ignored it;

f. benefited from it while refusing reasonable corrective action; or

g. failed seriously in a duty clearly assigned to it.

125.5 WUFO should first seek to identify and sanction the persons directly responsible where this is reasonably possible.

125.6 Collective sanctions shall not be used only because individual investigation is inconvenient.

125.7 A collective sanction must be proportionate to:

a. the seriousness of the misconduct;

b. the responsibility of the organisation;

c. the ability of the organisation to prevent or correct the conduct;

d. repetition;

e. previous warnings; and

f. the effect of the sanction on innocent persons.

125.8 Possible institutional sanctions may include:

a. warning;

b. fine;

c. financial restriction;

d. stadium restriction;

e. supporter restriction;

f. competition restriction;

g. suspension; or

h. another proportionate measure authorised by WUFO law.

125.9 Sporting sanctions affecting competition results shall be used carefully.

125.10 WUFO shall consider whether a financial, administrative, individual or governance sanction can address the misconduct without unnecessarily changing sporting results.

125.11 Supporters shall not automatically be punished collectively for the misconduct of a small identifiable group.

125.12 Players shall not automatically lose sporting rights because of misconduct by administrators where a more targeted sanction is available.

125.13 Clubs shall not automatically be punished for misconduct of a Member Association where the clubs were not responsible and a more targeted solution is reasonably available.

125.14 Collective sanctions may nevertheless be necessary where targeted measures cannot protect:

a. competition integrity;

b. safety;

c. institutional independence; or

d. compliance with WUFO law.

125.15 Every major collective sanction shall contain written reasons explaining why a narrower measure was insufficient.

125.16 A serious collective sanction shall be subject to the applicable right of independent appeal.

125.17 The governing principle shall be:

Punish responsibility where responsibility exists. Collective punishment shall be a proportionate measure, not an automatic response.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-111 — Collective Sanctions Are Not the First Reflex; RULE-112 — Collective Measure May Sometimes Be Necessary | REG-9 / RULE-126 — Individual Responsibility | REG-8 / RULE-107 — Institutional Responsibility May Survive; RULE-140 — No Collective Punishment Without Basis | REG-10 / RULE-245 — Coordination with REG-22 Related Implementation: REG-22 / RULE-110 — Target Responsible Actors Where Possible; RULE-180 — Institutional Sanctions; RULE-288 — Institutional Responsibility Remains Real; RULE-320 — Governing Principles

X. FINANCE, TRANSPARENCY & REMUNERATION

STA / ART-126 — Finance, Reserves and General Audit

126.1 WUFO shall manage its money only for its institutional, sporting, development, social and community purposes.

126.2 WUFO funds shall not belong personally to:

a. the Founder;

b. a Member Association;

c. a Historical Confederation;

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d. a director;
e. an officer;
f. an employee; or
g. another private person.

126.3 WUFO may maintain reasonable financial reserves.

126.4 Reserves may be used to protect:

a. institutional continuity;
b. competition continuity;
c. emergency operations;
d. contractual obligations;
e. development programmes; and
f. other approved WUFO purposes.

126.5 A reserve shall not become a private fund controlled personally by an officer.

126.6 Restricted money shall remain subject to the purpose for which it was received or allocated.

126.7 Development money shall not be transferred to an unrelated purpose only because another project needs money.

126.8 WUFO shall prepare an annual institutional budget.

126.9 Budgets shall identify the principal expected:

a. revenues;
b. operating expenses;
c. competition expenses;
d. development allocations;
e. staff costs; and
f. reserve movements.

126.10 The competent WUFO bodies shall approve budgets according to the powers assigned by these Statutes.

126.11 Financial authority to spend WUFO money shall come from:

a. an approved budget;
b. a specific lawful authorisation; or
c. an emergency authority expressly recognised by WUFO law.

126.12 No officer shall create an unlimited personal spending authority.

126.13 WUFO financial statements shall be subject to independent external audit.

126.14 The external auditor shall have reasonable access to the financial records required for the audit.

126.15 No WUFO officer shall direct the auditor to hide, change or ignore a material financial finding.

126.16 Material audit findings shall be reported to the competent WUFO body.

126.17 Financial irregularities shall be investigated where required.

126.18 The governing principle shall be:

WUFO money belongs to the institution and must remain accountable to football.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-31 — Development Money Is Restricted Money | REG-27 / RULE-102 — REG-24 Continues | REG-26 / RULE-268 — Financial Authority Remains Separate | REG-23 / RULE-237 — Financial Audit Related Implementation: REG-26 / RULE-252 — Independent External Audit | REG-27 / RULE-116 — External Audit

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STA / ART-127 — Branch Financial Sovereignty and Self-Sustainability

127.1 The Men’s Football Branch and the Women’s Football Branch shall each have protected financial responsibility for their own sporting activities.

127.2 Each Branch shall be able to identify the revenue, expenditure and financial commitments attributable to its activities.

127.3 Men’s Football revenue shall not automatically become available for unrestricted use by the Women’s Football Branch.

127.4 Women’s Football revenue shall not automatically become available for unrestricted use by the Men’s Football Branch.

127.5 Neither Branch may unilaterally take money from the other Branch.

127.6 Neither Branch may unilaterally use a common WUFO reserve.

127.7 Common WUFO expenses may be allocated between the Branches where the allocation is:

a. reasonable;
b. transparent;
c. based on a real common cost; and
d. included in the approved financial system.

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127.8 Shared services may include, for example:

a. accounting;

b. legal services;

c. information technology;

d. headquarters administration;

e. safeguarding systems;

f. audit; and

g. other genuinely common institutional services.

127.9 A Branch shall not artificially charge its own expenses to the other Branch.

127.10 Financial independence shall not prevent voluntary cooperation between the Branches.

127.11 A voluntary financial transfer may occur where:

a. the competent bodies approve it;

b. the transfer is lawful;

c. restricted funds are respected; and

d. the transfer does not damage the financial stability of the contributing Branch.

127.12 No Branch shall be required to fund permanent expansion of the other Branch without proper authority.

127.13 The governing principle shall be:

Each Branch controls its own growth and remains responsible for its own financial sustainability.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-185 — Branch Responsibility; RULE-188 — Own Growth | REG-27 / RULE-106 — Protected Funds Remain Protected | REG-25 / RULE-320 — Final Governing Principles | REG-23 / RULE-237 — Financial Audit

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STA / ART-128 — Women's Football Financial Ring-Fence

128.1 Money expressly allocated to Women's Football shall be financially protected.

128.2 A Women's Football allocation shall not be redirected to Men's Football only because the Men's programme has a larger audience, greater commercial value or an unexpected deficit.

128.3 The Women's Football ring-fence may include:

a. Women's Football competition revenue;

b. dedicated Women's Football sponsorship;

c. dedicated development money;

d. grants restricted to Women's Football;

e. Women's Football commercial revenue; and

f. other money expressly allocated to the Women's Football Branch.

128.4 Money subject to a donor, sponsor, grant or contractual restriction shall be used only in accordance with that restriction.

128.5 The Women's Football Branch may contribute to genuine common WUFO expenses under a fair and transparent allocation.

128.6 A common institutional expense shall not be used as a false reason to remove protected Women's Football funds.

128.7 Women's Football financial protection shall not require artificial spending.

128.8 Money may remain reserved for future Women's Football use where immediate spending would be unnecessary or irresponsible.

128.9 The Women's Football Branch shall remain subject to the same audit, integrity and financial-control standards as the Men's Football Branch.

128.10 Financial protection shall not mean exemption from financial responsibility.

128.11 The governing principle shall be:

Women's Football money remains protected for Women's Football. Protection and financial responsibility apply together.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-157 — Financial Ring-Fence Preserved | REG-20 / RULE-186 — Women's Football Ring- Fence | REG-17 / RULE-115 — Women's Financial Ring-Fence | REG-27 / RULE-106 — Protected Funds Remain Protected Related Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-169 — Women's Futsal; RULE-171 — No Artificial Spending | REG-20 / RULE-187 — No Men's Deficit Transfer; RULE-188 — Own Growth

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STA / ART-129 — Competition Financial Feasibility — Each Branch Funds Its Own Growth

129.1 A new WUFO competition or major expansion of an existing competition shall require a credible financial plan.

129.2 The financial plan shall identify the principal expected:

a. operating costs;

b. team-support costs;

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c. travel costs where applicable;

d. production costs;

e. prize obligations where applicable;

f. expected revenue; and

g. financial risks.

129.3 A competition shall not be created only because it is politically or publicly attractive if WUFO has no reasonable way to finance it.

129.4 A Branch proposing a new or expanded competition shall demonstrate how that competition can be financed.

129.5 The Men’s Football Branch shall not create a competition that depends on an unauthorised permanent transfer from the Women’s Football Branch.

129.6 The Women’s Football Branch shall not create a competition that depends on an unauthorised permanent transfer from the Men’s Football Branch.

129.7 A competition may receive:

a. its own commercial revenue;

b. properly approved Branch funds;

c. development funding where eligible;

d. voluntary support;

e. lawful grants; or

f. another approved source of finance.

129.8 A temporary startup investment may be permitted where the competent body approves a credible long-term plan.

129.9 Financial feasibility shall not require every competition to make a commercial profit.

129.10 A competition may have sporting, development or social value without producing a profit.

129.11 The requirement is that WUFO understands how the competition will be paid for and does not create an uncontrolled financial obligation.

129.12 Player development and sporting opportunity shall be considered together with financial sustainability.

129.13 The governing principle shall be:

Growth must be planned, funded and sustainable.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-185 — Branch Responsibility; RULE-188 — Own Growth | REG-25 / RULE-320 — Final Governing Principles | REG-13 / RULE-202 — Coordination with REG-24 Related Implementation: REG-20 / RULE-181 — Credible Financial Plan; RULE-183 — Profit Not Required; RULE-184 — Uncontrolled Deficit Not Permitted; RULE-189 — Startup Investment

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STA / ART-130 — Independent Fiduciary Distribution of Protected Development Funds

130.1 Protected WUFO development distributions shall be administered through an independent fiduciary, custodian or equivalent financial structure where required by these Statutes or the applicable Regulations.

130.2 The purpose of the independent fiduciary structure shall be to separate the distribution of protected development money from personal or political control by WUFO officers.

130.3 A Founder President, Historical Confederation President, Secretary General, director or other officer shall not personally decide which Member Association receives money where a binding distribution formula already applies.

130.4 The fiduciary shall distribute funds according to the approved legal formula.

130.5 The fiduciary shall not change the distribution formula for political, commercial or personal reasons.

130.6 Protected development distributions may include:

a. WUFO Development funds;

b. National Football Development Programme funds;

c. Historical Confederation Development funds; and

d. other protected distributions expressly assigned to the fiduciary system.

130.7 Distribution records shall identify:

a. the amount received;

b. the legal or regulatory basis of the distribution;

c. the recipient; and

d. the date of distribution.

130.8 The fiduciary structure shall maintain appropriate financial controls.

130.9 Development money shall not be paid into a personal account of a football officer where an institutional account is required.

130.10 Member Associations receiving protected funds shall remain responsible for proper use and accounting.

130.11 Misuse of protected development money may result in:

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a. repayment;

b. temporary financial suspension;

c. disciplinary action; or

d. another lawful measure.

130.12 The detailed fiduciary structure shall be established by Regulation and the applicable financial agreements.

130.13 The governing principle shall be:

The formula decides the distribution. No officer personally distributes football development money as a favour.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-27 / RULE-108 — Development Funds; RULE-109 — Fiduciary Funds | REG-25 / RULE-27 — Historical Confederation Development; RULE-315 — No Development Money as Political Favour | REG-13 / RULE-202 — Coordination with REG-24 | REG-24 / RULE-8 — Line 2 — National Football Development Partnerships Related Implementation: REG-25 / RULE-279 — Recovered Development Money Remains Development Money; RULE-306 — Coordination with REG-24; RULE-320 — Final Governing Principles | REG-27 / RULE-106 — Protected Funds Remain Protected

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STA / ART-131 — Independent External Audit and Separation from the Fiduciary

131.1 The independent fiduciary distribution structure shall not replace the independent external auditor.

131.2 The fiduciary and the external auditor shall perform different functions.

131.3 The fiduciary shall administer and distribute money.

131.4 The external auditor shall independently examine the financial records and controls.

131.5 The fiduciary shall not be the sole auditor of its own work.

131.6 The external audit shall include, within its proper scope:

a. WUFO central accounts;

b. protected development funds;

c. fiduciary distributions;

d. material reserves;

e. competition financial accounts; and

f. other material WUFO financial activity.

131.7 The auditor shall remain independent from:

a. the Founder President;

b. the Presidential Body;

c. the Secretary General;

d. the Councils;

e. Historical Confederation leadership;

f. commercial partners; and

g. the fiduciary being audited.

131.8 No person whose financial conduct is being reviewed shall control the conclusions of the audit.

131.9 The competent WUFO body shall receive the external audit report.

131.10 Material findings requiring corrective action shall not be hidden from the competent body.

131.11 WUFO shall publish an appropriate annual financial and audit summary.

131.12 Confidential personal information and legally protected information may be withheld from public publication where necessary.

131.13 Confidentiality shall not be used to hide a material institutional financial problem.

131.14 The governing principle shall be:

The person who distributes the money is not the person who independently certifies that the distribution was proper.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-27 / RULE-109 — Fiduciary Funds; RULE-116 — External Audit | REG-26 / RULE-252 — Independent External Audit | REG-12 / RULE-175 — Financial Audit Independence | REG-13 / RULE-202 — Coordination with REG-24 Related Implementation: REG-11 / RULE-148 — Audit Access | REG-23 / RULE-238 — Case Independence from Audit Function

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STA / ART-132 — Transparency of Contracts and Public Accounts

132.1 WUFO shall maintain a policy of financial transparency.

132.2 WUFO shall publish regular institutional financial accounts.

132.3 Public reporting shall provide a reasonable understanding of:

a. major sources of revenue;

b. major categories of expenditure;

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c. development distributions;

d. competition expenditure;

e. central administration costs;

f. reserves; and

g. senior institutional remuneration where required by these Statutes.

132.4 Material WUFO contracts shall be recorded and subject to appropriate internal control.

132.5 WUFO shall not use secret contracts to avoid:

a. Congress authority;

b. audit;

c. financial limits;

d. competitive procurement rules where applicable; or

e. another transparency requirement.

132.6 Commercial confidentiality may be protected where there is a genuine legal or commercial reason.

132.7 Personal employee information may also remain private where public disclosure is not required.

132.8 Confidentiality shall not be used to hide:

a. corruption;

b. undisclosed personal benefits;

c. unauthorised commissions;

d. serious conflicts of interest; or

e. unlawful financial obligations.

132.9 Material related-party transactions shall be disclosed to the competent WUFO control body.

132.10 No officer shall approve a personal financial benefit through an undisclosed conflict of interest.

132.11 WUFO shall preserve adequate financial records for the period required by applicable law and WUFO rules.

132.12 Public transparency shall be proportionate.

132.13 WUFO shall not publish ordinary employee private information only to create the appearance of transparency.

132.14 The governing principle shall be:

Institutional money should be understandable to the institution and accountable to the football community.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-17 / RULE-180 — Material Commercial Agreements; RULE-184 — Related-Party Transactions | REG-8 / RULE-44 — Legitimate Privacy | REG-13 / RULE-155 — Confidentiality | REG-11 / RULE-40 — Public Disclosure Related Implementation: REG-10 / RULE-234 — Personal Data Protection | REG-26 / RULE-259 — Privacy | REG-12 / RULE-174 — Commercial Confidentiality | REG-17 / RULE-200 — Public Accountability

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STA / ART-133 — Central Staff Remuneration and Employment

133.1 WUFO may employ professional staff and, during the Embryonic Period, may rely on qualified volunteers where full staffing is not yet sustainable.
133.2 As resources permit, service may progress from volunteer work to stipend, allowance or service compensation and then salaried employment; no institutional Period requires unpaid service when WUFO can pay.
133.3 Serious verified volunteer service receives priority consideration for a later paid role, never an automatic right to employment.
133.4 Compact or austere administration shall not mean understaffing, unfair pay, unsafe or obsolete systems, inadequate professional capacity or insufficient resources.

133.5 Staff remuneration shall be organised through approved salary bands or equivalent compensation structures.

133.6 Salary levels may consider:

a. responsibility;

b. professional qualifications;

c. experience;

d. labour market conditions;

e. location; and

f. the financial capacity of WUFO.

133.7 WUFO may provide reasonable employment benefits.

133.8 Benefits may include, as appropriate:

a. health insurance;

b. disability insurance;

c. life insurance;

d. retirement contributions;

e. paid leave; and

f. other normal employment benefits.

133.9 Total staff costs shall be included in the approved WUFO budget.

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133.10 Ordinary employee salaries shall not require individual public disclosure unless required by law or WUFO transparency rules.

133.11 Senior executive remuneration shall be subject to greater transparency.

133.12 No WUFO employee or officer shall receive a personal commercial commission calculated as a percentage of:

a. a sponsorship agreement;

b. a broadcast agreement;

c. a licensing agreement;

d. a Host Agreement; or

e. another material WUFO commercial transaction.

133.13 A normal performance-based employment system may exist where it does not create an improper incentive connected to a particular commercial contract.

133.14 Employment decisions shall not be used to reward political loyalty or personal favour.

133.15 WUFO shall protect employees who lawfully report serious financial wrongdoing through the applicable whistleblower and integrity procedures.

133.16 The governing principle shall be:

Not-for-profit does not mean unpaid. WUFO may pay professional people fairly without turning institutional money into personal profit.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-26 / RULE-66 — Approved Compensation Structure; RULE-290 — Final Governing Principle | REG-17 / RULE-185 — No WUFO Officer Commission | REG-24 / RULE-11 — Line 5 — World League — Referees and Officials Related Implementation: REG-26 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-2 — Governing Employment Principle; RULE-210 — Whistleblower Protection; RULE-254 — Ordinary Employee Salary Privacy

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STA / ART-134 — Secretary General — Remuneration and Limits

134.1 The Secretary General shall be a full-time professional office and may receive remuneration.

134.2 The maximum gross annual remuneration of the Secretary General shall be six hundred thousand United States dollars (US$600,000) in 2026 value.

134.3 The maximum shall be adjusted only to preserve its real value through the approved inflation mechanism.

134.4 The maximum amount shall be a ceiling and not an automatic salary entitlement.

134.5 The actual remuneration shall be determined through an independent and transparent process established by Regulation.

134.6 The Secretary General shall not determine his or her own remuneration.

134.7 The approved remuneration shall be included in the WUFO budget.

134.8 The remuneration of the Secretary General shall be publicly disclosed.

134.9 Reasonable benefits may be provided separately.

134.10 Such benefits may include:

a. health insurance;

b. life insurance;

c. disability insurance;

d. retirement contributions; and

e. other normal executive employment benefits.

134.11 Official WUFO travel and properly documented business expenses shall not form part of the salary ceiling.

134.12 Reimbursement of official expenses shall not be used to hide additional salary.

134.13 The Secretary General shall receive no personal commercial commission connected to WUFO contracts.

134.14 The remuneration of the Secretary General shall end when that person ceases to hold or lawfully serve in the office, subject to normal legal employment obligations.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-26 / RULE-113 — Statutory Ceiling; RULE-128 — End of Remuneration | REG-24 / RULE-12 — Line 6 — Club Benefit Programme Related Implementation: REG-26 / RULE-96 — Benefits Separate from Salary Ceiling Where Statutes Provide; RULE-125 — Secretary General Official Expenses; RULE-225 — Secretary General Remuneration End; RULE-256 — Secretary General Disclosure

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STA / ART-135 — Founder President — Remuneration and Limits

135.1 The Founder President has first remuneration priority because, from WUFO's pre-institutional conception phase through the Embryonic and Foundational Periods, he has devoted and shall continue to devote 100% of his professional working time to WUFO's conception, development, establishment and operation. This recognises that WUFO was initially conceived and developed by one individual, not a remunerated founding team or pre-existing institutional structure.
135.2 Maximum gross annual remuneration is US$600,000 in 2026 value.
135.3 The maximum is adjusted only through the approved inflation mechanism to preserve real value.
135.4 The maximum is a ceiling.

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135.5 The ceiling shall not create an automatic right to receive the full maximum amount every year.

135.6 The actual applicable remuneration level shall be determined independently according to WUFO financial capacity, the responsibilities of the office, the work performed, institutional circumstances and the financial rules established by WUFO, while respecting the remuneration priority in Article 135.1.

135.7 The Founder President shall not determine or approve his own remuneration.

135.8 Approved remuneration and any retroactive recognition shall be publicly disclosed and independently auditable. Retroactive Recognition and Deferred Payment

135.9 Neither the Embryonic Period nor the Foundational Period shall be construed as a period in which the Founder President or qualified volunteers are required to serve without compensation. As soon as WUFO has sufficient financial capacity to provide a full salary, partial salary, stipend, allowance, service compensation or other appropriate economic support, such compensation shall begin without any requirement to wait for the Mature Period.

135.10 From the effective date on which the fiftieth (50th) Member completes valid Founding Accession and the Foundational Period begins, Founder President remuneration may be recognised retroactively from the beginning of that Period for amounts that could not previously be paid, subject to the applicable ceiling, independent determination, accounting and audit.

135.11 For the Embryonic Period, retroactive recognition shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the applicable remuneration level. Compensation already received for that Period shall be credited, and only the amount necessary to reach the fifty-percent level may be recognised.

135.12 A valid recognised but unpaid amount constitutes a WUFO institutional financial obligation. It creates no shares, equity, voting rights, ownership, percentage of WUFO revenue or permanent claim over WUFO assets beyond the lawful monetary obligation.

135.13 A recognised unpaid amount may be paid later when WUFO has sufficient lawful liquidity, subject to approved financial controls, accounting verification and independent audit.

135.14 The pre-institutional conception phase referenced in Article 135.1 is descriptive only and does not constitute a fourth official institutional period. WUFO's official institutional periods are Embryonic, Foundational and Mature.

Benefits and Expenses

135.15 The Founder President may receive reasonable executive benefits.

135.16 Such benefits may include:

a. health insurance;

b. life insurance;

c. disability insurance; and

d. a defined retirement contribution.

135.17 The Founder President shall not receive a lifetime WUFO pension merely because he served as Founder President.

135.18 Official travel and properly documented WUFO business expenses shall be separate from the annual remuneration ceiling.

135.19 Expense reimbursement shall not be used to hide additional remuneration.

135.20 The Founder President shall receive no personal commercial commission connected to WUFO sponsorships, broadcast rights, Host Agreements or other WUFO contracts.

Permanent End of the Office

135.21 Active remuneration for service as Founder President may apply during the Embryonic and Foundational Periods while the office lawfully exists. When the Founder Presidency permanently ends, no new salary shall remain attached to that office.

135.22 A historical title such as Founder or Founder Emeritus shall not create a salary, pension, executive compensation, voting rights or another permanent financial entitlement.

135.23 Valid pre-existing remuneration obligations recognised for the Embryonic or Foundational Period may still be paid after the office ends.

135.24 Payment of such a valid existing obligation shall not extend or revive the Founder Presidency, create executive authority or create new remuneration for post-office service.

135.25 The Founder Presidency shall disappear permanently after the twelve-year Foundational Period as established elsewhere in these Statutes.

135.26 No payment made after the office ends shall alter the constitutional end of the office.

135.27 Governing principles: The Founder President may be paid fairly as soon as WUFO has financial capacity, with first remuneration priority reflecting full-time service from conception through the Embryonic and Foundational Periods. The office creates no ownership and no permanent financial privilege. After the Foundational Period, the office ends permanently.

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IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE
Primary Implementation: REG-26 / RULE-130 - Founder President Remuneration; RULE-155 - Retroactive Recognition and Deferred Payment; RULE-290 - Final Governing Principles | REG-17 / RULE-185 - No WUFO Officer Commission | REG-24 / RULE-13 - Line 7 - WUFO Championship Cup A-G - Logistics
Related Implementation: REG-26 / RULE-21 - Retroactive and Deferred Remuneration; RULE-131 - Founder President Statutory Ceiling; RULE-282 - No Founder Ownership

XI. CONTINUITY AND SURVIVAL OF WUFO

STA / ART-136 — Indefinite Duration, Institutional Dormancy and State of Institutional Preservation

136.1 WUFO shall exist for an indefinite duration.

136.2 The temporary suspension, reduction or interruption of sporting activity shall not by itself terminate WUFO.

136.3 WUFO shall not be considered abandoned only because it is temporarily unable to organise:

a. the WUFO Championship Cup;

b. the World League;

c. another international competition;

d. Congress meetings; or

e. another normal sporting activity.

136.4 Serious circumstances may temporarily prevent WUFO from operating normally.

136.5 Such circumstances may include:

a. war or armed conflict;

b. major international crisis;

c. natural disaster;

d. pandemic or public-health emergency;

e. severe financial crisis;

f. major legal restriction;

g. loss of essential operating capacity;

h. widespread disruption of international travel; or

i. another extraordinary circumstance that makes normal operation temporarily impossible.

136.6 Where normal operation becomes impossible or seriously impractical, WUFO may enter a State of Institutional Preservation.

136.7 A State of Institutional Preservation shall exist to protect the legal and institutional survival of WUFO until normal activity can reasonably resume.

136.8 During a State of Institutional Preservation, WUFO may reduce or suspend nonessential activities.

136.9 WUFO shall nevertheless seek to preserve, where reasonably possible:

a. its legal corporate existence;

b. its registered status;

c. its essential accounts;

d. its institutional records;

e. its intellectual property;

f. its archives;

g. its historical records;

h. its essential financial reserves;

i. its legal rights and obligations; and

j. its capacity to resume normal football activity.

k. its legally required registered office;

l. the minimum number of directors or other corporate officeholders required by applicable law; and

m. required corporate filings necessary to preserve its lawful existence.

136.10 WUFO shall continue to satisfy the minimum corporate, tax, accounting and legal obligations necessary to preserve its lawful existence where reasonably possible.

136.11 Institutional preservation shall take priority over unnecessary expenditure during a period of serious dormancy.

136.12 WUFO may maintain a reduced administrative structure during such a period.

136.13 Sporting dormancy shall not transfer ownership or control of WUFO assets to:

a. the Founder;

b. the Founder President;

c. a Member Association;

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d. a Historical Confederation;

e. an officer;

f. an employee;

g. a creditor except through lawful enforcement; or

h. another private person.

136.14 A temporary inability to organise competitions shall not automatically cancel:

a. WUFO membership;

b. the institutional identity of WUFO;

c. historical competition records;

d. protected institutional assets; or

e. rights capable of lawful preservation.

136.15 Where only part of WUFO remains capable of operating, the functioning part shall not acquire permanent constitutional authority belonging to another body merely because that other body is temporarily inactive.

136.16 Emergency administration shall be limited to what is reasonably necessary to preserve the institution and comply with law.

136.17 A temporary emergency shall not be used to create permanent constitutional powers that these Statutes do not otherwise provide.

136.18 Normal constitutional government shall resume as soon as reasonably possible after the extraordinary circumstances end.

136.19 WUFO may adopt Regulations governing:

a. declaration of a State of Institutional Preservation;

b. minimum institutional functions;

c. emergency financial controls;

d. protection of archives and intellectual property;

e. temporary administrative arrangements; and

f. restoration of normal operations.

136.20 Such Regulations shall not create a power to dissolve WUFO contrary to these Statutes.

136.21 The governing principles shall be:

Sporting dormancy is not institutional death.

When normal football cannot continue, WUFO shall preserve the institution so that football can return.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-27 / RULE-3 — Sporting Dormancy Is Not Institutional Death; RULE-9 — State of Institutional Preservation
Related Implementation: REG-27 / RULE-23 — Serious Circumstances Required; RULE-59 — Termination of Preservation State; RULE-141 — Restoration Objective; RULE-347 — Final Governing Principles

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STA / ART-137 — Voluntary Dissolution of WUFO

137.1 WUFO shall not be voluntarily dissolved by:

a. the Founder President;

b. the Presidential Body;

c. the Secretary General;

d. the Men’s Council;

e. the Women’s Council;

f. a Historical Confederation;

g. an individual Member Association; or

h. another executive or administrative body acting alone.

137.2 Voluntary dissolution shall be a matter reserved to the full lawful voting membership of WUFO.

137.3 A voluntary dissolution resolution shall require one hundred percent (100%) of all full lawful voting rights entitled to participate in the decision to vote YES.

137.4 Absence shall not reduce the number of affirmative votes required.

137.5 Failure to vote shall not reduce the number of affirmative votes required.

137.6 An abstention shall not count as approval.

137.7 Where WUFO has two hundred and forty-one (241) Member Associations and every Member holds its two lawful Branch Votes for a common Joint Congress matter, voluntary dissolution would therefore require approval by all four hundred and eighty-two (482) lawful votes.

137.8 If the lawful number of voting rights changes, the requirement shall remain one hundred percent (100%) of the full lawful voting rights then entitled to decide the matter.

137.9 The dissolution proposal shall clearly state:

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a. the reason for dissolution;

b. the legal consequences;

c. the expected treatment of liabilities;

d. the proposed treatment of remaining assets;

e. the proposed preservation of WUFO heritage; and

f. any other material consequence reasonably necessary for Members to make an informed decision.

137.10 A voluntary dissolution vote shall not be held as a surprise vote.

137.11 The proposal shall be disclosed sufficiently in advance to allow each Member Association to obtain the internal mandate required under these Statutes.

137.12 Authority to negotiate or study dissolution shall not constitute authority to approve dissolution.

137.13 WUFO shall first satisfy or make lawful provision for its debts and liabilities.

137.14 No remaining property or asset shall be distributed for private benefit to:

a. the Founder;

b. the Founder President;

c. a former Founder President;

d. a Member Association;

e. a Historical Confederation;

f. a director;

g. an officer;

h. an employee;

i. a donor; or

j. another private person merely because of that person’s relationship with WUFO.

137.15 After lawful satisfaction of liabilities, remaining property shall be distributed to one or more organisations legally eligible to receive those assets under applicable Canadian law.

137.16 Preference should be given, where legally possible, to qualified donees or equivalent eligible organisations whose purposes include:

a. sport;

b. youth development;

c. education;

d. football development;

e. sporting history;

f. cultural or sporting heritage; or

g. another purpose consistent with the historical mission of WUFO.

137.17 WUFO shall seek, where legally possible, to keep important historical and heritage assets together rather than dispersing them unnecessarily.

137.18 No person shall acquire WUFO’s historical assets merely because that person held office immediately before dissolution.

137.19 This Article shall not prevent a dissolution, winding-up or other action that is mandatorily required by applicable law or a binding court order.

137.20 Where mandatory law conflicts with a procedural requirement of this Article, mandatory law shall prevail only to the extent legally necessary.

137.21 The voluntary dissolution requirement established by this Article shall itself be amendable only through the same one hundred percent (100%) approval of all full lawful voting rights, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law.

137.22 No constitutional amendment shall be used indirectly to avoid the unanimity requirement by creating an equivalent process under another name.

137.23 Merger, continuation, reorganisation, asset transfer or another transaction whose real purpose and effect would be the voluntary extinction of WUFO shall not be used to defeat this Article.

137.24 The governing principles shall be:

No executive body can voluntarily end WUFO.

Voluntary dissolution requires the consent of every full lawful WUFO vote.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-27 / RULE-162 — Unanimity; RULE-334 — Every Lawful Vote Must Say YES Related Implementation: REG-27 / RULE-163 — Full 482-Vote Illustration; RULE-164 — Changed Membership; RULE-225 — Eligible Recipient Organisations; RULE-347 — Final Governing Principles

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STA / ART-138 — Perpetual Institutional Assets and World Football Heritage

138.1 WUFO shall recognise certain institutional assets as part of its permanent World Football Heritage.

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138.2 World Football Heritage shall include material created, acquired or preserved because of the historical, sporting, institutional or cultural activity of WUFO.

138.3 Such heritage may include:

a. founding documents;

b. original Statutes and Regulations;

c. Congress records;

d. official competition records;

e. historical match records;

f. trophies;

g. medals;

h. archives;

i. photographs;

j. films and audiovisual recordings;

k. official publications;

l. historical correspondence;

m. competition designs;

n. institutional symbols and marks;

o. historical databases;

p. important physical objects; and

q. other material having significant historical value to world football.

138.4 WUFO shall preserve important institutional heritage for future generations.

138.5 Such assets shall not be treated only according to their immediate commercial value.

138.6 An important historical asset shall not be sold merely because a private buyer offers a high price.

138.7 WUFO may lawfully:

a. conserve;

b. restore;

c. digitise;

d. exhibit;

e. reproduce;

f. license;

g. lend; or

h. otherwise make responsible use of World Football Heritage.

138.8 Commercial use of a heritage asset shall not automatically transfer permanent ownership of that asset.

138.9 WUFO may establish physical and digital archives.

138.10 WUFO should preserve redundant copies of essential digital records where reasonably possible.

138.11 Important original records should be protected against:

a. destruction;

b. unauthorised alteration;

c. improper private removal;

d. deliberate historical falsification; and

e. avoidable loss.

138.12 No Founder, President, officer, employee, Member Association or Historical Confederation shall personally own a WUFO historical asset only because that person:

a. created it while acting for WUFO;

b. possessed it while holding office;

c. received it on behalf of WUFO; or

d. had temporary custody of it.

138.13 An officer leaving WUFO shall return institutional records and property belonging to WUFO.

138.14 Historical records shall not be deliberately destroyed only because they are embarrassing, politically inconvenient or critical of a former administration.

138.15 Legitimate privacy, safeguarding, legal privilege and data-protection obligations may restrict public access to particular records.

138.16 Restricted public access shall not require destruction of a record where lawful preservation remains possible.

138.17 WUFO may establish a permanent heritage archive, museum, library, digital repository or equivalent institution.

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138.18 WUFO may cooperate with:

a. museums;

b. universities;

c. libraries;

d. public archives;

e. sporting heritage institutions; and

f. other appropriate nonprofit or public bodies

for conservation, research and public access.

138.19 Institutional dormancy shall not terminate WUFO's responsibility to preserve its heritage where preservation remains reasonably possible.

138.20 In the event of lawful dissolution, WUFO shall seek to transfer major World Football Heritage assets to an appropriate qualified donee, public institution, heritage institution or equivalent lawful custodian capable of preserving them.

138.21 Heritage assets should, where reasonably and legally possible, remain together as a coherent historical collection.

138.22 Permanent WUFO heritage shall not become the personal legacy property of the Founder or any later officeholder.

138.23 WUFO shall preserve institutional history accurately, including both achievements and documented failures.

138.24 The governing principles shall be:

WUFO may one day stop playing matches. Its history must not disappear with the last whistle.

World Football Heritage belongs to the institution and to future generations, not to an officeholder.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-27 / RULE-293 — Heritage Together Where Possible; RULE-347 — Final Governing Principles | REG-28 / RULE-265 — Archive Governing Principle Related Implementation: REG-27 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-8 — Heritage Is Permanent Institutional Property; RULE-231 — Permanent Heritage Recognition; RULE-291 — Dormancy Does Not End Heritage Responsibility

XII. PUBLICATION & DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

STA / ART-139 — Publication and Documentation System — Official Legal Corpus and Hierarchy

139.1 WUFO shall maintain one coherent publication and documentation system for its constitutional, regulatory, operational and public materials.

139.2 The official WUFO legal and operational document families shall use the following permanent codes: INC for Articles of Incorporation; STA for Statutes; ART for Articles within the Statutes; REG for Regulations; RULE for Rules within a Regulation; MAN for Manuals; PRT for Protocols; PRO for Procedures; and FOR for Forms.

139.3 A Statutory Schedule incorporated into these Statutes may use a permanent STA / SCH code appropriate to its subject.

139.4 Applicable mandatory law and the Articles of Incorporation shall be respected. Within the WUFO normative system, a lower instrument shall not contradict a higher instrument.

139.5 The Statutes establish the constitutional architecture, protected principles, reserved powers, permanent rights, limits, formulas and other matters requiring statutory protection.

139.6 Regulations shall develop the detailed rules required to implement the Statutes.

139.7 Rules within a Regulation, Manuals, Protocols, Procedures and Forms shall provide progressively more detailed operational direction within the authority of the higher instrument.

139.8 A Manual, Protocol, Procedure, Form or explanatory publication shall not amend, suspend or override the Statutes or a valid Regulation.

139.9 Where two WUFO instruments appear to conflict, the instrument of higher normative authority shall prevail and the inconsistency shall be corrected through the official documentation system.

139.10 The governing principle shall be: One legal system. Clear hierarchy. No lower document may rewrite a higher rule.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-5 — No Lower Document May Rewrite Higher Law; RULE-300 — Final Governing Principles | REG-25 / RULE-310 — Lower Instruments Cannot Change Protected Financial Percentages | REG-6 / RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-28 | REG-27 / RULE-327 — Lower Instruments Cannot Create Dissolution Power Related Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-2 — One Coherent Documentation System; RULE-4 — Higher Instrument Prevails; RULE-40 — Hierarchy Governing Principle; RULE-291 — No Lower Instrument May Rewrite Higher Law

STA / ART-140 — English Master Drafting, Plain International English and Translation

140.1 The master legal drafting language of WUFO shall be English.

140.2 The English master shall be drafted first and finalised before the corresponding French and Spanish translations are completed, except where a competent WUFO body expressly authorises a parallel drafting process.

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140.3 WUFO legal drafting shall use Plain International English wherever this can be done without reducing legal precision.

140.4 Sentences should be direct, terminology should remain consistent, and unnecessary legal ornament should be avoided.

140.5 Each abbreviation shall be written out at first use in each independent document before the abbreviation is used alone.

140.6 The French and Spanish editions are official translations of the English master and shall preserve the same legal meaning, document code, Article number, Regulation number and other permanent identifiers as the English master.

140.7 A translation shall not create a new rule, remove a protection or change a number, formula, threshold, right or obligation contained in the adopted source text.

140.8 If any ambiguity, discrepancy, inconsistency, translation difficulty or difference of interpretation arises between the English master and a French or Spanish translation, the English master shall prevail. WUFO shall correct the translation through the official version-control process.

140.9 A translation correction shall not be used as an informal method of amending the underlying law.

140.10 The governing principle shall be: Easy to read. Easy to translate. Hard to misunderstand.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-77 — English First; RULE-79 — Plain International English | REG-9 / RULE-17 — Plain Language | REG-27 / RULE-325 — Coordination with REG-28 Related Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-76 — English Master; RULE-84 — Abbreviation at First Use; RULE-90 — Drafting Governing Principle; RULE-105 — Translation Error

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STA / ART-141 — Permanent Coding, Continuous Numbering, Master Normative Index and Decision Traceability

141.1 Every official WUFO document shall receive a permanent code that remains the same in every language version.

141.2 The Statutes shall use one continuous Article sequence. Article numbering shall not restart when a new Chapter begins.

141.3 WUFO Regulations shall use one continuous REG sequence across the organisation.

141.4 The internal RULE sequence shall restart at RULE-1 within each Regulation.

141.5 Statutory Schedules, Manuals, Protocols, Procedures and Forms shall use stable identifiers that permit reliable citation and historical tracking.

141.6 WUFO shall maintain a Master Normative Index identifying the official code, title, current status, language versions and relationship of each normative instrument.

141.7 WUFO shall maintain a Decision Ledger or equivalent traceability record for material constitutional and regulatory decisions.

141.8 The traceability system shall identify, where reasonably possible, whether a material decision is in force, amended, superseded, repealed, pending placement or otherwise inactive.

141.9 A sealed decision shall not remain only in informal conversation or drafting notes. It shall receive a permanent normative or operational home appropriate to its legal importance.

141.10 A decision that has not yet received its final normative home shall be identified internally as UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN until placement is completed.

141.11 A superseded rule shall not be silently treated as current law.

141.12 Amendments shall preserve enough historical information to allow a later reader to determine what changed and which text is currently in force.

141.13 The governing principle shall be: Every binding decision must have a home. Every official rule must be traceable.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-1 — Purpose; RULE-300 — Final Governing Principles | REG-11 / RULE-155 — Coordination with REG-28 | REG-27 / RULE-325 — Coordination with REG-28 | REG-6 / RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-28 Related Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-25 — UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN; RULE-61 — Continuous Statutory Article Sequence; RULE-157 — Decision Status; RULE-160 — Sealed Decisions Must Receive a Home

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STA / ART-142 — Three Official Publication Products

142.1 WUFO shall maintain three complementary publication products describing the WUFO system at different levels of detail.

142.2 The first shall be the Complete Operating Manual.

142.3 The Complete Operating Manual shall explain how WUFO functions end to end and shall connect the Statutes, Regulations, Rules, Manuals, Protocols, Procedures, Forms, competition systems and institutional responsibilities required for practical operation.

142.4 The second shall be the Illustrated Public Blueprint.

142.5 The Illustrated Public Blueprint shall explain WUFO clearly to Members, players, supporters, media, public authorities, commercial partners and the general public through concise text, diagrams, tables, illustrations and other accessible explanatory material.

142.6 The third shall be the Legal & Regulatory Corpus.

142.7 The Legal & Regulatory Corpus shall contain the binding constitutional and regulatory instruments of WUFO together with incorporated Schedules and other formally adopted legal materials.

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142.8 The three products shall express the same institutional principles and shall not intentionally contradict one another.

142.9 Different levels of detail shall not be treated as different policies.

142.10 Where explanatory material conflicts with binding law, the binding legal instrument shall prevail.

142.11 Where the Complete Operating Manual describes an operational process, that process shall remain subject to the higher Statutes and Regulations.

142.12 The three products shall be updated when material legal or operational changes make an existing explanation inaccurate.

142.13 The governing principle shall be: One system. Three publication products. No contradiction.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-298 — Three Publications — One System | REG-6 / RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-28 | REG-10 / RULE-227 — Two Information Layers | REG-9 / RULE-165 — Coordination with REG-28 Related Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-225 — Publication Updates; RULE-227 — Complete Operating Manual Purpose; RULE-228 — Operating Manual Integration; RULE-230 — Illustrated Public Blueprint Purpose

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STA / ART-143 — Public Access, Historical Versions and Non-Constitutional Operating Benchmarks

143.1 WUFO shall make its current Statutes and other principal binding legal instruments reasonably accessible through its official publication system.

143.2 WUFO shall preserve historical versions of material legal instruments so that amendments and institutional development can be traced over time.

143.3 Historical preservation shall not mean that an old version remains legally in force.

143.4 Each published legal instrument should identify its official code and version or effective date in a manner established by the documentation rules.

143.5 WUFO may maintain non-constitutional operating benchmarks in the Complete Operating Manual or other appropriate operational instruments.

143.6 Such benchmarks may guide planning without becoming permanent constitutional minimums or maximums.

143.7 The historical working benchmark of approximately one hundred (100) permanent central staff for a mature WUFO administration may be maintained as an operational planning reference.

143.8 The benchmark in Article

143.7 shall not create a right to employ one hundred persons, a duty to employ one hundred persons, or a constitutional cap of one hundred persons.

143.9 Detailed technical standards, forms, travel classes, hotel standards, deadlines, booking procedures and comparable execution details should normally be placed in lower operational instruments rather than in the Statutes unless constitutional protection is necessary.

143.10 The governing principle shall be: Preserve the constitutional rule in the Statutes and place ordinary execution detail where it can be administered properly.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-26 / RULE-24 — Approximately 100 Staff Is a Planning Benchmark Only | REG-28 / RULE-241 — Operating Benchmarks; RULE-244 — Historical 100-Staff Benchmark | REG-27 / RULE-328 — Lower Instruments Cannot Create Emergency Constitutional Power | REG-13 / RULE-189 — Historical Record Related Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-128 — Official Publication; RULE-236 — Ordinary Execution Detail Belongs Lower; RULE-250 — Lower-Instrument Governing Principle; RULE-300 — Final Governing Principles

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STA / ART-144 — Historical Drafting and Founding Materials — Non-Normative

144.1 WUFO may preserve historical drafts, idea repositories, research notes and other nonnormative founding materials for institutional memory and future study.

144.2 Historical idea repositories, drafts and drafting sources from the founding process shall be treated only as non-normative materials for institutional memory and future study.

144.3 Such materials shall not automatically constitute WUFO law, policy, Regulation or institutional commitment.

144.4 Before a concept originating in historical drafting materials is incorporated into WUFO law or policy, it shall undergo an express internal review using the classifications KEEP, ADAPT or REMOVE.

144.5 A concept classified KEEP or ADAPT shall become binding only if it is formally adopted through the competent WUFO process and placed in the appropriate normative instrument.

144.6 A concept classified REMOVE shall not be treated as current WUFO policy merely because it appears in a historical document.

144.7 Informal conversations, brainstorming notes, unpublished drafts and research materials shall not override adopted WUFO law.

144.8 Historical materials may nevertheless be preserved as part of the institutional archive and World Football Heritage where appropriate.

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144.9 The governing principle shall be: Historical ideas may inform the future. Only formally adopted WUFO rules govern the institution.

IMPLEMENTATION & CROSS-REFERENCE

Primary Implementation: REG-27 / RULE-283 — Historical Drafting Materials; RULE-285 — Historical Founding Material — Non-Normative | REG-28 / RULE-268 — Historical Founding Process Repositories; RULE-278 — Informal Materials Do Not Override Adopted Law Related Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-267 — Idea Repositories; RULE-276 — Formal Adoption Required; RULE-280 — Historical Idea Governing Principle; RULE-299 — Historical Materials Inform — They Do Not Automatically Govern

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PART II — REGULATIONS

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REG-1 — MEMBERSHIP, ACCESSION, ADMISSION & TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-2–12; STA / ART-20; STA / ART-26; STA / ART-28.

PART I — PURPOSE AND MEMBER REGISTER

RULE-1 — Purpose and Supremacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2–12; STA / ART-20; STA / ART-26; STA / ART-28.

1.1 REG-1 governs Founding Accession, the Official Member Register, Reserved Founding Membership Positions, later admission and territorial administration.

1.2 The Statutes prevail over this Regulation. No administrative act may create a new constitutional membership class, change a protected founding allocation or convert sporting recognition into political recognition.

RULE-2 — Official Member Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-3; STA / ART-26

2.1 WUFO shall maintain one Official Member Register identifying the Member Association, Official Sporting Designation, applicable Historical Confederation, accession or admission date, membership status and official institutional contact information.

2.2 Membership belongs to the football institution, not to an officeholder. Changes of leadership, legal form or name do not by themselves extinguish institutional continuity.

RULE-3 — Sporting Recognition and Neutrality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2

3.1 Admission, Founding Accession and territorial placement are sporting acts only and have no effect on sovereignty, statehood, borders, constitutional status or political recognition.

3.2 WUFO sporting maps and designations shall be operational instruments and shall not constitute boundary determinations.

PART II — 241 FOUNDING MEMBERSHIP POSITIONS

RULE-4 — Founding Architecture

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-4

4.1 WUFO maintains 241 permanently reserved Founding Membership Positions: CONMEBOL 10; Concacaf 48; UEFA 56; CAF 58; AFC 47; OFC 22. Sequential schedule numbers, where used, are references only and are not permanent legal identifiers.

4.2 Inclusion in the Founding Membership Schedule below constitutes WUFO's formal institutional founding invitation. A separate physical letter is not required.

4.3 A founding invitation does not itself create membership. Accession requires acceptance of the constitutional instruments and completion of any applicable activation condition.

4.4 Marker (*) means New Founding Association. Marker (**) means Conditional Territorial Activation or other expressly protected jurisdictional condition.

RULE-5 — Reserved Positions and Institutional Successors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-4; STA / ART-9

5.1 Every original Founding Membership Position remains permanently reserved to its designated football jurisdiction even if not activated during the Founding Period.

5.2 A lawful institutional successor or Alternative Qualified Association may seek the same reserved position where football-governance continuity is established. Only one Member Association may occupy a reserved position at any time.

5.3 Recognition of an Alternative Qualified Association shall require thirty-eight (38) YES votes in the full fifty-sixmember Joint Membership Sitting, after notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard for the previously identified body.

RULE-6 — Conditional Territorial Positions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-9

6.1 A conditional position remains inactive until the consent or jurisdictional certification specified for it is satisfied.

6.2 The Asian Territory of the Russian Federation is a Reserved Founding Territorial Membership within AFC and may activate only with the express consent of the Russian Football Union and/or competent football authority of the Russian Federation. The designation is sporting and geographical only. It shall be called Siberia only if the competent Russian football authority expressly proposes that sporting designation.

6.3 Territorial positions associated with France, the United States, Denmark, the Netherlands or another parent football jurisdiction shall be administered using the institutional addressee and consent structure recorded in this Schedule or a lawful successor.

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PART III — FOUNDING MEMBERSHIP SCHEDULE

CONMEBOL - 10 Argentina - Asociación del Fútbol Argentino (AFA) Brazil - Confederação Brasileira de Futebol (CBF) Uruguay - Asociación Uruguaya de Fútbol (AUF) Paraguay - Asociación Paraguaya de Fútbol (APF) Chile - Federación de Fútbol de Chile (FFCh) Colombia - Federación Colombiana de Fútbol (FCF) Ecuador - Federación Ecuatoriana de Fútbol (FEF) Venezuela - Federación Venezolana de Fútbol (FVF) Peru - Federación Peruana de Fútbol (FPF) Bolivia - Federación Boliviana de Fútbol (FBF) CONCACAF - 48

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Mexico — Federación Mexicana de Fútbol Asociación (FMF) United States — United States Soccer Federation, Inc. (U.S. Soccer) Canada — The Canadian Soccer Association (Canada Soccer) Alaska — Alaska Adult Soccer Association (AASA) + Alaska State Youth Soccer Association (ASYS) (**) — United States Soccer Federation, Inc. Hawaii — Hawaii Soccer Association (HSA) + Hawaii Youth Soccer Association (HYSA) (**) — United States Soccer Federation, Inc. Greenland — Kalaallit Arsaattartut Kattuffiat (KAK) (**) — Dansk Boldspil-Union (DBU) Saint Pierre and Miquelon — Ligue de Football de Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon (**) — Fédération Française de Football (FFF) Panama — Federación Panameña de Fútbol (FEPAFUT) Costa Rica — Federación Costarricense de Fútbol (FCRF) Honduras — Federación de Fútbol de Honduras (FFH) Guatemala — Federación Nacional de Fútbol de Guatemala (FEDEFUT) El Salvador — Federación Salvadoreña de Fútbol (FESFUT) Nicaragua — Federación Nicaragüense de Fútbol (FENIFUT) Belize — Football Federation of Belize (FFB) Jamaica — Jamaica Football Federation (JFF) Curaçao — Federashon Futbòl Kòrsou (FFK) Haiti — Fédération Haïtienne de Football (FHF) Trinidad and Tobago — Trinidad and Tobago Football Association (TTFA) Suriname — Surinaamse Voetbal Bond (SVB) Dominican Republic — Federación Dominicana de Fútbol (FEDOFUTBOL) Guyana — Guyana Football Federation (GFF) Saint Kitts and Nevis — Saint Kitts and Nevis Football Association (SKNFA) Puerto Rico — Federación Puertorriqueña de Fútbol (FPF) Antigua and Barbuda — Antigua and Barbuda Football Association (ABFA)

Grenada — Grenada Football Association (GFA) Cuba — Asociación de Fútbol de Cuba (AFC) Saint Lucia — Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. (SLFA) Bermuda — Bermuda Football Association (BFA) Saint Vincent and the Grenadines — Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Football Federation (SVGFF) Montserrat — Montserrat Football Association (MFA) Barbados — Barbados Football Association (BFA) Dominica — Dominica Football Association (DFA) Aruba — Arubaanse Voetbal Bond (AVB) Cayman Islands — Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) Turks and Caicos Islands — Turks and Caicos Islands Football Association (TCIFA) Bahamas — Bahamas Football Association (BFA) United States Virgin Islands — United States Virgin Islands Soccer Federation (USVISF) British Virgin Islands — British Virgin Islands Football Association (BVIFA) Anguilla — Anguilla Football Association (AFA) Bonaire — Federashon Futbòl Boneriano (FFB) Guadeloupe — Ligue Guadeloupéenne de Football (LGF) French Guiana — Ligue de Football de la Guyane Martinique — Ligue de Football de la Martinique (LFM) Saint Martin — Ligue de Football de Saint-Martin Sint Maarten — Sint Maarten Soccer Association Saint Barthélemy — Comité Territorial de Football de Saint-Barthélemy (**) — Fédération Française de Football (FFF) Saba — Conditional Reserved Founding Territorial Membership (**) — Koninklijke Nederlandse Voetbalbond (KNVB); territorial football authority to be confirmed under REG-1. Sint Eustatius — Sint Eustatius Football Association (SEFA) (**) — Koninklijke Nederlandse Voetbalbond (KNVB).

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England — The Football Association (The FA) Wales — Football Association of Wales (FAW) Scotland — Scottish Football Association (SFA) Republic of Ireland — Football Association of Ireland (FAI) Northern Ireland — Irish Football Association (IFA) Spain — Real Federación Española de Fútbol (RFEF) France — Fédération Française de Football (FFF) Portugal — Federação Portuguesa de Futebol (FPF) Belgium — Royal Belgian Football Association (RBFA) Netherlands — Koninklijke Nederlandse Voetbalbond (KNVB) Luxembourg — Fédération Luxembourgeoise de Football (FLF) Andorra — Federació Andorrana de Futbol (FAF) Gibraltar — Gibraltar Football Association (GFA) Monaco — Fédération Monégasque de Football (FMF) (*) Norway — Norges Fotballforbund (NFF) Denmark — Dansk Boldspil-Union (DBU) Sweden — Svenska Fotbollförbundet (SvFF) Iceland — Knattspyrnusamband Íslands (KSÍ) Finland — Suomen Palloliitto (SPL) Faroe Islands — Fótbóltssamband Føroya (FSF) Estonia — Eesti Jalgpalli Liit (EJL) Latvia — Latvijas Futbola federācija (LFF) Lithuania — Lietuvos futbolo federacija (LFF)

Germany — Deutscher Fußball-Bund (DFB) Switzerland — Swiss Football Association (SFA) Italy — Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calcio (FIGC) Austria — Österreichischer Fußball-Bund (ÖFB) Poland — Polski Związek Piłki Nożnej (PZPN) Hungary — Magyar Labdarúgó Szövetség (MLSZ) Slovakia — Slovenský futbalový zväz (SFZ) Czechia — Fotbalová asociace České republiky (FAČR) Malta — Malta Football Association (MFA) Liechtenstein — Liechtensteiner Fussballverband (LFV) San Marino — Federazione Sammarinese Giuoco Calcio (FSGC) Croatia — Hrvatski nogometni savez (HNS) Serbia — Fudbalski savez Srbije (FSS) Greece — Hellenic Football Federation (HFF) Slovenia — Nogometna zveza Slovenije (NZS) Bosnia and Herzegovina — Football Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina (N/FSBiH) Albania — Federata Shqiptare e Futbollit (FSHF) North Macedonia — Football Federation of North Macedonia (FFM) Kosovo — Football Federation of Kosovo (FFK) Montenegro — Football Association of Montenegro (FSCG) Bulgaria — Bulgarian Football Union (BFU) Romania — Federația Română de Fotbal (FRF) Türkiye — Türkiye Futbol Federasyonu (TFF) Ukraine — Ukrainian Association of Football (UAF) Russia — Russian Football Union (RFU) Georgia — Georgian Football Federation (GFF) Israel — Israel Football Association (IFA) Belarus — Belarus Football Federation (ABFF) Armenia — Football Federation of Armenia (FFA) Kazakhstan — Kazakhstan Football Federation (KFF) Cyprus — Cyprus Football Association (CFA) Azerbaijan — Association of Football Federations of Azerbaijan (AFFA) Moldova — Federația Moldovenească de Fotbal (FMF)

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Morocco — Fédération Royale Marocaine de Football (FRMF) Algeria — Fédération Algérienne de Football (FAF) Tunisia — Fédération Tunisienne de Football (FTF) Libya — Libyan Football Federation (LFF) Egypt — Egyptian Football Association (EFA) Mauritania — Fédération de Football de la République Islamique de Mauritanie (FFRIM) Senegal — Fédération Sénégalaise de Football (FSF) Gambia — Gambia Football Federation (GFF) Guinea-Bissau — Federação de Futebol da Guiné-Bissau (FFGB) Cape Verde — Federação Cabo-verdiana de Futebol (FCF) Guinea — Fédération Guinéenne de Football (FGF) Sierra Leone — Sierra Leone Football Association (SLFA) Liberia — Liberia Football Association (LFA) Côte d'Ivoire — Fédération Ivoirienne de Football (FIF) Ghana — Ghana Football Association (GFA)

Togo — Fédération Togolaise de Football (FTF) Benin — Fédération Béninoise de Football (FBF) Burkina Faso — Fédération Burkinabè de Football (FBF) Nigeria — Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) Mali — Fédération Malienne de Football (FEMAFOOT) Niger — Fédération Nigérienne de Football (FENIFOOT) Cameroon — Fédération Camerounaise de Football (FECAFOOT) Equatorial Guinea — Federación Ecuatoguineana de Fútbol (FEGUIFUT) Gabon — Fédération Gabonaise de Football (FEGAFOOT) São Tomé and Príncipe — Federação Santomense de Futebol (FSF) Chad — Fédération Tchadienne de Football Association (FTFA) Central African Republic — Fédération Centrafricaine de Football (FCF) Congo — Fédération Congolaise de Football (FECOFOOT) Democratic Republic of the Congo — Fédération Congolaise de Football-Association (FECOFA) Tanzania — Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Zanzibar — Zanzibar Football Federation (ZFF) Angola — Federação Angolana de Futebol (FAF) Burundi — Fédération de Football du Burundi (FFB) Rwanda — Rwanda Football Association (FERWAFA) Uganda — Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) Namibia — Namibia Football Association (NFA) Botswana — Botswana Football Association (BFA) South Africa — South African Football Association (SAFA) Lesotho — Lesotho Football Association (LeFA) Eswatini — Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Saint Helena — St Helena Football Association (**) - jurisdictional certification under REG-1. Zambia — Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA) Malawi — Football Association of Malawi (FAM) Mozambique — Federação Moçambicana de Futebol (FMF) Madagascar — Fédération Malagasy de Football (FMF) Mayotte — Ligue Mahoraise de Football (LMF) (**) — Fédération Française de Football (FFF) Comoros — Fédération de Football des Comores (FFC) Seychelles — Seychelles Football Federation (SFF) Réunion — Ligue Réunionnaise de Football (LRF) Mauritius — Mauritius Football Association (MFA) Kenya — Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Somalia — Somali Football Federation (SFF) Ethiopia — Ethiopian Football Federation (EFF) Djibouti — Fédération Djiboutienne de Football (FDF) Eritrea — Eritrean National Football Federation (ENFF) Sudan — Sudan Football Association (SFA) South Sudan — South Sudan Football Association (SSFA)

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Palestine — Palestine Football Association (PFA) Syria — Syrian Arab Football Association (SAFA) Lebanon — Lebanese Football Association (LFA) Jordan — Jordan Football Association (JFA) Iraq — Iraq Football Association (IFA)

Kuwait — Kuwait Football Association (KFA) Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) Yemen — Yemen Football Association (YFA) Oman — Oman Football Association (OFA) United Arab Emirates — UAE Football Association (UAEFA) Qatar — Qatar Football Association (QFA) Bahrain — Bahrain Football Association (BFA) Uzbekistan — Uzbekistan Football Association (UFA) Turkmenistan — Football Federation of Turkmenistan (FFT) Tajikistan — Football Federation of Tajikistan (FFT) Kyrgyzstan — The Kyrgyz Football Union (KFU) Iran — Football Federation Islamic Republic of Iran (FFIRI) Afghanistan — Afghanistan Football Federation (AFF) Pakistan — Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) Nepal — All Nepal Football Association (ANFA) Bhutan — Bhutan Football Federation (BFF) Bangladesh — Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Sri Lanka — Football Federation of Sri Lanka (FFSL) Maldives — Football Association of Maldives (FAM) India — All India Football Federation (AIFF) China — Chinese Football Association (CFA) Macao — Associação de Futebol de Macau (AFM) Hong Kong — The Football Association of Hong Kong, China (HKFA) Mongolia — Mongolian Football Federation (MFF) Democratic People's Republic of Korea — DPR Korea Football Association (DPRKFA) Republic of Korea — Korea Football Association (KFA) Japan — Japan Football Association (JFA) Chinese Taipei — Chinese Taipei Football Association (CTFA) Philippines — Philippine Football Federation (PFF) Asian Territory of the Russian Federation — Reserved Founding Territorial Membership (**) — Russian Football Union (RFU). Myanmar — Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) Laos — Lao Football Federation (LFF) Cambodia — Football Federation of Cambodia (FFC) Vietnam — Vietnam Football Federation (VFF) Malaysia — Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) Singapore — Football Association of Singapore (FAS) Indonesia — Persatuan Sepakbola Seluruh Indonesia (PSSI) Brunei — Football Association of Brunei Darussalam (FABD) Timor-Leste — Federação de Futebol de Timor-Leste (FFTL) Thailand — Football Association of Thailand (FAT) Australia — Football Australia New Zealand — New Zealand Football Incorporated (NZF)

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New Caledonia — Fédération Calédonienne de Football (FCF) Solomon Islands — Solomon Islands Football Federation (SIFF) Fiji — Fiji Football Association (Fiji FA) Tahiti — Fédération Tahitienne de Football (FTF) Vanuatu — Vanuatu Football Federation (VFF) Papua New Guinea — Papua New Guinea Football Association (PNGFA) Cook Islands — Cook Islands Football Association (CIFA) Samoa — Football Federation Samoa (FFS) American Samoa — Football Federation American Samoa (FFAS) Tonga — Tonga Football Association (TFA) Guam — Guam Football Association (GFA) Federated States of Micronesia — Federated States of Micronesia Football Association (FSMFA) (*) Northern Mariana Islands — Northern Mariana Islands Football Association (NMIFA) Kiribati — Kiribati Islands Football Federation (KIFF) Marshall Islands — Marshall Islands Soccer Federation (MISF) (*) Nauru — Nauru Soccer Federation (NSF) (*) Palau — Palau Football Association (PFA) (*) Tuvalu — Tuvalu National Football Association (TNFA) Wallis and Futuna — Ligue Wallisienne et Futunienne de Football (**) — Fédération Française de Football Niue - Niue Football Association (NFA) (**) - jurisdictional certification under REG-1. Rapa Nui - Reserved Founding Territorial Membership (**) - Federación de Fútbol de Chile. Tokelau - Reserved Founding

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Territorial Membership (**) — jurisdictional certification under REG-1; territorial football authority to be confirmed.

PART IV — ACCESSION AND LATER ADMISSION

RULE-7 — Founding Accession

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-3; STA / ART-4; STA / ART-9

7.1 Founding Accession takes institutional effect when the competent football body validly accepts the WUFO constitutional instruments and satisfies any position-specific condition.

7.2 A Member activating after a competition entry cut-off shall wait until the next lawful sporting entry window; delayed competition entry does not delay constitutional membership.

RULE-8 — New Member Admission Outside the 241 Reserved Positions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-20

8.1 A later applicant outside the 241 Reserved Founding Membership Positions shall submit a documented application demonstrating a bona fide football-governance institution, a genuine territorial or sporting jurisdiction and capacity to comply with WUFO law. Every application is decided case by case.

8.2 Admission is decided only by the Joint Membership Sitting. Thirty-eight (38) YES votes of the full fifty-six-member body are required; absence does not reduce that constitutional threshold and there is no casting vote. The Sitting may impose conditions tailored to the circumstances of the application. A decision creates no binding precedent for another application, and the Sitting is not required to publish its substantive reasons for approval or rejection.

RULE-9 — Confederational Placement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-4; STA / ART-7

9.1 Every admitted Member shall be placed for WUFO purposes within one of the six Historical Confederations. Placement is sporting and institutional only.

9.2 New Zealand is allocated to AFC for WUFO purposes; Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands to OFC; Greenland to Concacaf; and Rapa Nui to OFC / Polynesia.

RULE-10 — PAFU

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-5

10.1 PAFU is a post-2030 inter-confederation union of CONMEBOL and Concacaf and is not a seventh Confederation. It does not alter the Member Register's Confederation field.

RULE-11 — Record Integrity and Publication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-3; STA / ART-141

11.1 The official Register shall be version-controlled under REG-28. Administrative corrections may repair names, contact data or institutional succession but may not silently change constitutional identity, Confederation allocation or activation conditions.

REG-2 — CONGRESSES, DELEGATES, MANDATES, VOTING & MEETINGS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-13–16; STA / ART-20; STA / ART-30–41; STA / ART-137.

PART I — INSTITUTIONAL VOTES

RULE-1 — Member Ownership of the Vote

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-30; STA / ART-31

1.1 The Member Association owns its institutional vote. A Delegate carries the vote only under the Member's lawful mandate.

1.2 Every institutional vote shall be recorded as YES or NO where these Statutes require such a choice. Abstention or absence does not reduce a fixed constitutional denominator.

RULE-2 — Branch Congress

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-14; STA / ART-15; STA / ART-30; STA / ART-31

2.1 Each Branch Congress consists of the lawful Branch votes held by Member Associations in that Branch. Where 241 Members hold the relevant Branch vote, the full denominator is 241.

2.2 A three-fifths Branch threshold therefore requires 145 YES votes and a four-fifths protected Branch threshold requires 193 YES votes.

RULE-3 — Joint Congress

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-16; STA / ART-30; STA / ART-31

3.1 Where all 241 Members hold both lawful Branch votes, Joint Congress consists of 482 votes.

3.2 A three-fifths Joint Congress threshold requires 290 YES votes. A four-fifths protected threshold requires 386 YES votes.

3.3 Each Branch vote remains institutionally identifiable even when cast in the same Joint Congress proceeding.

PART II — JOINT MEMBERSHIP SITTING

RULE-4 — Composition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-14–16

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4.1 The Men’s Football Council and Women’s Football Council sit together as a fifty-six-member Joint Membership Sitting.

4.2 Admission of a new Member Association, and recognition of an Alternative Qualified Association for a reserved position, requires thirty-eight (38) YES votes from the full 56-member body.

4.3 There is no casting vote. Absences, vacancies and abstentions do not reduce the 38-YES requirement.

PART III — MANDATES, NOTICE AND TRANSPARENCY

RULE-5 — General Assembly Mandate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-32–34

5.1 A Delegate shall act within the mandate lawfully given by the Member Association. Authority to negotiate does not by itself constitute authority to approve a materially different proposal.

5.2 A mandate for Proposal A cannot be treated as approval of materially different Proposal B.

RULE-6 — Notice and Documentation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-38; STA / ART-40

6.1 Congress materials shall be distributed sufficiently in advance to permit informed Member decision-making. Material constitutional or financial amendments shall identify the text to be changed and the required threshold.

RULE-7 — Recorded Voting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35–37

7.1 WUFO shall maintain an auditable record of institutional voting, attendance, mandates where required and certified results. Secret institutional deals shall not substitute for the competent Congress.

RULE-8 — Remote or Hybrid Participation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-41

8.1 Remote or hybrid participation may be authorised where identity, security, simultaneous access, interpretation and reliable voting can be protected. Remote format does not alter constitutional thresholds.

RULE-9 — Conflicts and Recusal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39

9.1 A personal conflict shall be disclosed. Recusal from a personal decision shall not create an extra vote or reduce a fixed denominator unless the Statutes expressly provide otherwise.

RULE-10 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-30–32; STA / ART-35–37

10.1 The Member Association owns the vote. The Delegate carries the vote. Absence does not make a constitutional majority smaller. Authority to negotiate is not authority to approve.

REG-3 — COUNCILS, CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATION, ELECTIONS, VACANCIES & TERMS — PUBLICATION- READY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-17–20; STA / ART-27; STA / ART-29.

PART I — FOOTBALL COUNCILS

RULE-1 — Composition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-17; STA / ART-18

1.1 The Men’s Football Council consists of twenty-eight (28) members: twenty-four geographic representatives and four direct football representatives.

1.2 The Women’s Football Council has the same 28-seat architecture.

1.3 Each of the six Historical Confederations provides four geographic representatives to each Council. The four direct seats represent Players, Referees, Supporters and Clubs.

1.4 The four geographic representatives allocated to one Confederation shall come from four distinct Member Associations.

RULE-2 — Terms and Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-17; STA / ART-18; STA / ART-29

2.1 Council terms are four years with a maximum of three terms. A vacancy does not restart the term.

2.2 A geographic Councillor represents a football constituency within the WUFO system and shall not be instructed as a personal agent of a Confederation president.

RULE-3 — Geographic Selection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-17; STA / ART-18

3.1 Each Historical Confederation shall use a fair, published selection or electoral method for its four geographic seats, consistent with gender requirements of the relevant Council and distinct-Member rule.

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3.2 Confederations may use subregional rotation to broaden representation, but no subregional body receives a permanent veto or automatic constitutional seat unless expressly established by WUFO law.

PART II — DIRECT FOOTBALL REPRESENTATION

RULE-4 — Players

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-17; STA / ART-18; STA / ART-27

4.1 The Players seat shall be filled through a genuinely representative process independent of WUFO management. WUFO shall seek structured consultation with FIFPRO and, where appropriate, other genuinely independent player unions or organisations.

4.2 WUFO shall not create, control or designate a purported players' trade union to replace genuinely independent player representation. FIFPRO or any player union is not required to affiliate with WUFO or surrender institutional independence.

RULE-5 — Referees, Supporters and Clubs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-17; STA / ART-18; STA / ART-27

5.1 The Referees, Supporters and Clubs seats shall be filled through transparent representative procedures designed to obtain a genuine constituency voice rather than an appointment of convenience by WUFO Central.

PART III — VACANCIES, MEETINGS AND JOINT SITTING

RULE-6 — Vacancies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-29

6.1 A geographic vacancy shall be filled from the same Historical Confederation and, where practicable, in a manner preserving the relevant geographic balance. A direct-seat vacancy is filled by the same constituency.

6.2 Replacement serves only the unexpired term, which counts as service in that Council term.

RULE-7 — Council Work

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-19

7.1 Councils may study football issues, consult Members and constituencies, create working groups and recommend changes to competitions, Regulations or Laws. They do not acquire Congress powers by recommendation.

RULE-8 — Joint Membership Sitting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-20

8.1 The two Councils may sit jointly for the exceptional membership powers assigned by the Statutes. The Joint Membership Sitting contains 56 members and uses the 38-YES admission threshold in REG-2.

REG-4- FOUNDING TRANSITION, PRESIDENTIAL BODY, SECRETARY GENERAL & CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-21-24; STA / ART-30-41.

PART I - FOUNDING TRANSITION

RULE-1 - Founder Presidency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21; STA / ART-22

1.1 The Founder Presidency exists through the Embryonic Period and the expressly defined twelve-year Foundational Period and ends permanently as provided by the Statutes. There shall never be a second Founder President.

1.2 Within the authority granted by the Statutes, the Founder President may execute lawfully approved decisions and acts as WUFO's institutional and legal representative during the lawful existence of that office. Representation does not replace Congress, the Football Councils, independent bodies or other competent WUFO authorities.

PART II - PERMANENT PRESIDENTIAL BODY

RULE-2 - Composition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-23

2.1 After the Founder Presidency ends, the Presidential Body consists ex officio of the incumbent Presidents of CONMEBOL, Concacaf, UEFA, CAF, AFC and OFC.

2.2 The six members have equal constitutional status. There is no permanent chair with superior authority and no casting vote.

2.3 The Presidential Body collectively safeguards and represents WUFO institutionally and legally. It does not govern football or absorb powers assigned elsewhere. No individual member may legally bind WUFO merely by membership in the Body, except under an express lawful collective delegation.

RULE-3 - Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-23

3.1 The Presidential Body acts only within powers expressly allocated by the Statutes or Regulations. It cannot take powers reserved to Congress or the Councils.

3.2 A decision requiring a specified majority is not carried by tie, abstention or casting vote.

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PART III — SECRETARY GENERAL

RULE-4 — Appointment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-24

4.1 Appointment or reappointment of the Secretary General requires at least four (4) affirmative votes of the sixmember Presidential Body.

4.2 The Secretary General is the senior central administrative officer and does not become the political president of WUFO.

RULE-5 — Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-24

5.1 The Secretary General manages daily central administration, directs staff, implements approved budgets, executes authorised contracts and coordinates institutional operations subject to law and approved delegations.

5.2 Administrative delegation does not create constitutional authority. A communication by the Secretary General may state an adopted WUFO position but may not create one without lawful authority.

PART IV — FINANCIAL AND EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

RULE-6 — Budget Execution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-24

6.1 Ordinary expenditure within an approved budget may be executed by the competent administration or Secretary General under the authorised delegation. Material or extraordinary decisions shall go to the higher competent body where required.

6.2 Emergency expenditure requires express emergency authority and shall be documented, reported and audited under REG-24.

REG-5 — LAWS OF THE GAME, EXPERIMENTAL LAWS & TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–45; STA / ART-49–51.

PART I — ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LAWS BODY

RULE-1 — Ten-Vote Architecture

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44

1.1 The WUFO-supported Association Football Laws body consists of ten equal voting positions: England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, CONMEBOL, Concacaf, UEFA, CAF, AFC and OFC.

1.2 WUFO Central does not possess an additional eleventh vote.

RULE-2 — Trial Threshold

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44; STA / ART-45

2.1 An official Laws trial requires at least six (6) affirmative votes of the ten-vote body and a defined trial protocol, period and evaluation method.

RULE-3 — Permanent Law Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44

3.1 A permanent Association Football Law change requires at least seven (7) affirmative votes of the ten-vote body.

3.2 A trial does not become permanent automatically.

PART II — TECHNICAL SAFEGUARDS

RULE-4 — Common Laws

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-49

4.1 Men’s and women’s Association Football shall ordinarily use the same technical Laws. Separate treatment requires a genuine football, medical or safety reason rather than commercial preference.

RULE-5 — Technical Consultation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44; STA / ART-49

5.1 Proposed reforms should be supported by appropriate technical evidence and consultation with players, referees, coaches, medical experts and the six Historical Confederations.

RULE-6 — Futsal and Beach Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-50; STA / ART-51

6.1 Futsal and Beach Football shall use their own common technical committees and approval processes under STA / ART-49–51. Their Laws shall not be altered casually by a competition organiser.

RULE-7 — IFAB Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44

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7.1 WUFO may cooperate with IFAB and other legitimate technical institutions. Cooperation does not transfer WUFO's constitutional approval obligations or permit an external body to amend WUFO law without the required WUFO process.

REG-6 — REFEREEING, MATCH REVIEW & REFEREE INTEGRITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-35–37; STA / ART-41–45; STA / ART-117–125

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

1.1 This Regulation establishes the procedures governing:

a. referee independence;

b. referee eligibility and appointment;

c. match-official assignment;

d. referee integrity;

e. conflicts of interest;

f. consistent application of the Laws of the Game;

g. referee assessment and development;

h. review of serious refereeing incidents;

i. authorised same-match correction of serious missed misconduct;

j. referee discipline;

k. protection of referees from improper influence;

l. referee reporting;

m. referee technology interfaces; and

n. institutional responsibility for the integrity of refereeing.

1.2 This Regulation shall protect both:

a. the authority of the referee during the match; and

b. accountability for serious refereeing error or misconduct.

1.3 Referee independence shall not mean immunity from review.

1.4 Referee accountability shall not mean control by clubs, players, sponsors, hosts, governments or unauthorised WUFO officers.

RULE-2 — Supremacy of the Statutes and Laws of the Game

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44–46

2.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with:

a. the WUFOrticles of Incorporation;

b. the WUFO Statutes;

c. the applicable Laws of the Game; and

d. valid experimental Laws adopted under REG-5.

2.2 Where this Regulation conflicts with a higher WUFO instrument, the higher instrument shall prevail.

2.3 Referee procedure shall not silently amend a technical Law of the Game.

RULE-3 — Referee Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

3.1 A referee shall make sporting decisions independently.

3.2 A referee shall not take match instructions from:

a. a club;

b. a team official;

c. a player;

d. a host organiser;

e. a sponsor;

f. a broadcaster;

g. a betting operator;

h. a government official;

i. an unauthorised WUFO officer; or

j. another person without lawful match authority.

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3.3 Lawful assistance from authorised match officials or approved technology shall not violate referee independence.

RULE-4 — Accountability Is Compatible with Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

4.1 Referee independence shall not prevent:

a. performance evaluation;

b. integrity review;

c. disciplinary review;

d. technical education;

e. lawful correction procedures; or

f. removal from future appointments where justified.

4.2 A referee shall not claim independence as protection against legitimate accountability.

RULE-5 — Same Match — Same Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

5.1 Comparable conduct during the same match shall be judged according to the same sporting standard.

5.2 A referee shall not deliberately apply a different standard because a person is:

a. famous;

b. commercially valuable;

c. a captain;

d. a star player;

e. a major coach;

f. from the host team; or

g. from a powerful Member Association.

5.3 Sporting reputation shall not create immunity.

RULE-6 — No Celebrity Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

6.1 No player or team official shall receive special protection from the Laws because of celebrity, commercial value or sporting reputation.

6.2 No referee shall avoid legitimate accountability merely because of personal reputation or seniority.

6.3 The Laws apply to the incident, not the fame of the person involved.

PART II — WUFO REFEREEING STRUCTURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-7 — Worldwide Refereeing Function

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

7.1 WUFO shall maintain a professional refereeing function for competitions under its direct authority.

7.2 The function shall support:

a. referee appointments;

b. technical development;

c. evaluation;

d. integrity;

e. consistency;

f. match review; and

g. international referee cooperation.

RULE-8 — Historical Confederation Refereeing Structures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-46

8.1 Historical Confederations may maintain their own refereeing structures.

8.2 Historical Confederation referee development shall remain autonomous within applicable WUFO standards.

8.3 WUFO shall cooperate with Historical Confederation refereeing structures rather than unnecessarily duplicate them.

RULE-9 — Member Association Refereeing Structures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-28; STA / ART-46

9.1 Member Associations may maintain their own domestic refereeing structures.

9.2 Domestic referee appointment shall remain primarily a domestic matter except where WUFO competition jurisdiction applies.

9.3 WUFO may establish international standards needed for WUFO competitions.

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RULE-10 — Refereeing Administration Is Technical

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

10.1 Referee appointment and evaluation shall be treated principally as technical and integrity functions.

10.2 Commercial departments shall not determine referee appointments.

10.3 Political offices shall not determine appointments merely to favour a Member Association.

PART III — REFEREE ELIGIBILITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-11 — Basic Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

11.1 A referee appointed to a WUFO competition shall:

a. possess appropriate referee qualification;

b. meet physical and medical requirements appropriate to the competition;

c. complete required integrity declarations;

d. complete required technical education;

e. remain free from disqualifying sanctions; and

f. satisfy the applicable competition standard.

RULE-12 — International Referee Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

12.1 WUFO may maintain an International Referee Register.

12.2 The Register may identify:

a. name;

b. Member Association;

c. discipline;

d. referee role;

e. qualification level;

f. eligibility status; and

g. approved competition categories.

12.3 Inclusion in the Register shall not guarantee a match appointment.

RULE-13 — Merit-Based Selection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-46

13.1 International referee selection shall be based principally on:

a. technical ability;

b. consistency;

c. fitness;

d. integrity;

e. communication;

f. match management; and

g. demonstrated performance.

13.2 Commercial attractiveness shall not be a referee qualification.

RULE-14 — Regional Opportunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

14.1 WUFO should provide meaningful opportunities for qualified referees from all six Historical Confederations.

14.2 Regional representation shall support worldwide referee development.

14.3 Geographic diversity shall not require appointment of a referee who does not meet the required technical standard.

RULE-15 — No Permanent Referee Entitlement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

15.1 No referee shall possess a permanent entitlement to international appointments.

15.2 Previous appointments shall not guarantee future appointments.

15.3 Continued eligibility shall depend on ongoing performance and integrity.

PART IV — MATCH APPOINTMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

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RULE-16 — Appointment Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

16.1 WUFO shall appoint referees and central competition officials for WUFO competitions where the Statutes assign that responsibility to WUFO.

16.2 Appointment authority shall be exercised through the authorised refereeing structure.

RULE-17 — Appointment Criteria

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

17.1 Match appointments should consider:

a. referee performance;

b. competition level;

c. match difficulty;

d. experience;

e. neutrality;

f. conflicts of interest;

g. travel and recovery;

h. fitness; and

i. integrity risk.

RULE-18 — No Team Selection of Referee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

18.1 A participating team shall not choose the referee.

18.2 A team may submit a documented integrity concern.

18.3 A preference for a more favourable referee shall not constitute a valid objection.

RULE-19 — No Host Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

19.1 A host Member Association shall not control the international referee appointment.

19.2 Providing local logistics shall not create appointment authority.

RULE-20 — No Sponsor or Broadcaster Appointment Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-111

20.1 A sponsor shall not select a referee.

20.2 A broadcaster shall not select a referee.

20.3 A commercial partner shall not veto an appointment because of entertainment or marketing preference.

RULE-21 — Appointment Confidentiality Before Release

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

21.1 Referee appointments may remain confidential before official publication where necessary for:

a. security;

b. integrity;

c. travel coordination; or

d. operational preparation.

21.2 Confidentiality shall not permit secret commercial influence over the appointment.

RULE-22 — Official Appointment Notice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

22.1 A WUFO referee appointment shall be formally recorded.

22.2 The notice shall identify, where applicable:

a. referee;

b. assistant referees;

c. fourth official;

d. video officials;

e. additional review officials; and

f. other authorised match officials.

PART V — MATCH-OFFICIAL TEAM

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

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RULE-23 — Referee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

23.1 The referee shall remain the principal on-field match official except where the applicable Laws expressly provide another decision mechanism.

23.2 Other officials assist within their authorised functions.

RULE-24 — Assistant Referees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

24.1 Assistant referees shall provide assistance according to the Laws and authorised match procedures.

24.2 Assistance shall not become unauthorised control of the referee.

RULE-25 — Fourth Official

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

25.1 The fourth official shall perform the functions assigned under the applicable Laws and competition procedures.

25.2 The fourth official may assist with:

a. substitutions;

b. technical-area management;

c. misconduct information;

d. administrative incidents; and

e. authorised match communication.

RULE-26 — Video Officials

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-45–46

26.1 Video officials may be appointed where an approved video-review system applies.

26.2 Their authority shall remain limited to the applicable technical Law and Protocol.

26.3 Video officials shall remain subject to the same independence and integrity principles as on-field referees.

RULE-27 — Experimental Referee Structures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-45; STA / ART-46

27.1 Experimental referee structures authorised under REG-25 may be used.

27.2 Their technical authority shall be defined before the match.

27.3 Experimental appointment shall not silently become permanent referee law.

PART VI — CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

RULE-28 — Conflict Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

28.1 A referee shall disclose a material conflict of interest before appointment.

28.2 A conflict may include:

a. significant financial interest;

b. close family relationship;

c. current employment relationship;

d. material club relationship;

e. material agent relationship;

f. betting interest; or

g. another circumstance reasonably capable of compromising independence.

RULE-29 — Ordinary Nationality Is Not Automatically a Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

29.1 Nationality alone shall not automatically constitute a disqualifying conflict.

29.2 WUFO may nevertheless use neutral international appointments where appropriate for confidence and competition integrity.

RULE-30 — Club Connection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

30.1 A referee shall disclose a current or significant recent relationship with a participating club.

30.2 WUFO may determine that the relationship requires reassignment.

RULE-31 — Financial Interest

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

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31.1 A referee shall not officiate a match where the referee possesses a direct financial interest in the sporting result.

31.2 A disqualifying financial interest shall include betting on the match.

RULE-32 — Betting Restrictions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

32.1 A WUFO referee shall not bet on:

a. a match the referee officiates;

b. a competition in which the referee exercises active officiating responsibility where prohibited by integrity rules; or

c. another football event where confidential referee information could be exploited.

32.2 Detailed betting integrity rules shall be governed by REG-22.

RULE-33 — Gifts and Benefits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

33.1 A referee shall not accept a gift, payment or benefit intended to influence officiating.

33.2 Ordinary authorised hospitality necessary for match operation shall not constitute improper influence.

33.3 Material gifts shall be disclosed according to the applicable integrity rules.

PART VII — PROTECTION FROM IMPROPER INFLUENCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-34 — Club Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

34.1 A club shall not pressure a referee to alter a sporting decision through threats, inducements or improper institutional influence.

RULE-35 — Team Official Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

35.1 Coaches and team officials may communicate only within the conduct permitted by the Laws and competition rules.

35.2 Persistent intimidation of match officials may be referred for discipline.

RULE-36 — Host Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

36.1 A host authority shall not use:

a. stadium access;

b. security;

c. transport;

d. hospitality; or

e. local administrative power

to influence referee decisions.

RULE-37 — Sponsor Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-111

37.1 A sponsor shall have no sporting authority over a referee.

37.2 Sponsorship agreements shall not contain provisions permitting interference with referee decisions or appointments.

RULE-38 — Political Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-121–123

38.1 A government or political authority shall not direct a referee to favour or punish a team.

38.2 Legitimate police and public-safety instructions do not constitute sporting interference where they concern genuine safety.

RULE-39 — WUFO Officer Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21.15; STA / ART-23.8(f); STA / ART-46

39.1 An unauthorised WUFO officer shall not instruct a referee how to decide a match incident.

39.2 A WUFO technical officer may provide lawful pre-match technical instructions.

39.3 Technical instruction shall not become instruction to favour a particular team.

RULE-40 — Reporting Improper Influence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

40.1 A referee shall promptly report credible improper influence.

40.2 Reports may concern:

a. bribes;

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b. threats;
c. coercion;
d. attempted manipulation;
e. improper appointment pressure; or
f. confidential-information exploitation.
40.3 Serious reports shall be referred to the competent integrity body.

PART VIII — REFEREE CONDUCT AND PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-41 — Neutral Conduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

41.1 A referee shall conduct the match impartially.
41.2 Personal preference for a team shall not influence sporting decisions.

RULE-42 — Respectful Conduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-118

42.1 Referees shall treat:
a. players;
b. team officials;
c. other match officials; and
d. competition personnel
with professional respect.
42.2 Referee authority shall not justify abusive conduct.

RULE-43 — No Retaliatory Officiating

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

43.1 A referee shall not punish a player or team through later sporting decisions because of:
a. criticism;
b. previous disagreement;
c. media comments; or
d. personal dislike.
43.2 Misconduct may be sanctioned only through applicable sporting rules.

RULE-44 — No Personal Public Campaign Against a Team

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

44.1 An active referee shall not use public communications to campaign against a team the referee may officiate.
44.2 Legitimate general discussion of refereeing may occur within WUFO policy.

RULE-45 — Confidential Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

45.1 A referee shall protect confidential match and appointment information.
45.2 Confidential information shall not be used for:
a. betting;
b. commercial advantage;
c. media advantage; or
d. personal financial gain.

PART IX — CONSISTENCY AND APPLICATION OF THE LAWS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-46 — Same Conduct — Same Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

46.1 Referees shall seek consistent treatment of comparable incidents.
46.2 Consistency shall consider:
a. nature of the conduct;
b. force;
c. risk;
d. tactical effect;
e. context; and

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f. applicable Law.

46.3 Consistency does not require treating materially different incidents as identical.

RULE-47 — Host and Visitor Equality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

47.1 The host team and visiting team shall be judged under the same Laws.

47.2 Crowd pressure shall not create a different disciplinary standard.

RULE-48 — First Minute and Final Minute

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

48.1 A serious offence shall not be ignored merely because it occurs:

a. very early; or

b. very late

in the match.

48.2 Match time shall not create celebrity or tactical immunity.

RULE-49 — Famous and Unknown Players

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

49.1 A famous player and an unknown player shall receive the same protection under the Laws.

49.2 A famous player and an unknown player shall also face the same disciplinary standard.

RULE-50 — Match Control Does Not Justify Ignoring Serious Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

50.1 Referee discretion concerning match control shall not justify deliberate non-enforcement of clearly serious misconduct.

50.2 Advantage, flow and context may be considered only within the applicable Laws.

PART X — REFEREE EVALUATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-51 — Regular Evaluation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

51.1 WUFO international referees shall be subject to regular performance evaluation.

51.2 Evaluation shall support:

a. development;

b. consistency;

c. appointment decisions; and

d. identification of serious performance concerns.

RULE-52 — Evaluation Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

52.1 Evaluation may consider:

a. Laws accuracy;

b. disciplinary consistency;

c. positioning;

d. fitness;

e. teamwork;

f. communication;

g. advantage application;

h. player management;

i. video-review use; and

j. major incident handling.

RULE-53 — Referee Assessor

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

53.1 A qualified referee assessor may evaluate a match official.

53.2 An assessor shall act independently.

53.3 A participating club shall not appoint the official WUFO assessor for its own match.

RULE-54 — Objective Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

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54.1 Evaluation should use objective evidence where reasonably available.

54.2 Evidence may include:

a. match footage;
b. official communications;
c. referee report;
d. Laws analysis;
e. technology records; and
f. assessor observation.

RULE-55 — One Error Does Not Automatically Define a Career

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

55.1 A single ordinary error shall not automatically require removal from international refereeing.

55.2 The seriousness, clarity, frequency and consequence of error shall be considered.

RULE-56 — Serious Error May Require Immediate Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

56.1 A serious and clearly identifiable refereeing failure may trigger immediate technical review.

56.2 Review may occur before the referee receives another appointment.

RULE-57 — Evaluation Is Not Public Humiliation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

57.1 Performance evaluation shall be professional.

57.2 WUFO shall not use referee evaluation principally to publicly humiliate an individual.

57.3 Public transparency concerning major incidents may nevertheless be provided where appropriate.

PART XI — REFEREE CONSISTENCY REVIEW

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-58 — Consistency Monitoring

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

58.1 WUFO shall monitor patterns of referee interpretation.

58.2 The purpose shall be to reduce unjustified differences in application of the Laws.

RULE-59 — Review Sample

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

59.1 Consistency review may examine:

a. red-card decisions;
b. serious foul play;
c. violent conduct;
d. penalty incidents;
e. simulation;
f. offside where technology applies;
g. disciplinary thresholds; and
h. other recurring technical issues.

RULE-60 — Training Response

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

60.1 Where widespread inconsistency is identified, WUFO should respond primarily through:

a. technical clarification;
b. education;
c. video examples;
d. training; and
e. referee conferences.

60.2 Discipline should not substitute for training where the problem is ordinary technical inconsistency rather than misconduct.

RULE-61 — No Secret Law Through Referee Instructions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44–46

61.1 A consistency instruction shall not secretly change the Laws of the Game.

61.2 A genuine Law change shall follow the technical law-making process under REG-5.

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PART XII — AUTHORISED SAME- MATCH CORRECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-62 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

62.1 WUFO may authorise a limited same-match procedure for correction of clearly serious missed misconduct.

62.2 The procedure is intended to prevent an obvious serious failure from being left uncorrected merely because the match has not yet ended.

62.3 It shall not create unlimited re-refereeing of every decision.

RULE-63 — Same Match Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

63.1 The correction procedure applies only while the same match remains in progress.

63.2 For purposes of this Part, the match remains in progress from the opening whistle until the referee formally ends the match.

63.3 Half-time remains part of the same match.

RULE-64 — Serious Misconduct Only

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

64.1 Same-match correction shall be limited to serious misconduct of a type that, if properly identified, would require or justify sending off under the applicable Laws.

64.2 The procedure shall not be used to reconsider ordinary:

a. throw-ins;

b. corner kicks;

c. minor fouls;

d. routine cautions; or

e. subjective match-management decisions.

RULE-65 — Clearly Missed Sending-Off Offence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

65.1 Correction may occur where reliable authorised evidence establishes that a sending-off offence was clearly missed.

65.2 The standard shall be higher than ordinary disagreement with referee judgment.

65.3 The purpose is correction of a clear serious omission.

RULE-66 — Examples of Potentially Reviewable Serious Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

66.1 Reviewable conduct may include, where the applicable Laws classify the conduct as sending-off misconduct:

a. violent conduct;

b. serious foul play;

c. spitting or comparable serious misconduct;

d. deliberate serious assault; or

e. another clearly send-off-level offence.

66.2 The applicable Laws determine the substantive offence.

RULE-67 — Who May Initiate the Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

67.1 A same-match serious-misconduct review may be initiated by:

a. the referee;

b. an authorised match official;

c. an authorised video official; or

d. another independent WUFO match-review official expressly designated before the match.

67.2 A club executive, sponsor or broadcaster shall not initiate the official review directly.

RULE-68 — Team Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

68.1 A team may bring information concerning a serious incident to the attention of the authorised match officials through the lawful match procedure.

68.2 The team shall not possess authority to compel a sending-off review.

RULE-69 — Reliable Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

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69.1 A correction shall require reliable authorised evidence.

69.2 Evidence may include:

a. official video;

b. authorised referee communication;

c. authorised match-official observation; or

d. another reliable source approved under the Protocol.

69.3 Social-media speculation alone shall not constitute sufficient official evidence.

RULE-70 — Referee Remains Part of the Decision Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

70.1 The same-match correction procedure shall preserve lawful referee authority.

70.2 The referee shall receive the material information necessary to make or confirm the corrected sporting decision unless an experimental Law expressly establishes another authorised decision structure.

PART XIII — HALF-TIME SERIOUS MISCONDUCT CORRECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-71 — Half-Time Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

71.1 A clearly missed sending-off offence from the first half may be reviewed during halftime where the authorised same-match procedure applies.

71.2 Half-time correction shall occur before the second half begins.

RULE-72 — Player Still Participating

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

72.1 Where a player who should clearly have been sent off remains eligible to participate because the offence was missed, an authorised correction may remove that player before the second half.

72.2 The corrected decision shall be recorded as a sending-off decision under the applicable Law.

RULE-73 — No Tactical Replacement to Escape the Correction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

73.1 A team shall not avoid an authorised sending-off correction by substituting the offending player during half-time after the review has begun.

73.2 The disciplinary consequence shall follow the offending player.

73.3 Any effect on substitution entitlement shall follow the applicable technical Law and Protocol.

RULE-74 — Clear Evidence Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

74.1 Half-time correction shall not be used for marginal disagreement.

74.2 The evidence must establish a clearly missed serious offence.

RULE-75 — Decision Before Restart

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

75.1 The review should be completed before the second-half restart.

75.2 The second half shall not begin while an authorised serious-misconduct review remains unresolved, except where an emergency makes completion impossible.

PART XIV — SERIOUS MISCONDUCT DISCOVERED LATER IN THE SAME MATCH

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-76 — Later Discovery

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

76.1 A serious first-half incident discovered after the second half has begun may still be reviewed only where the Same-Match Serious Misconduct Correction Protocol expressly permits it.

76.2 Such delayed correction shall be used exceptionally.

RULE-77 — Timeliness

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

77.1 The authorised officials shall act as soon as reasonably possible after reliable evidence becomes available.

77.2 Deliberate delay for tactical advantage is prohibited.

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RULE-78 — Match Result Events Already Completed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

78.1 Same-match correction of misconduct shall not automatically erase goals or ordinary sporting events that occurred before the correction.

78.2 Any direct consequence for a prior scoring event must have an independent basis under the applicable Laws.

RULE-79 — Correction Is Disciplinary, Not Historical Rewriting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

79.1 The principal purpose of this mechanism is to correct ongoing player participation after clearly missed serious misconduct.

79.2 It is not a general mechanism for reconstructing the entire match retrospectively.

PART XV — WHAT SAME-MATCH CORRECTION CANNOT DO

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-80 — No Endless Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

80.1 A match shall not become subject to continuous historical review of every referee decision.

80.2 Same-match correction is exceptional.

RULE-81 — No Correction for Ordinary Judgment Difference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

81.1 A different referee opinion shall not by itself justify correction.

81.2 The procedure requires a clearly serious missed offence.

RULE-82 — No Commercial Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

82.1 A broadcaster shall not demand an official correction merely because repeated television footage creates controversy.

82.2 Commercial entertainment value shall not determine whether the procedure is activated.

RULE-83 — No Crowd Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

83.1 Crowd pressure shall not constitute evidence.

83.2 Stadium reaction shall not compel a correction.

RULE-84 — No Political Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-122

84.1 Political pressure shall not activate or prevent a referee review.

PART XVI — POST-MATCH REFEREE REVIEW

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-85 — Technical Post-Match Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

85.1 Refereeing performance may be reviewed after the match.

85.2 Post-match review may identify:

a. correct decisions;

b. ordinary errors;

c. serious errors;

d. integrity concerns; and

e. training needs.

RULE-86 — Post-Match Review Does Not Automatically Change the Result

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

86.1 A referee error identified after the final whistle shall not automatically change the sporting result.

86.2 Match-result consequences shall arise only where another WUFO rule expressly authorises them.

RULE-87 — Disciplinary Evidence May Survive

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-118

87.1 Post-match evidence of serious player or technical-staff misconduct may be referred to the competent disciplinary process.

87.2 Referee failure to see misconduct shall not automatically immunise the offender from post-match discipline where WUFO law allows review.

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RULE-88 — Referee Accountability After the Match

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

88.1 A serious referee error may affect:

a. future appointments;

b. evaluation;

c. required retraining; or

d. referee disciplinary review where misconduct is involved.

88.2 An honest technical error shall not automatically constitute referee misconduct.

PART XVII — REFEREE REPORTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-89 — Official Match Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

89.1 The referee shall submit an official match report where required.

89.2 The report shall contain material information concerning:

a. match completion;

b. disciplinary sanctions;

c. serious incidents;

d. abandonment or interruption;

e. security incidents affecting the match; and

f. other matters required by competition rules.

RULE-90 — Accuracy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

90.1 A referee report shall be accurate to the best of the referee’s knowledge.

90.2 Deliberate falsification is prohibited.

RULE-91 — Supplementary Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

91.1 WUFO may request a supplementary referee report concerning a material incident.

91.2 A supplementary report shall clarify the record.

91.3 It shall not be used to pressure the referee into giving a predetermined answer.

RULE-92 — Match-Official Reports

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

92.1 Other authorised match officials may submit reports within their responsibilities.

92.2 Material inconsistency between reports may be examined through the review process.

RULE-93 — Report Deadline

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

93.1 Unless the Competition Regulations establish another period, the ordinary official referee report should be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours after the match.

93.2 Serious integrity matters shall be reported as soon as reasonably possible.

PART XVIII — REFEREE COMPLAINTS AND REVIEW REQUESTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-94 — Technical Complaint

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

94.1 A participating team may submit a documented complaint concerning a serious refereeing matter.

94.2 A complaint shall not create a right to have every subjective decision formally reconsidered.

RULE-95 — Complaint Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

95.1 A serious complaint should identify:

a. match;

b. incident;

c. approximate time;

d. alleged issue; and

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e. available supporting information.

RULE-96 — No Abuse of Complaint Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

96.1 A club or Member Association shall not repeatedly use technical complaints principally to intimidate referees.

96.2 Legitimate criticism and formal review requests remain permitted.

RULE-97 — Review Outcome

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

97.1 A technical review may conclude that:

a. the decision was correct;

b. the decision was reasonably supportable;

c. a technical error occurred;

d. a serious clear error occurred; or

e. an integrity issue requires referral.

RULE-98 — No Right to Demand Referee Punishment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

98.1 A team may request review.

98.2 A team shall not dictate the disciplinary consequence for a referee.

PART XIX — REFEREE DISCIPLINE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120–125

RULE-99 — Technical Error and Misconduct Are Different

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

99.1 An honest technical refereeing error shall not automatically constitute disciplinary misconduct.

99.2 Referee discipline should principally address:

a. corruption;

b. deliberate manipulation;

c. deliberate falsification;

d. serious integrity breach;

e. deliberate discriminatory misconduct;

f. violence;

g. serious abuse of office; or

h. repeated deliberate refusal to comply with mandatory referee duties.

RULE-100 — Corruption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

100.1 A referee shall not accept or solicit a benefit in exchange for manipulating:

a. a match;

b. a sporting decision;

c. a disciplinary decision; or

d. confidential referee information.

100.2 Suspected corruption shall be referred to REG-22.

RULE-101 — Deliberate Match Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

101.1 Deliberate referee participation in match manipulation constitutes a serious integrity offence.

101.2 Serious sanctions may include permanent exclusion where authorised after fair process.

RULE-102 — Falsification of Reports

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

102.1 Deliberate material falsification of a referee report may constitute disciplinary misconduct.

102.2 An innocent factual mistake shall be distinguished from deliberate falsification.

RULE-103 — Discriminatory Conduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-117

103.1 A referee shall not engage in racist or other prohibited discriminatory conduct.

103.2 Such conduct may result in independent disciplinary proceedings.

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RULE-104 — Referee Violence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-118

104.1 Referees are also subject to the WUFO prohibition against unjustified violence.

104.2 Referee authority shall not justify deliberate assault.

PART XX — DUE PROCESS FOR REFEREES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-124–125

RULE-105 — Notice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

105.1 A referee facing a serious disciplinary allegation shall receive reasonable notice of the allegation.

RULE-106 — Opportunity to Respond

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

106.1 The referee shall have a reasonable opportunity to respond to material allegations.

RULE-107 — Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

107.1 A disciplinary decision shall consider reliable evidence.

107.2 Media criticism alone shall not prove misconduct.

RULE-108 — Independent Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-21.15

108.1 Serious referee discipline shall be determined through the competent independent process.

108.2 A club executive shall not decide the referee’s disciplinary case.

RULE-109 — Proportionality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-125

109.1 Sanctions shall be proportionate to:

a. seriousness;

b. intent;

c. harm;

d. repetition; and

e. integrity consequences.

RULE-110 — Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-124

110.1 A serious final disciplinary sanction shall be subject to the independent appeal rights established by WUFO law.

PART XXI — PROTECTION OF REFEREES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-118

RULE-111 — Physical Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

111.1 Hosts shall provide reasonable security for appointed match officials.

111.2 Referees shall be protected from:

a. assault;

b. credible threats;

c. dangerous crowd intrusion; and

d. unlawful confinement.

RULE-112 — Dressing-Room Security

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

112.1 The referee dressing area shall be protected from unauthorised access.

112.2 Club officials shall not enter merely to pressure referees.

RULE-113 — Travel Security

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-94

113.1 WUFO may take reasonable measures to protect referee travel where a serious security risk exists.

113.2 Neutral travel arrangements may be used where necessary.

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RULE-114 — Threats

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-118

114.1 A credible threat against a referee shall be reported.

114.2 Serious threats may be referred to:

a. WUFO discipline;

b. stadium security; and

c. lawful public authorities where appropriate.

RULE-115 — Protection Does Not Mean Isolation from Accountability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

115.1 Referee protection shall not prevent legitimate:

a. technical criticism;

b. media analysis;

c. formal complaints; or

d. institutional evaluation.

115.2 Protection applies against abuse and improper influence, not against accountability.

PART XXII — REFEREE COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-45–46

RULE-116 — Public Explanation of Major Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-45; STA / ART-46

116.1 WUFO may provide public technical explanations of important referee decisions.

116.2 Explanation may be provided by:

a. the referee where authorised;

b. a designated WUFO referee official; or

c. another authorised technical representative.

RULE-117 — No Forced Media Performance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

117.1 A referee shall not automatically be required to participate in an immediate hostile media confrontation after every disputed decision.

117.2 WUFO may establish structured communication procedures.

RULE-118 — Live Referee Audio

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-45; STA / ART-46

118.1 Live referee or VAR audio may be used only where lawfully authorised under the applicable technical Law or Trial Protocol.

118.2 REG-5 shall govern the technical experiment.

118.3 REG-6 shall govern the referee conduct and integrity aspects.

RULE-119 — Publication of Technical Clarifications

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-140

119.1 WUFO may publish referee technical clarifications to improve worldwide understanding.

119.2 Clarifications shall not secretly amend the Laws.

PART XXIII — TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-120 — Continuing Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

120.1 International referees shall participate in continuing technical education.

120.2 Education may cover:

a. Laws updates;

b. positioning;

c. fitness;

d. player management;

e. integrity;

f. technology;

g. serious misconduct; and

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h. competition-specific procedures.

RULE-121 — Video Training

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

121.1 WUFO may use anonymised or identified match video for referee education.

121.2 Training shall focus principally on learning and consistency.

RULE-122 — Regional Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-46

122.1 WUFO may cooperate with Historical Confederations on referee development.

122.2 Development programmes should strengthen rather than replace legitimate Historical Confederation technical structures.

RULE-123 — Emerging Referees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

123.1 WUFO should provide development pathways for emerging international referees.

123.2 A referee shall not be permanently excluded merely because the referee comes from a smaller Member Association.

RULE-124 — Women Referees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-13.7–13.9; STA / ART-46

124.1 Referee appointment shall be based on technical suitability.

124.2 Women may officiate competitions where qualified under the applicable sporting and technical requirements.

124.3 Professional refereeing is not a protected representative governance office.

PART XXIV — DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC REFEREEING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-49–51

RULE-125 — Association Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44–46

125.1 Association Football referees shall apply the common Association Football Laws and valid authorised experiments.

RULE-126 — Futsal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-50

126.1 Futsal referees shall apply the common Futsal Laws established under REG-5.

126.2 Futsal-specific referee training may be provided.

RULE-127 — Beach Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-51

127.1 Beach Football referees shall apply the common Beach Football Laws established under

REG-5.

127.2 Beach-specific technical training may be provided.

RULE-128 — Same Integrity Standard Across Disciplines

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

128.1 Referee integrity standards shall apply across:

a. Association Football;

b. Futsal; and

c. Beach Football.

128.2 A smaller discipline shall not receive a lower anti-corruption standard.

PART XXV — EMERGENCY REFEREE REPLACEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-129 — Pre-Match Inability to Serve

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

129.1 If an appointed referee becomes unable to serve before the match, the authorised refereeing structure shall appoint or activate a qualified replacement.

129.2 A participating team shall not choose the replacement.

RULE-130 — During-Match Inability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

130.1 If the referee becomes unable to continue during the match, replacement shall follow the applicable competition and Laws procedure.

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130.2 The replacement shall assume authority without restarting the match.

RULE-131 — Integrity Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

131.1 Where credible information creates an urgent serious integrity concern before kickoff, WUFO may replace an appointed referee.

131.2 Emergency replacement shall not itself establish guilt.

131.3 The integrity matter shall be independently reviewed.

RULE-132 — Security Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-94

132.1 A referee may be replaced or a match may be delayed where a serious security event makes normal officiating unsafe.

132.2 Competition and venue-safety rules shall apply.

PART XXVI — REFEREE TECHNOLOGY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-45–46

RULE-133 — Approved Technology Only

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-45–46

133.1 Referees shall use only technology authorised for the relevant competition or trial.

133.2 A team shall not provide private technology to the referee during the match.

RULE-134 — Technology Assists — It Does Not Create Commercial Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-45–46

134.1 Technology may assist sporting decisions.

134.2 The technology provider shall not determine the decision.

RULE-135 — System Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-45–46

135.1 Failure of referee technology shall be handled under the applicable Laws and competition procedures.

135.2 A technology failure shall not automatically make a match invalid.

RULE-136 — Technology Audit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-45–46

136.1 Material referee-technology systems should maintain an appropriate audit record.

136.2 The record may be reviewed for:

a. technical failure;

b. integrity;

c. referee evaluation; or

d. authorised appeal or investigation.

PART XXVII — MATCH INTEGRITY AND MANIPULATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

RULE-137 — Integrity Reporting Duty

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

137.1 A referee shall report credible evidence of attempted match manipulation.

137.2 Silence in exchange for a benefit may constitute serious misconduct.

RULE-138 — Suspicious Contact

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

138.1 A referee should report suspicious pre-match or post-match contact involving:

a. money;

b. betting;

c. gifts;

d. threats; or

e. requests to influence sporting decisions.

RULE-139 — Betting Operator Separation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

139.1 A betting operator shall not participate in referee appointment or evaluation.

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139.2 Integrity cooperation with betting-monitoring organisations may occur where properly controlled.

RULE-140 — Investigation Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

140.1 A manipulation investigation involving a referee shall be conducted independently from:

a. sponsors;

b. betting operators;

c. participating clubs; and

d. persons implicated in the matter.

PART XXVIII — RACISM, DISCRIMINATION AND SERIOUS MATCH CONDUCT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-117–118

RULE-141 — Referee Responsibility in Anti-Racism Procedures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-117

141.1 A referee shall apply the authorised match procedure for serious racist or discriminatory incidents.

141.2 Detailed anti-racism match escalation shall be governed by REG-22.

RULE-142 — No Selective Enforcement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-117

142.1 Anti-racism procedures shall not depend on:

a. fame of the victim;

b. fame of the offender;

c. commercial value of a team; or

d. size of the crowd.

RULE-143 — Violence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-118

143.1 Deliberate serious violence shall be treated according to the Laws and disciplinary framework.

143.2 Match officials shall not ignore serious violence solely to preserve entertainment flow.

PART XXIX — REFEREE RECORDS AND DATA

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-130–143

RULE-144 — Referee Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

144.1 WUFO may maintain an institutional referee record containing:

a. eligibility;

b. appointments;

c. evaluations;

d. training;

e. integrity declarations; and

f. disciplinary status.

RULE-145 — Privacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-132

145.1 Referee transparency shall respect legitimate personal privacy.

145.2 Medical and personal information shall not be published without lawful reason.

RULE-146 — Integrity Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

146.1 Integrity reports shall be protected against unauthorised disclosure.

146.2 Appropriate information may be shared with competent bodies where necessary.

RULE-147 — Performance Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

147.1 Referee performance data may be used for:

a. appointment;

b. training;

c. development; and

d. consistency analysis.

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147.2 Performance data shall not be manipulated to punish an independent referee for an unpopular but correct decision.

PART XXX — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-45–46; STA / ART-117–125

RULE-148 — Coordination with REG-5

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44–46

148.1 REG-5 shall govern:

a. Laws of the Game;

b. Experimental Laws;

c. technical Trial Protocols; and

d. technical committees.

148.2 REG-6 shall govern the referees who apply those Laws and experiments.

RULE-149 — Coordination with REG-7

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

149.1 REG-7 shall govern referee-related workload protections where applicable through broader international calendar and welfare rules.

149.2 Referee scheduling should reasonably consider travel and recovery.

RULE-150 — Coordination with REG-19

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-93–96

150.1 REG-19 shall govern World League referee travel, accommodation, venue operations and match logistics.

150.2 REG-6 shall govern referee technical and integrity standards.

RULE-151 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

151.1 REG-22 shall govern:

a. disciplinary jurisdiction;

b. racism;

c. violence;

d. match manipulation;

e. integrity investigations; and

f. sanctions.

151.2 REG-6 shall govern technical refereeing procedure and referral.

RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

152.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. permanent document coding;

b. publication;

c. version control;

d. Decision Ledger records; and

e. institutional archives.

152.2 Referee Protocols and Procedures under this Regulation shall be traceable through that system.

PART XXXI — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-153 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

153.1 Implementation of this Regulation may use lower instruments including:

a. MAN — International Refereeing Administration;

b. FOR — International Referee Registration;

c. FOR — Referee Conflict of Interest Declaration;

d. FOR — Referee Appointment Record;

e. FOR — Referee Match Report;

f. FOR — Referee Assessment;

g. PRO — Referee Appointment;

h. PRO — Referee Review;

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i. PRO — Referee Consistency Evaluation;
j. PRT — Same-Match Serious Misconduct Correction;
k. PRO — Half-Time Sending-Off Correction;
l. PRO — Referee Technical Complaint;
m. PRO — Emergency Referee Replacement;
n. PRT — Referee Integrity Reporting;
o. MAN — Referee Training and Development; and
p. other instruments lawfully authorised under the WUFO normative system.
153.2 Final codes and versions shall be assigned under REG-28.

PART XXXII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46

RULE-154 — No Lower Instrument May Rewrite the Laws

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44–46

154.1 No referee Manual, Procedure or Protocol may permanently amend a Law of the Game.
154.2 Technical amendments shall follow REG-5.

RULE-155 — No Lower Instrument May Eliminate Referee Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

155.1 No lower instrument may give sporting control of a referee to:
a. a club;
b. a sponsor;
c. a broadcaster;
d. a host;
e. a government; or
f. an unauthorised WUFO officer.

RULE-156 — No Lower Instrument May Create Referee Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

156.1 No lower instrument shall prohibit legitimate referee evaluation.
156.2 No referee shall be declared beyond:
a. technical review;
b. integrity review; or
c. disciplinary review
merely because of status or seniority.

RULE-157 — No Automatic Punishment for Honest Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

157.1 An honest sporting error shall be distinguished from:
a. corruption;
b. manipulation;
c. deliberate misconduct; and
d. reckless or repeated professional failure.
157.2 Development and education shall remain appropriate responses to ordinary error.

RULE-158 — Same-Match Correction Is Narrow

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

158.1 Same-match correction shall not become general retrospective refereeing.
158.2 It exists to correct clearly serious missed misconduct within the same match.

RULE-159 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

159.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:
a. referee independence;
b. equal enforcement of the Laws;
c. player safety;
d. sporting fairness;
e. referee accountability;

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f. correction of clearly serious errors where lawfully authorised;
g. referee protection from abuse;
h. technical development; and
i. integrity.
159.2 Referee authority exists to serve the match.
159.3 Referee independence exists to protect sporting fairness.
159.4 Neither principle creates immunity from legitimate accountability.

RULE-160 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

160.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:
The referee is independent. The referee is not untouchable.
Same match — same standard.
No celebrity immunity.
The host, the visitor, the star and the unknown player are governed by the same Laws.
Clubs do not appoint the referee. Sponsors do not appoint the referee. Governments do not appoint the referee for sporting advantage.
A serious clearly missed sending-off offence may be corrected through an authorised same-match procedure.
Half-time is still part of the same match.
Correction of serious misconduct is not permission to re-referee every decision.
Honest error requires evaluation. Corruption requires discipline.
Refereeing must be independent, consistent, reviewable and trusted.

REG-6 — REFEREEING, MATCH REVIEW & REFEREE INTEGRITY

REG-7 — INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, PLAYER HEALTH, REST & WORKLOAD

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-12; STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-92; STA / ART-101; STA / ART-105
Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-67–78; STA / ART-90–103;

STA / ART-104–107

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47; STA / ART-48

1.1 This Regulation establishes the worldwide procedures and minimum standards governing:
a. the WUFO International Calendar;
b. coordination with the six Historical Confederations;
c. representative-team international windows;
d. player rest and recovery;
e. cumulative match workload;
f. international travel burden;
g. time-zone change;
h. climate and environmental conditions;
i. tournament scheduling;
j. World League calendar protection;
k. Women’s Football welfare considerations;
l. youth-player welfare;
m. coordination with clubs and domestic competitions;
n. medical input into calendar planning; and
o. monitoring and review of player workload.
1.2 This Regulation shall establish worldwide minimum protections.
1.3 A competition may establish stronger player-welfare protections.
1.4 A competition shall not establish weaker protections except through an expressly authorised emergency or tournament exception permitted by this Regulation.

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RULE-2 — Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

2.1 Football players shall not be treated as unlimited sporting resources.

2.2 Calendar design shall consider the human cost of:

a. matches;
b. travel;
c. recovery;
d. climate;
e. time-zone change;
f. season length; and
g. international duty.

2.3 Commercial demand shall not by itself justify an unsafe calendar.

RULE-3 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-12; STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-92

3.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

3.2 Where this Regulation conflicts with the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.

3.3 No lower instrument may:

a. remove the requirement to coordinate with the six Historical Confederations;
b. convert World League windows into an automatic two-match system;
c. eliminate minimum player-welfare protections;
d. create a founding global U-15 megaevent; or
e. transfer ownership of Historical Confederation competitions to WUFO through calendar administration.

RULE-4 — Worldwide Minimum Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

4.1 The protections in this Regulation shall apply as minimum WUFO standards.

4.2 They shall not prevent:

a. Member Associations;
b. Historical Confederations;
c. leagues;
d. clubs; or
e. competition organisers

from adopting stronger lawful protections.

RULE-5 — Sporting Calendar Is Not Only a Commercial Calendar

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

5.1 Calendar decisions shall consider sporting and human requirements before commercial optimisation.

5.2 Broadcasting and sponsorship considerations may influence reasonable scheduling.

5.3 They shall not override mandatory player-health protections.

PART II — INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR GOVERNANCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-12; STA / ART-47; STA / ART-105

RULE-6 — WUFO International Calendar

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

6.1 WUFO shall maintain an official International Calendar.

6.2 The International Calendar shall identify the principal worldwide periods allocated or protected for:

a. WUFO Championship Cup competitions;
b. World League matches;
c. Historical Confederation championships;
d. Champion of Champions;
e. Women’s world competitions;
f. youth world competitions;
g. Futsal world competitions;
h. Beach Football world competitions; and
i. other international football activity requiring worldwide coordination.

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RULE-7 — Calendar Coordination with the Six Historical Confederations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

7.1 WUFO Central shall coordinate the International Calendar with:

a. PAFU;

b. UEFA;

c. the applicable Historical Confederation;

d. the applicable Historical Confederation; and

e. the applicable Historical Confederation.

7.2 Calendar coordination shall be real consultation.

7.3 It shall not consist merely of informing the Historical Confederations after the principal decisions have already been made.

RULE-8 — No Blind Central Imposition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

8.1 WUFO Central shall not impose the International Calendar without reasonable consideration of:

a. geography;

b. travel;

c. climate;

d. Historical Confederation competitions;

e. club competitions;

f. player health; and

g. operational realities.

RULE-9 — Historical Confederation Autonomy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-12; STA / ART-47; STA / ART-105

9.1 Calendar coordination shall not transfer ownership or control of Historical Confederation competitions to WUFO.

9.2 A Historical Confederation shall remain responsible for its own competitions within its statutory authority.

9.3 WUFO may establish worldwide protected periods necessary for coherent international football.

RULE-10 — Calendar Cooperation Does Not Create Commercial Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-12.5–12.8; STA / ART-105

10.1 WUFO assistance with:

a. scheduling;

b. promotion;

c. worldwide visibility; or

d. common finals periods

shall not give WUFO ownership of a Historical Confederation competition.

PART III — CALENDAR PLANNING CYCLE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47

RULE-11 — Rolling Calendar Framework

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

11.1 WUFO shall maintain a rolling four-year International Calendar Framework.

11.2 The Framework shall provide enough advance visibility for:

a. Member Associations;

b. Historical Confederations;

c. clubs;

d. leagues;

e. broadcasters;

f. players; and

g. competition organisers

to plan reasonably.

RULE-12 — Annual Calendar Confirmation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

12.1 Each calendar year shall receive a detailed operational confirmation.

12.2 Ordinary international windows should be confirmed at least twelve (12) months before the beginning of the relevant calendar year.

12.3 Major tournament periods should be identified materially earlier where possible.

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RULE-13 — Draft Consultation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

13.1 WUFO should circulate a proposed annual calendar framework approximately eighteen (18) months before the relevant calendar year.

13.2 Each Historical Confederation shall receive a reasonable opportunity to comment.

RULE-14 — Historical Confederation Response Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

14.1 Historical Confederations should normally receive at least sixty (60) calendar days to comment on a major calendar proposal.

14.2 A shorter period may be used for urgent corrections or unforeseen circumstances.

RULE-15 — Matters for Consultation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

15.1 Calendar consultation shall consider:

a. worldwide competition dates;
b. Historical Confederation championships;
c. travel burden;
d. climate;
e. time zones;
f. club seasons;
g. recovery;
h. women’s competitions;
i. youth competitions;
j. Futsal and Beach Football; and
k. material foreseeable scheduling conflicts.

RULE-16 — Calendar Decision Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

16.1 Material calendar decisions shall be recorded.

16.2 The record should identify:

a. proposal;
b. consultations conducted;
c. material conflicts identified;
d. principal welfare considerations; and
e. final decision.

PART IV — INTERNATIONAL WINDOWS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47; STA / ART-92

RULE-17 — International Window

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

17.1 An International Window is a period formally identified in the WUFO International Calendar for representative-team activity.

17.2 A window may contain:

a. a World League match;
b. a Historical Confederation competition match;
c. another authorised representative-team match; or
d. other international activity consistent with the calendar.

RULE-18 — Window Length

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

18.1 The length of an International Window shall provide reasonable time for:

a. player arrival;
b. preparation;
c. match participation;
d. recovery; and
e. return travel.

18.2 Window design shall not consider match day alone.

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RULE-19 — No Automatic Double-Match Window

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-92

19.1 WUFO shall not operate on the assumption that every international window must contain two representative-team matches.

19.2 Player availability shall not be treated as unused commercial inventory merely because additional dates technically exist.

RULE-20 — World League — One Match Per Window

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92

20.1 A Member Association shall play no more than one (1) World League match in the same International Window.

20.2 A second World League match shall not be scheduled in the same window merely:

a. to reduce calendar duration;

b. to increase broadcast inventory;

c. to save central operating costs; or

d. because both teams are already assembled.

RULE-21 — World League Rule Is Competition-Specific

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92

21.1 RULE-20 governs World League matches.

21.2 It shall not automatically prohibit a tournament format authorised elsewhere in WUFO law.

21.3 Any additional representative-team activity during the same period shall remain subject to the welfare protections of this Regulation.

RULE-22 — No Circumvention of One-Match Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92

22.1 A second World League fixture shall not be relabelled as another match type merely to circumvent the one-match-per-window rule.

PART V — PLAYER RELEASE AND ARRIVAL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-23 — Reasonable Arrival Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

23.1 A player shall receive a reasonable opportunity to travel from club duty to representative-team duty.

23.2 The calendar shall consider:

a. location of the player’s club;

b. travel duration;

c. number of connections;

d. time-zone change; and

e. scheduled kickoff.

RULE-24 — No Assumption of Instant Availability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

24.1 A player shall not be treated as fully recovered merely because the player has physically arrived in the host territory.

24.2 Travel fatigue shall form part of the welfare assessment.

RULE-25 — Club Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

25.1 Clubs and representative teams should cooperate to facilitate timely player arrival.

25.2 Administrative disputes shall not be deliberately used to deprive a player of reasonable recovery.

RULE-26 — Player Travel Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

26.1 A representative team may request reasonable travel information necessary to manage player recovery.

26.2 Such information may include:

a. departure point;

b. arrival time;

c. flight duration;

d. number of connections; and

e. significant time-zone change.

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PART VI — MINIMUM MATCH RECOVERY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48

RULE-27 — Ordinary Senior Recovery Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

27.1 A WUFO competition should ordinarily provide at least seventy-two (72) hours between the scheduled kickoff times of two official matches involving the same senior representative team.

27.2 Longer recovery should be used where reasonably practical.

RULE-28 — Calculation of Recovery

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

28.1 Recovery shall be calculated from the scheduled kickoff of the first match to the scheduled kickoff of the next match.

28.2 An unusually prolonged match may be considered when medical and operational officials assess the real recovery burden.

RULE-29 — Centralised Tournament Exception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

29.1 A centralised tournament may exceptionally use an interval shorter than seventy-two hours where:

a. the competition format genuinely requires it;

b. the schedule is applied fairly;

c. player welfare has been reviewed; and

d. the interval is not less than sixty (60) hours.

29.2 The exception shall not become the ordinary calendar standard.

RULE-30 — No Senior Match Below Sixty Hours

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

30.1 A WUFO senior representative team shall not ordinarily be required to begin another official match less than sixty (60) hours after the kickoff of its preceding official match.

30.2 A reduction below sixty hours may occur only in an extraordinary force-majeure situation where:

a. the match cannot reasonably be moved;

b. independent medical advice has been obtained; and

c. the competent competition authority determines that continuation is safe and necessary.

30.3 Such an exception shall be documented.

RULE-31 — Same Standard for Opponents

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-48

31.1 Competition scheduling should provide reasonably equivalent recovery to opposing teams.

31.2 A team shall not deliberately receive materially shorter recovery merely because it has less commercial value.

RULE-32 — Knockout Scheduling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

32.1 Knockout brackets should consider the recovery intervals produced by the preceding round.

32.2 Commercial television preference shall not be the sole reason for creating a materially unfair recovery difference.

PART VII — MATCH FREQUENCY AND CUMULATIVE LOAD

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48

RULE-33 — Match Frequency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

33.1 WUFO competition organisers shall monitor the frequency of official matches involving the same representative team.

33.2 A team should not ordinarily be scheduled for more than two official matches within any rolling seven-day period.

RULE-34 — Competition-Specific Tournament Scheduling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

34.1 A tournament may schedule successive rounds according to its competition format.

34.2 The minimum recovery requirements of this Regulation shall still apply.

RULE-35 — Extra Time Counts as Additional Load

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

35.1 Extra time shall be considered when assessing player workload and recovery.

35.2 A team that played extra time should receive additional recovery consideration where schedule flexibility exists.

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RULE-36 — Penalty Shootouts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

36.1 Participation in a penalty shootout shall be considered in workload assessment.

36.2 A penalty shootout shall not be treated as a separate match.

RULE-37 — Player-Specific Workload

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

37.1 Team-level scheduling shall not prevent medical staff from assessing individual player workload.

37.2 Relevant individual factors may include:

a. recent match minutes;

b. recent travel;

c. injury recovery;

d. age;

e. medical condition; and

f. other legitimate health considerations.

RULE-38 — No Mandatory Selection of an Unfit Player

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

38.1 WUFO shall not require a representative team to field a player who is medically unfit merely to satisfy commercial expectations.

38.2 Selection remains a sporting and medical decision of the team within applicable competition rules.

PART VIII — LONG-HAUL TRAVEL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-39 — Travel Is Part of Workload

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

39.1 International travel shall be treated as part of player workload.

39.2 Assessment shall not count only minutes played on the field.

RULE-40 — Long-Haul Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

40.1 For welfare planning, long-haul travel shall normally mean scheduled air travel of eight (8) hours or more in one direction, excluding ordinary airport waiting time.

40.2 A journey involving several connecting flights may be treated as long-haul even where no single flight reaches eight hours.

RULE-41 — Travel Connections

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

41.1 Multiple connections shall be considered when assessing travel burden.

41.2 A journey requiring significant ground transfers or overnight transit may justify additional recovery.

RULE-42 — Long-Haul Arrival Before Match

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

42.1 Competition scheduling should normally permit at least one complete local night of sleep after long-haul arrival before a player is required to play.

42.2 Where four or more time zones have also been crossed, the stronger protections in Part IX shall apply.

RULE-43 — No Unnecessary Same-Day Match After Long- Haul Arrival

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

43.1 A player should not ordinarily be required to participate in an official WUFO match on the same local calendar day as completion of long-haul international travel.

RULE-44 — Travel After Match

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

44.1 Teams should avoid unnecessary immediate overnight travel after a match where reasonable accommodation can provide safer recovery.

44.2 Operational necessity may justify post-match travel.

44.3 The total burden shall be considered in scheduling the next match.

PART IX — TIME-ZONE CHANGE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48

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RULE-45 — Time-Zone Change Is a Welfare Factor

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

45.1 Calendar and travel planning shall consider significant time-zone change.

45.2 Crossing time zones shall not be treated as equivalent to travel within one local time zone.

RULE-46 — Major Time-Zone Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

46.1 Crossing four (4) or more time zones within a principal journey shall be treated as a major time-zone change for WUFO welfare planning.

RULE-47 — Extreme Time-Zone Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

47.1 Crossing six (6) or more time zones shall be treated as an extreme time-zone change.

47.2 Additional adaptation time should be provided where practical.

RULE-48 — Pre-Match Adaptation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

48.1 Where a team crosses four or more time zones, WUFO scheduling should normally permit at least thirty-six (36) hours between arrival at the principal match location and kickoff.

48.2 Where six or more time zones are crossed, forty-eight (48) hours should normally be targeted.

48.3 A competition may provide more time.

RULE-49 — Exceptional Reduction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

49.1 A shorter adaptation interval may be used only where:

a. the team itself deliberately chose a later travel plan despite a reasonable earlier option;

b. force majeure affected travel; or

c. another legitimate operational reason exists.

49.2 The competition organiser shall not deliberately design an ordinary schedule around shortened adaptation.

PART X — HOME AND AWAY TRAVEL BALANCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-92

RULE-50 — Travel Balance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

50.1 Calendar design should avoid repeatedly imposing the heaviest international travel burden on the same Member Association.

50.2 Geography makes identical travel impossible.

50.3 The objective shall be reasonable balance rather than artificial mathematical equality.

RULE-51 — World League Home/Away Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92

51.1 World League scheduling shall seek to alternate home and away matches whenever practical.

51.2 Repeated long away sequences should be avoided.

51.3 Detailed World League fixture administration shall be governed by REG-18.

RULE-52 — Welfare Purpose of Alternation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-92

52.1 Home/away alternation serves:

a. sporting fairness;

b. travel balance;

c. supporter fairness; and

d. workload management.

PART XI — CLIMATE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-53 — Climate Shall Be Considered

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

53.1 International scheduling shall consider predictable climate conditions.

53.2 Relevant conditions may include:

a. extreme heat;

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b. extreme cold;
c. humidity;
d. severe precipitation;
e. air quality;
f. altitude; and
g. other medically relevant environmental factors.

RULE-54 — Medical Climate Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

54.1 Detailed medical thresholds shall be established through the Player Welfare & Rest Protocol.

54.2 Thresholds shall be based on appropriate medical and environmental measurements.

54.3 They may be updated without amending this Regulation where the underlying statutory protection remains unchanged.

RULE-55 — Heat

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

55.1 Where dangerous heat conditions are reasonably foreseeable, organisers shall consider:

a. later kickoff;
b. earlier kickoff;
c. cooling breaks;
d. hydration access;
e. additional medical monitoring; or
f. rescheduling.

RULE-56 — Cold

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

56.1 Dangerous cold shall receive equivalent welfare consideration.

56.2 Appropriate measures may include:

a. altered kickoff time;
b. heated player areas where available;
c. suitable equipment;
d. medical monitoring; or
e. rescheduling.

RULE-57 — Air Quality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

57.1 Serious air-quality conditions shall be assessed through the applicable medical protocol.

57.2 A match may be delayed, suspended or moved where continuation creates an unacceptable health risk.

RULE-58 — Altitude

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

58.1 No official WUFO match shall be played where the elevation of the playing field exceeds three thousand (3,000) metres above mean sea level.

58.2 The maximum in RULE-58.1 applies universally to every WUFO competition, Category, Division, age group and football branch within WUFO competition authority.

58.3 No geographic, historical, commercial, sporting or Host-status exception shall apply.

58.4 Where an ordinary home venue exceeds the permitted maximum, a compliant alternative venue shall be used.

58.5 Playing-field elevation shall be established through sufficiently reliable geodetic, survey or equivalent technical evidence under the applicable WUFO technical procedure.

58.6 At compliant venues, altitude may still be considered for arrival planning, medical preparation and recovery scheduling.

RULE-59 — No Commercial Override of Medical Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

59.1 A broadcaster or sponsor shall not require a match to proceed in conditions that the authorised medical and competition authorities have determined to be unsafe.

PART XII — ENVIRONMENTAL MATCH DECISIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48

RULE-60 — Pre-Match Assessment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

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60.1 A competition organiser shall conduct an appropriate environmental assessment where material conditions require one.

RULE-61 — Match-Day Medical Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

61.1 Authorised match medical personnel shall have a formal role in health-related environmental assessment.

61.2 Sporting officials shall consider that medical advice before deciding whether to proceed.

RULE-62 — Delay

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

62.1 Kickoff may be delayed where a dangerous condition is expected to improve within a reasonable period.

RULE-63 — Suspension

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

63.1 A match may be temporarily suspended where dangerous conditions arise after kickoff.

RULE-64 — Rescheduling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

64.1 A match may be rescheduled where safe continuation is not reasonably possible.

64.2 Rescheduling shall seek to protect player recovery before the next fixture.

PART XIII — CLUB AND REPRESENTATIVE-TEAM WORKLOAD INTERFACE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-65 — Combined Workload Matters

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

65.1 Player welfare assessment shall recognise that players participate in both:

a. club football; and

b. representative-team football.

65.2 International football shall not pretend that club minutes do not exist.

RULE-66 — Club Match Before International Duty

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

66.1 A player’s recent club match participation may be considered when planning training and selection during international duty.

RULE-67 — Representative Match Before Club Return

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

67.1 Member Associations should return players to their clubs as efficiently as reasonably possible after international duty.

67.2 Unnecessary retention shall be avoided.

RULE-68 — Medical Information Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

68.1 Clubs and Member Associations should exchange medical information reasonably necessary to protect a player.

68.2 Exchange shall respect:

a. applicable law;

b. medical confidentiality; and

c. player privacy.

RULE-69 — No Competitive Espionage Through Medical Exchange

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

69.1 Medical cooperation shall not be used to obtain unrelated confidential competitive information from a club or representative team.

PART XIV — TRAINING LOAD DURING INTERNATIONAL DUTY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48

RULE-70 — Training Is Part of Workload

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

70.1 Training load shall be considered alongside match load.

70.2 A nominal “rest day” containing unusually heavy training shall not necessarily constitute genuine recovery.

RULE-71 — Post-Match Recovery Session

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

71.1 A team may conduct reasonable recovery activity after a match.

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71.2 Recovery activity should not be treated as an ordinary high-intensity training session.

RULE-72 — Travel Day Training

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

72.1 Training scheduled on a major travel day should consider the real travel burden.

RULE-73 — Medical Individualisation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

73.1 Team medical and performance staff may individualise training based on:

a. minutes played;

b. injury status;

c. travel;

d. age; and

e. other legitimate welfare factors.

PART XV — INJURY AND MEDICAL PROTECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48

RULE-74 — Medical Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

74.1 Medical personnel shall exercise professional medical judgment.

74.2 A coach, commercial officer or political official shall not require a medical professional to falsely certify a player as fit.

RULE-75 — Player Removal for Medical Reasons

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

75.1 A player may be withheld or removed from participation where legitimate medical judgment determines that participation is unsafe.

RULE-76 — No Punishment for Legitimate Medical Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

76.1 A player shall not receive a WUFO sporting penalty merely because qualified medical personnel determine the player is unfit.

76.2 Fraudulent medical claims may be investigated separately.

RULE-77 — Concussion and Acute Medical Protocols

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

77.1 WUFO competitions shall maintain appropriate acute medical and concussion procedures.

77.2 Detailed clinical standards belong in the applicable medical Protocol.

PART XVI — WOMEN'S FOOTBALL WELFARE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-13; STA / ART-48; STA / ART-99–100

RULE-78 — Equal Basic Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

78.1 Women players shall receive at least the same basic WUFO player-welfare protections as men.

78.2 Women's competitions shall not receive weaker medical protections because they generate less revenue.

RULE-79 — Stronger Medically Justified Protections

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

79.1 Women's football may use additional or stronger welfare protections where supported by legitimate medical evidence.

79.2 Such protections shall be designed around health and sporting need rather than stereotype.

RULE-80 — Women's Calendar Planning

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-99–100

80.1 Women's world competitions shall receive genuine protected calendar planning.

80.2 They shall not automatically be placed into whatever calendar space remains after men's competitions are scheduled.

RULE-81 — Club and International Coordination in Women's Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

81.1 WUFO shall recognise the developing professional and semi-professional structures of women's club football when planning international windows.

PART XVII — YOUTH PLAYER PROTECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-100–101

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RULE-82 — Child Protection Before Commercial Value

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

82.1 Youth competition planning shall put:

a. player development;

b. age-appropriate competition; and

c. child protection

before commercial or marketing value.

RULE-83 — Youth Is Not Senior Football in a Smaller Body

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-101

83.1 Youth-player workload shall not automatically copy senior professional workload.

83.2 Age and development stage shall be considered.

RULE-84 — Youth Minimum Recovery

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-100–101

84.1 WUFO U-17 and younger international competition should ordinarily provide at least seventy-two (72) hours between scheduled kickoff times for the same team.

84.2 No ordinary youth competition shall use a recovery interval below sixty hours.

84.3 Stronger competition-specific standards may apply.

RULE-85 — U-20 Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-100–101

85.1 U-20 competitions shall also be designed with specific workload protection.

85.2 Senior standards are minimum references and may be strengthened.

RULE-86 — No Back-to-Back Youth Match Days

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-101

86.1 A youth representative team shall not be scheduled to play official full matches on consecutive calendar days.

RULE-87 — Youth Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-101

87.1 Youth travel planning shall consider:

a. journey length;

b. supervision;

c. sleep;

d. schooling where applicable;

e. safeguarding; and

f. recovery.

RULE-88 — Youth Overnight Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-101

88.1 Unnecessary overnight travel immediately after a youth match should be avoided.

88.2 Safety and safeguarding shall take priority over minor logistical savings.

PART XVIII — NO FOUNDING GLOBAL U-15 MEGAEVENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-101

RULE-89 — No Global U-15 World Megaevent at Founding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

89.1 WUFO shall not create a founding global U-15 megaevent.

89.2 The International Calendar shall not reserve a global U-15 WUFO Championship Cup period at founding.

RULE-90 — Younger-Age Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

90.1 Younger-age football should principally develop through:

a. domestic football;

b. local development;

c. Historical Confederation programmes; and

d. age-appropriate subregional competition.

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RULE-91 — Commercial Demand Does Not Create the Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

91.1 Sponsor, broadcaster or marketing demand alone shall not justify creation of a global U-15 competition.

RULE-92 — Future Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

92.1 The absence of a founding global U-15 megaevent does not permanently prohibit future technical study of younger-age international development.

92.2 Any future proposal shall require a separate lawful decision.

92.3 Child protection shall remain the primary consideration.

PART XIX — TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-67–78; STA / ART-99–103

RULE-93 — Tournament Calendar Design

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

93.1 Centralised tournaments shall be designed around a complete competition pathway.

93.2 Calendar planners shall model:

a. group-stage recovery;

b. knockout recovery;

c. travel between venues;

d. extra-time exposure;

e. finals scheduling; and

f. post-match travel.

RULE-94 — No Hidden Recovery Penalty for Advancement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-48

94.1 A team shall not receive an intentionally punitive recovery schedule because it unexpectedly advances in a competition.

RULE-95 — Draw and Recovery

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-69

95.1 Competition draws and pre-placement systems should be reviewed for significant predictable recovery inequality.

95.2 Draw integrity shall not be manipulated merely to optimise recovery for commercially important teams.

RULE-96 — Host Teams

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-48; STA / ART-69

96.1 Host status shall not entitle a team to materially superior recovery standards unavailable to comparable opponents.

RULE-97 — Venue Travel Between Rounds

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

97.1 Tournament scheduling shall consider travel required between one round and the next.

97.2 A team travelling a materially longer distance may receive scheduling consideration where competition integrity permits.

PART XX — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP CALENDAR WELFARE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-67–78

RULE-98 — WUFO Championship Cup Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-67

98.1 Player-welfare standards shall apply to all WUFO Championship Cup Categories A through G.

98.2 A lower Category shall not receive weaker health protections merely because it generates less commercial revenue.

RULE-99 — Category G

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-68

99.1 The larger Category G field shall not justify compressed team recovery.

99.2 Stadium utilisation may be intensified where permitted.

99.3 Player recovery shall remain protected.

RULE-100 — One Stadium May Host More Than One Match

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-68; STA / ART-70

100.1 The ability of a certified stadium to host more than one match in a day shall concern venue operation.

100.2 It shall not permit the same team to play twice in one day.

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100.3 Stadium efficiency shall not reduce player recovery standards.

RULE-101 — Finals Week

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-78

101.1 The seven staggered WUFO Championship Cup finals may be scheduled within one common finals week.

101.2 Because each final belongs to a different Category, the one-final-per-day structure shall not by itself create same-team recovery congestion.

PART XXI — WORLD LEAGUE CALENDAR WELFARE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-90–92

RULE-102 — World League as a Distributed Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-90; STA / ART-92

102.1 The World League shall operate across international windows rather than as a compressed centralised tournament.

102.2 Calendar design shall use this structure to reduce unnecessary workload.

RULE-103 — One Match Means One Match

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92

103.1 A World League team shall play one World League match in a World League international window.

103.2 The ordinary schedule shall not add:

a. a second World League fixture; or

b. a disguised World League fixture under another label.

RULE-104 — Home/Away Alternation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92

104.1 World League scheduling shall follow the H-A-H-A principle whenever practical.

104.2 Exceptions shall require legitimate sporting or operational reasons.

104.3 Detailed fixture rules belong in REG-18.

RULE-105 — World League Travel Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-93

105.1 The welfare effect of World League travel shall comply with this Regulation.

105.2 Financial and operational arrangements for that travel shall be governed by REG-19.

PART XXII — HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-12; STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-104–105

RULE-106 — Regional Championship Calendar Autonomy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-12; STA / ART-104

106.1 Each Historical Confederation shall determine the sporting structure of its championship within its lawful authority.

106.2 WUFO calendar coordination shall not dictate an identical tournament format to all six Historical Confederations.

RULE-107 — Worldwide Coordination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47; STA / ART-105

107.1 Historical Confederations shall cooperate with WUFO to reduce unnecessary overlap among major international competitions.

RULE-108 — Common Finals Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-105

108.1 WUFO and the six Historical Confederations may coordinate their principal regional championship final periods toward a Year 2 of the WUFO four-year cycle, while preserving each Confederation’s appropriate season.

108.2 The objective may include:

a. global visibility;

b. calendar clarity;

c. Champion of Champions preparation; and

d. player-workload management.

RULE-109 — Common Period Is Not One Common Tournament

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-104–105

109.1 Coordinating a common finals period shall not merge the six Historical Confederation championships.

109.2 Each championship remains the competition of its Historical Confederation.

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PART XXIII — CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS CALENDAR

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-105–107

RULE-110 — One-Week Event

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-107

110.1 The Champion of Champions shall be scheduled consistently with its statutory oneweek event model.

110.2 Player recovery shall be considered when determining semifinal and final dates.

RULE-111 — Entry from Regional Championships

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-105–107

111.1 Calendar cooperation should provide qualified Regional champions with a reasonable transition into Champion of Champions participation.

RULE-112 — No Calendar Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-104–105

112.1 Champion of Champions scheduling shall not give WUFO ownership of the underlying Historical Confederation championships.

PART XXIV — FUTSAL AND BEACH FOOTBALL CALENDAR

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-102–103

RULE-113 — Discipline-Specific Welfare

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-49–51

113.1 Futsal and Beach Football may require discipline-specific workload standards.

113.2 Such standards may reflect:

a. match duration;

b. tournament format;

c. playing surface;

d. climate; and

e. substitution structure.

RULE-114 — Common Welfare Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

114.1 Different technical formats shall not remove the principle that players require adequate rest and recovery.

RULE-115 — Futsal Scheduling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-102

115.1 Detailed Futsal WUFO Championship Cup scheduling shall be governed by REG-20.

115.2 The applicable competition rules shall establish discipline-appropriate rest periods consistent with this Regulation.

RULE-116 — Beach Football Scheduling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-103

116.1 Detailed Beach Football world competition scheduling shall be governed by REG-20.

116.2 Heat and playing-surface exposure shall receive particular medical consideration where relevant.

PART XXV — PLAYER WELFARE MEDICAL STRUCTURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48

RULE-117 — Medical Advisory Function

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

117.1 WUFO shall maintain access to independent qualified medical advice for playerwelfare policy.

117.2 Medical advice shall inform:

a. rest standards;

b. climate thresholds;

c. travel guidance;

d. youth protection;

e. acute medical standards; and

f. workload monitoring.

RULE-118 — Medical Advice Is Not Competition Governance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

118.1 Medical experts shall advise on health and safety.

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118.2 Medical experts shall not acquire general competition governance authority merely through that role.

RULE-119 — Independence from Commercial Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

119.1 Medical advice shall not be altered to satisfy sponsor, broadcaster or host demands.

RULE-120 — Update of Technical Medical Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

120.1 Technical medical thresholds may be updated when credible evidence changes.

120.2 Such updates shall remain consistent with the statutory player-welfare principles.

120.3 Material changes shall be documented.

PART XXVI — WORKLOAD MONITORING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48

RULE-121 — WUFO Workload Monitoring

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

121.1 WUFO shall maintain a reasonable international workload-monitoring system.

121.2 The system shall support:

a. calendar planning;

b. tournament review;

c. travel assessment; and

d. identification of systemic overload.

RULE-122 — Data Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

122.1 Workload data may include:

a. official match minutes;

b. extra time;

c. international travel;

d. time zones crossed;

e. match intervals;

f. tournament duration; and

g. relevant injury trends.

RULE-123 — Minimum Necessary Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

123.1 WUFO shall collect only data reasonably useful for legitimate welfare purposes.

123.2 Workload monitoring shall not become unnecessary surveillance of players.

RULE-124 — Health Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

124.1 Individual medical information shall receive appropriate confidentiality.

124.2 Aggregate or anonymised data should be used where individual identification is unnecessary.

RULE-125 — Historical Confederation Data Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

125.1 Historical Confederations may provide relevant competition and workload information to WUFO.

125.2 WUFO may share useful aggregate welfare analysis with the Historical Confederations.

PART XXVII — ANNUAL PLAYER WELFARE REVIEW

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-126 — Annual Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

126.1 WUFO should conduct an annual review of international player workload.

126.2 The review should consider whether calendar changes are necessary.

RULE-127 — Matters Reviewed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

127.1 The annual review may examine:

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a. short recovery intervals;
b. excessive travel;
c. climate incidents;
d. youth workload;
e. women’s competition welfare;
f. World League scheduling; and
g. major competition congestion.

RULE-128 — Player Consultation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-19; STA / ART-48

128.1 WUFO should obtain player input when reviewing international workload.

128.2 Consultation may occur through:

a. Council player representatives;
b. player organisations;
c. direct surveys; or
d. other legitimate methods.

RULE-129 — Club Consultation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

129.1 Clubs and leagues may be consulted on international-calendar workload.

129.2 Club consultation shall not create a club veto over WUFO representative-team competitions.

RULE-130 — Historical Confederation Consultation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

130.1 The six Historical Confederations shall receive the results relevant to future worldwide calendar planning.

PART XXVIII — EMERGENCY CALENDAR CHANGES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-131 — Legitimate Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

131.1 The International Calendar may be changed urgently where a serious unforeseen event makes the original schedule impractical or unsafe.

131.2 Relevant circumstances may include:

a. natural disaster;
b. armed conflict;
c. serious public-health emergency;
d. transport collapse;
e. venue failure;
f. extreme weather; or
g. another comparable force-majeure event.

RULE-132 — Welfare Remains Relevant in an Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

132.1 Emergency rescheduling shall not disregard player welfare merely because the original schedule failed.

132.2 The least harmful reasonable solution should be preferred.

RULE-133 — Consultation Where Time Permits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

133.1 WUFO shall consult the affected Historical Confederation or Historical Confederations before a major emergency calendar change where time reasonably permits.

RULE-134 — No Manufactured Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

134.1 Commercial failure to plan properly shall not automatically constitute force majeure.

134.2 A competition organiser shall not deliberately create urgency to bypass welfare protections.

RULE-135 — Emergency Decision Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

135.1 A material emergency schedule change shall be documented.

135.2 The record shall identify:

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a. event;
b. reason;
c. alternatives considered;
d. welfare impact; and
e. final solution.

PART XXIX — REST EXCEPTIONS AND WAIVERS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48

RULE-136 — No Routine Waiver

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

136.1 Minimum recovery protections shall not be waived routinely.

136.2 A competition shall not construct its ordinary schedule around repeated exceptions.

RULE-137 — Team Consent Does Not Automatically Cure Unsafe Scheduling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

137.1 A team's willingness to play shall not automatically make an unsafe schedule acceptable.

137.2 Medical and competition-welfare standards shall remain applicable.

RULE-138 — Commercial Consent Is Irrelevant

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

138.1 Sponsor or broadcaster agreement shall not constitute a player-welfare waiver.

RULE-139 — Emergency Exception Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

139.1 A material exception to the ordinary recovery standard shall be reviewed after the event.

139.2 Repeated use of the same exception may indicate a calendar-design failure.

PART XXX — TRAVEL FAIRNESS AND SMALL MEMBERS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-47–48

RULE-140 — Remote Members

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-48

140.1 A Member Association shall not be excluded from meaningful international competition merely because it is geographically remote.

140.2 Calendar design should recognise the disproportionate travel burden experienced by remote Members.

RULE-141 — Small Members

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-48

141.1 Small population or limited commercial value shall not justify:

a. systematically worse recovery;
b. inferior scheduling; or
c. unnecessary travel concentration.

RULE-142 — Practical Solutions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-48

142.1 Where travel burden creates a serious practical problem, WUFO may consider:

a. fixture sequencing;
b. alternative travel routing;
c. neutral venues where otherwise lawful;
d. additional arrival time; or
e. other proportionate solutions.

PART XXXI — PLAYER WELFARE AND COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-111

RULE-143 — Broadcast Scheduling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

143.1 Broadcast windows may be considered in match scheduling.

143.2 They shall remain subordinate to mandatory safety and minimum recovery standards.

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RULE-144 — Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-111

144.1 A sponsorship agreement shall not guarantee a kickoff time that becomes medically unsafe.

RULE-145 — Hospitality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

145.1 Hospitality programmes shall not create sporting authority over calendar decisions.

RULE-146 — Commercial Compensation Does Not Purchase Reduced Rest

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

146.1 A team shall not be paid to waive a mandatory WUFO player-welfare standard.

PART XXXII — CALENDAR PUBLICATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47; STA / ART-139–143

RULE-147 — Official Publication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

147.1 The WUFO International Calendar shall be officially published.

147.2 The published calendar should identify:

a. protected international windows;
b. major world competition periods;
c. major Historical Confederation coordination periods; and
d. material calendar updates.

RULE-148 — Version Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

148.1 Each official calendar publication shall have an identifiable version.

148.2 Superseded calendar versions shall remain historically traceable.

RULE-149 — Emergency Updates

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47; STA / ART-141

149.1 An emergency calendar change shall identify the previous date and replacement date.

149.2 Silent alteration of an official calendar is prohibited.

PART XXXIII — DISPUTE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-150 — Calendar Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

150.1 A Historical Confederation, Member Association or other affected WUFO body may identify a material calendar conflict.

150.2 The notification should explain:

a. affected competitions;
b. affected players;
c. travel consequence;
d. welfare consequence; and
e. proposed solution where available.

RULE-151 — Resolution Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

151.1 Calendar conflicts shall be assessed according to:

a. statutory competition obligations;
b. player welfare;
c. reasonable advance commitments;
d. Historical Confederation autonomy;
e. travel; and
f. practical alternatives.

RULE-152 — Commercial Value Does Not Decide the Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-47–48

152.1 A calendar conflict shall not automatically be resolved in favour of the competition with the largest television contract.

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RULE-153 — Written Resolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47

153.1 A major calendar conflict resolution should be recorded in writing.

153.2 The record should identify the principal reason for the decision.

PART XXXIV — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-92; STA / ART-101; STA / ART-105

RULE-154 — Coordination with REG-5

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44–45; STA / ART-48

154.1 REG-5 shall govern experimental Laws and technical committees.

154.2 REG-7 shall govern the calendar and player-welfare consequences of authorised trials.

RULE-155 — Coordination with REG-6

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-48

155.1 REG-6 shall govern referee appointments, review and integrity.

155.2 Referee scheduling should also receive reasonable travel and recovery consideration under the applicable operational standards.

RULE-156 — Coordination with REG-14

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-67–78

156.1 REG-14 shall govern the WUFO Championship Cup 2035+ sporting schedule.

156.2 The competition schedule shall comply with the applicable player-welfare standards in

REG-7.

RULE-157 — Coordination with REG-15

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-70–77; STA / ART-48

157.1 REG-15 shall govern WUFO Championship Cup Host Cluster operations and venue certification.

157.2 Climate, travel and venue scheduling shall remain consistent with REG-7.

RULE-158 — Coordination with REG-18

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-90–92

158.1 REG-18 shall govern World League fixtures and competition scheduling.

158.2 REG-18 shall preserve the one-World-League-match-per-window rule.

158.3 REG-7 establishes the worldwide welfare framework within which those fixtures operate.

RULE-159 — Coordination with REG-19

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92–96

159.1 REG-19 shall govern:

a. World League travel booking;

b. accommodation;

c. local delegation transport;

d. match operations; and

e. venue logistics.

159.2 REG-7 shall govern the player-health consequences of those arrangements.

RULE-160 — Coordination with REG-20

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

160.1 REG-20 shall govern Women’s, Youth, Futsal and Beach world competition formats.

160.2 REG-20 may adopt stronger age- or discipline-specific welfare protections.

160.3 It shall not fall below applicable REG-7 minimums without lawful authority.

RULE-161 — Coordination with REG-21

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-104–107

161.1 REG-21 shall govern:

a. Regional championship coordination; and

b. Champion of Champions.

161.2 REG-7 shall govern the calendar-welfare framework supporting those competitions.

RULE-162 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

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162.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. calendar version control;

b. publication;

c. Protocol coding;

d. Decision Ledger entries; and

e. historical calendar records.

PART XXXV — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-163 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

163.1 Implementation of this Regulation may use lower instruments including:

a. MAN — International Calendar;

b. FOR — Historical Confederation Calendar Consultation;

c. FOR — Calendar Conflict Notice;

d. PRO — International Calendar Adoption;

e. PRT — Player Welfare & Rest;

f. MAN — Workload Monitoring;

g. PRO — Long-Haul Travel and Time-Zone Management;

h. PRT — Climate and Environmental Match Safety;

i. PRT — Youth Player Welfare;

j. PRT — Women’s Football Welfare;

k. FOR — Exceptional Recovery Interval;

l. FOR — Emergency Calendar Change;

m. FOR — Annual Player Workload Review; and

n. other instruments lawfully authorised under the WUFO normative system.

163.2 Final codes and versions shall be assigned through REG-28.

PART XXXVI — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-92; STA / ART-101

RULE-164 — No Lower Instrument May Create Routine Congestion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-92

164.1 A Manual or competition schedule shall not routinely compress matches below the recovery standards established by this Regulation.

164.2 An exception shall remain an exception.

RULE-165 — No World League Double Window Through Lower Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92

165.1 No Manual, fixture procedure or commercial agreement may create two World League matches for the same team in one International Window.

RULE-166 — No Founding Global U-15 Event Through Lower Instrument

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

166.1 No Regulation Schedule, Manual or commercial agreement may create the prohibited founding global U-15 megaevent indirectly.

RULE-167 — No Welfare Discrimination by Commercial Level

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-48

167.1 Player welfare shall not depend on whether a team plays in:

a. Category A or Category G;

b. Division 1 or Division 30;

c. a large or small Member Association; or

d. a highly commercial or low-commercial-value match.

167.2 Different operational circumstances may justify different measures.

167.3 The underlying health standard shall remain equal.

RULE-168 — No Sale of Player Health Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

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168.1 Mandatory welfare protections shall not be sold, waived or exchanged for commercial compensation.

RULE-169 — Evidence and Continuous Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48

169.1 Player-welfare standards shall be reviewed as credible sporting and medical evidence develops.

169.2 A technical number contained in a lower medical Protocol may be updated through lawful procedure.

169.3 A statutory principle shall not be weakened through technical updating.

RULE-170 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-12; STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-92; STA / ART-101; STA / ART-105

170.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. coherent worldwide scheduling;

b. Historical Confederation consultation;

c. Historical Confederation competition autonomy;

d. adequate player rest;

e. reasonable travel recovery;

f. climate safety;

g. youth development;

h. women’s football welfare;

i. sporting fairness; and

j. long-term sustainability of international football.

170.2 Calendar efficiency shall serve football.

170.3 Football shall not be forced to serve calendar efficiency at the expense of player health.

RULE-171 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-92; STA / ART-101; STA / ART-105

171.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

Players are not unlimited resources.

The International Calendar is coordinated with the six Historical Confederations. It is not imposed blindly from WUFO Central.

Travel is part of workload. Recovery is part of competition integrity.

Commercial value does not purchase shorter mandatory rest.

One World League match per International Window means one World League match.

The home-and-away principle should reduce repeated unfair travel burdens.

A lower WUFO Championship Cup Category does not mean lower player-health protection.

Women players receive equal basic protection and stronger protection where genuine medical evidence justifies it.

Children are developing players, not miniature commercial products.

Child protection comes before marketing.

No founding global U-15 megaevent.

Regional championship coordination does not create WUFO ownership of Historical Confederation competitions.

A good calendar protects competition, players and the long-term health of football.

REG-7 — INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR, PLAYER HEALTH, REST & WORKLOAD

REG-7 CONSOLIDATED CALENDAR ADDENDUM

RULE-ADD-1 Year 2 and Year 3 Protected Windows

Year 2 is protected principally for the six Historical Confederations’ senior representative-team championships. WUFO requires the Champion, not an identical season. Champion of Champions shall be staged in Year 3 in a dedicated Special Late-Winter / Spring representative-team window. A participant in that event shall not also play a World League match in the same special window.

REG-8 — CLUB LICENSING, OWNERSHIP, SOLVENCY, IDENTITY, RELOCATION & PHOENIX CONTINUITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52–58

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-28; STA / ART-59–61; STA / ART-111; STA / ART-120; STA / ART-124–125

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52–58

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RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52–58

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO minimum framework governing:

a. club licensing;

b. sporting access following qualification or promotion;

c. club ownership and control transparency;

d. multi-club ownership and control conflicts;

e. independent owner certification;

f. club solvency and season-completion guarantees;

g. club identity;

h. major relocation;

i. corporate failure;

j. Phoenix club continuity; and

k. international WUFO review where a club matter affects WUFO competition or integrity.

1.2 Domestic club governance shall remain primarily within:

a. Member Associations;

b. leagues; and

c. applicable national law.

1.3 WUFO shall not operate a universal worldwide club-licensing bureaucracy for ordinary domestic football.

1.4 WUFO shall establish minimum protections where international sporting fairness, integrity or competition participation requires them.

RULE-2 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52–58

2.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

2.2 Where this Regulation conflicts with the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.

2.3 No lower instrument may:

a. replace sporting merit with commercial preference;

b. create an automatic worldwide prohibition of every multi-club structure;

c. convert WUFO into the ordinary domestic club-licensing authority of every Member;

d. destroy club identity merely to benefit a temporary owner;

e. permit a Phoenix structure to erase proven wrongdoing dishonestly; or

f. deny a serious club exclusion the independent appeal protection required by WUFO law.

RULE-3 — Domestic Primary Jurisdiction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-28; STA / ART-52–56

3.1 Member Associations and leagues shall remain primarily responsible for ordinary domestic rules concerning:

a. club licences;

b. ownership structures;

c. financial requirements;

d. domestic competition participation; and

e. ordinary club corporate administration.

3.2 WUFO shall intervene only where WUFO jurisdiction is legitimately engaged.

RULE-4 — WUFO Jurisdiction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52–58

4.1 WUFO jurisdiction may arise where:

a. a club seeks participation in a WUFO competition;

b. a club ownership structure creates an international competition-integrity concern;

c. a serious domestic club decision appears to violate a minimum WUFO protection;

d. a club seeks to evade a WUFO sanction; or

e. another matter expressly falls within WUFO authority.

4.2 WUFO jurisdiction shall not arise merely because WUFO disagrees with a lawful domestic policy.

RULE-5 — Proportionality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52

5.1 Club requirements shall be proportionate to the legitimate sporting, financial, integrity or safety purpose they serve.

5.2 Requirements shall not be designed principally to exclude:

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a. smaller clubs;
b. promoted clubs;
c. community clubs;
d. clubs from less wealthy Members; or
e. clubs with lower commercial value.

PART II — SPORTING MERIT AND ACCESS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43

RULE-6 — Sporting Merit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42

6.1 Sporting positions shall be earned through sporting performance where the competition provides a qualification pathway.

6.2 A club shall not receive a better sporting position merely because it has:

a. more money;
b. a larger stadium;
c. more supporters;
d. a larger media market;
e. stronger sponsors; or
f. a more famous name.

RULE-7 — Earned Sporting Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43.1–43.3

7.1 A club that earns sporting access shall receive a fair opportunity to use that access.

7.2 Sporting qualification shall not be treated as meaningless because the qualifying club is commercially inconvenient.

RULE-8 — Practical Compliance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43.4–43.8

8.1 Where a club does not initially satisfy a non-essential infrastructure requirement, the competent body should consider practical compliance.

8.2 Practical compliance may include:

a. temporary improvements;
b. an approved alternative stadium;
c. shared facilities;
d. temporary competition infrastructure;
e. technical assistance; or
f. a reasonable transition period.

RULE-9 — Serious Requirements Remain Valid

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42.6–42.9; STA / ART-43.8–43.9

9.1 Sporting merit shall not eliminate legitimate requirements concerning:

a. safety;
b. law;
c. integrity;
d. financial responsibility;
e. player protection; or
f. essential competition operation.

9.2 A club may be denied participation where a serious requirement cannot reasonably be satisfied.

RULE-10 — Written Reasons for Exclusion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43.8–43.9; STA / ART-52

10.1 A club denied an earned sporting place for licensing or compliance reasons shall receive written reasons.

10.2 The reasons shall identify:

a. requirement not satisfied;
b. evidence relied upon;
c. corrective opportunity previously offered where applicable; and
d. available review or appeal.

RULE-11 — No Post-Qualification Trap

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52

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11.1 A licensing authority shall not invent a material new condition after a club has achieved sporting qualification merely to block that club.

11.2 Competition requirements shall be known in reasonable advance.

RULE-12 — No Commercial Substitution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43

12.1 A club failing to qualify on sporting merit shall not replace a qualified club merely because the replacement club is more commercially attractive.

PART III — DOMESTIC CLUB LICENSING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-52

RULE-13 — Primary Licensing Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

13.1 Ordinary club licensing shall primarily be administered by:

a. the Member Association;

b. the authorised domestic league; or

c. another competent domestic football body.

13.2 WUFO shall not require every domestic licence to be issued by WUFO Central.

RULE-14 — Published Licensing Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

14.1 Club licensing requirements shall be published before the period in which they determine sporting eligibility.

14.2 Clubs shall have reasonable access to the applicable rules.

RULE-15 — Licensing Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

15.1 A domestic system may establish different licence categories according to:

a. competition level;

b. professional status;

c. stadium requirements;

d. financial requirements; or

e. other legitimate domestic considerations.

15.2 Different categories shall not be used as disguised commercial exclusion.

RULE-16 — Reasonable Application Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

16.1 Clubs shall receive reasonable time to complete a licensing application.

16.2 A deadline shall serve legitimate competition administration.

16.3 A technical deadline shall not be manipulated to exclude a particular club.

RULE-17 — Licensing Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

17.1 A licensing authority may require evidence reasonably connected to:

a. legal existence;

b. stadium access;

c. safety;

d. financial capacity;

e. football administration;

f. safeguarding;

g. integrity; and

h. competition operation.

17.2 Unrelated documentation shall not be demanded merely to create an artificial barrier.

RULE-18 — Opportunity to Correct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52

18.1 A correctable licensing deficiency should normally be identified to the club before final exclusion.

18.2 The club should receive a reasonable opportunity to cure the deficiency where competition timing permits.

RULE-19 — Material and Immaterial Deficiencies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52

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19.1 A minor clerical or administrative error shall be distinguished from a serious licensing failure.

19.2 A club should not lose a sporting place for an immaterial defect that can reasonably be corrected.

RULE-20 — Safety Deficiency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52

20.1 A serious unresolved safety deficiency may justify refusal of a licence.

20.2 Where a safe approved alternative venue is available, that alternative should be considered before sporting exclusion.

PART IV — WUFO COMPETITION LICENSING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52

RULE-21 — WUFO Competition Entry

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

21.1 A club entering a WUFO competition may be required to satisfy minimum WUFO competition-entry requirements.

21.2 Such requirements shall be limited to matters reasonably necessary for:

a. competition integrity;

b. safety;

c. financial completion;

d. international administration; and

e. sporting operation.

RULE-22 — Recognition of Domestic Licence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

22.1 WUFO should ordinarily recognise a valid domestic club licence where that licence adequately demonstrates the relevant requirement.

22.2 WUFO shall not require unnecessary duplicate certification.

RULE-23 — Additional WUFO Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52; STA / ART-55–56

23.1 WUFO may require additional evidence where an international competition creates a requirement not adequately covered by the domestic licence.

23.2 Additional evidence may concern:

a. ownership conflicts;

b. international integrity;

c. season-completion capacity;

d. international stadium requirements; or

e. other WUFO competition obligations.

RULE-24 — WUFO Competition Club Licence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

24.1 WUFO may use a WUFO Competition Club Licence Form for international participation.

24.2 The Form shall not create new constitutional or sporting criteria outside lawful authority.

RULE-25 — Validity Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

25.1 A WUFO competition licence may apply for:

a. one competition edition;

b. one sporting season; or

c. another clearly identified competition period.

25.2 Renewal requirements shall be known in advance.

PART V — CLUB LICENSING DECISIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-52

RULE-26 — Reasoned Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

26.1 A serious licensing decision shall be reasoned.

26.2 A decision denying or removing international participation shall identify:

a. legal basis;

b. material facts;

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c. requirement breached; and

d. available appeal.

RULE-27 — Consistent Application

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52

27.1 Comparable clubs shall receive comparable treatment.

27.2 A famous club shall not receive an exemption unavailable to a smaller club in materially equivalent circumstances.

RULE-28 — No Retaliatory Licensing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52; STA / ART-124

28.1 A licensing process shall not be used to retaliate against a club because the club:

a. criticised an association;

b. challenged a lawful decision;

c. exercised an appeal; or

d. participated in legitimate institutional debate.

RULE-29 — No Political Licensing Punishment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-52; STA / ART-122

29.1 A club shall not lose a sporting licence merely because of an unrelated political disagreement.

29.2 Binding law remains applicable.

PART VI — INDEPENDENT LICENSING APPEAL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-52

RULE-30 — Right of Independent Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

30.1 A serious club-licensing exclusion shall be subject to independent appeal.

30.2 The appeal shall be decided by a body or adjudicator independent from the original decision-maker.

RULE-31 — Scope of Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

31.1 An appeal may challenge:

a. factual error;

b. incorrect application of a licensing rule;

c. procedural unfairness;

d. discrimination;

e. disproportionality; or

f. another material licensing illegality.

RULE-32 — Appeal Does Not Rewrite the Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

32.1 The appeal authority shall apply the rules lawfully in force.

32.2 It shall not create a new licensing condition after the fact.

RULE-33 — Expedited Competition Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52

33.1 Where competition entry is imminent, a licensing appeal may use an expedited procedure.

33.2 Expedition shall preserve:

a. reasonable notice;

b. opportunity to respond;

c. impartiality; and

d. a reasoned decision.

RULE-34 — Provisional Participation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52

34.1 The appeal authority may permit provisional participation where:

a. the case is genuinely contestable;

b. participation can occur safely; and

c. provisional participation will not create unacceptable competition-integrity harm.

34.2 Provisional participation shall not prejudge the final appeal.

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RULE-35 — Finality Within Competition Timing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

35.1 Licensing procedures shall seek final resolution before the relevant competition stage begins.

35.2 Avoidable administrative delay shall not be used to defeat a club's appeal right.

PART VII — CLUB OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-53

RULE-36 — Domestic Ownership Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53

36.1 Ordinary club ownership regulation shall primarily remain subject to:

a. domestic football rules;

b. Member Association rules;

c. league rules; and

d. applicable law.

36.2 WUFO shall establish only the international minimum standards necessary for its jurisdiction.

RULE-37 — Real Controller Must Be Identifiable

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53

37.1 A club participating in WUFO competition shall disclose the person or persons who ultimately control the club.

37.2 Formal ownership documents shall not be sufficient where actual control lies elsewhere.

RULE-38 — Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–54

38.1 For purposes of WUFO integrity review, control may arise through:

a. ownership;

b. voting rights;

c. contractual rights;

d. appointment authority;

e. financing arrangements;

f. management authority;

g. beneficial ownership; or

h. another arrangement that gives a person decisive influence over the club.

38.2 Control may be direct or indirect.

RULE-39 — Ultimate Controller

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53

39.1 WUFO shall look beyond intermediary entities where necessary to identify ultimate control.

39.2 A chain of companies shall not conceal the real controlling person or entity.

RULE-40 — Beneficial Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53

40.1 A person enjoying the real economic or controlling benefit of ownership may be treated as a beneficial owner even where legal title is held by another person.

40.2 Detailed evidence standards shall be established in the Ultimate Ownership Disclosure Form and related Procedure.

PART VIII — OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-53; STA / ART-55

RULE-41 — Ultimate Ownership Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53; STA / ART-55

41.1 A club participating in a WUFO competition may be required to submit an Ultimate Ownership Disclosure.

41.2 The disclosure shall identify, where applicable:

a. direct legal owners;

b. beneficial owners;

c. ultimate controllers;

d. controlling entities;

e. material management rights; and

f. relevant related clubs.

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RULE-42 — Material Change in Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53

42.1 A club shall notify the competent authority of a material change in ownership or control during the relevant competition period.

42.2 Notification shall occur within the period established by the applicable Procedure.

RULE-43 — Hidden Control Prohibited

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–54

43.1 A club shall not deliberately conceal actual control through:

a. nominee shareholders;

b. sham trusts;

c. undisclosed side agreements;

d. artificial management contracts; or

e. another deceptive arrangement.

RULE-44 — Legitimate Privacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53; STA / ART-132

44.1 Ownership transparency shall not require unnecessary public disclosure of private personal information.

44.2 WUFO may require confidential disclosure where the information is legitimately necessary for integrity review.

RULE-45 — False Ownership Declaration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53; STA / ART-120–125

45.1 Deliberate material falsification of an ownership disclosure may constitute a serious integrity offence.

45.2 An innocent clerical mistake shall be distinguished from deliberate concealment.

PART IX — ONE CONTROLLER — ONE CLUB PRINCIPLE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-54

RULE-46 — No Automatic Worldwide Ban

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

46.1 WUFO shall not impose an automatic worldwide prohibition on every person or entity controlling more than one football club.

46.2 Member Associations and leagues may:

a. permit;

b. restrict; or

c. prohibit

multi-club ownership within their domestic jurisdiction.

RULE-47 — WUFO Integrity Concern

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

47.1 A multi-club structure becomes a direct WUFO concern where it creates a material risk to:

a. WUFO competition integrity;

b. independent sporting decision-making;

c. transfer integrity; or

d. another international sporting interest within WUFO jurisdiction.

RULE-48 — Related Clubs in the Same WUFO Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

48.1 Where two related clubs qualify for the same WUFO competition, WUFO shall conduct a conflict review.

48.2 Qualification on sporting merit shall not automatically be cancelled merely because the clubs are related.

48.3 The principal question shall be whether meaningful independent sporting operation can be protected.

RULE-49 — Multi-Club Conflict Declaration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

49.1 A club participating in WUFO competition may be required to submit a Multi-Club Conflict Declaration.

49.2 The declaration shall identify material relationships with other clubs.

RULE-50 — Conflict Factors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

50.1 WUFO may consider:

a. common ownership;

b. common ultimate controller;

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c. shared directors;
d. shared executives;
e. common sporting management;
f. player-transfer arrangements;
g. shared financing;
h. coordinated sporting decisions; and
i. other relevant evidence.

PART X — MULTI-CLUB CONFLICT MITIGATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-54

RULE-51 — Practical Conflict Mitigation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-54

51.1 Where a multi-club conflict can reasonably be mitigated, WUFO should prefer effective mitigation over automatic exclusion.

51.2 Mitigation may include:

a. independent sporting management;
b. separation of club decision-making;
c. conflict recusals;
d. restrictions on shared confidential sporting information;
e. additional disclosure;
f. independent oversight; or
g. other proportionate controls.

RULE-52 — Genuine Independence Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

52.1 A paper separation shall not be sufficient where the same controller continues to direct sporting decisions secretly.

52.2 WUFO may examine substance rather than legal form.

RULE-53 — No Coordinated Match Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-120

53.1 Related clubs shall not coordinate:

a. team selection;
b. match strategy;
c. intentional sporting underperformance; or
d. another decision

for the purpose of manipulating a WUFO competition.

RULE-54 — No Artificial Player Transfers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-60–61

54.1 Related clubs shall not use artificial transfers, loans or valuations to manipulate sporting or financial rules.

54.2 International transfer-integrity rules shall be governed by REG-9.

RULE-55 — Independent Club Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

55.1 Each club competing in the same WUFO competition shall retain meaningful independent sporting decision-making.

55.2 Independence shall include, where relevant:

a. team selection;
b. coaching decisions;
c. match preparation; and
d. sporting objectives.

RULE-56 — Conflict Monitoring

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

56.1 WUFO may monitor an approved mitigation arrangement during the competition.

56.2 Material breach may trigger review.

RULE-57 — Exclusion as Last Resort

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-54

57.1 Where no reasonable mitigation can protect competition integrity, WUFO may deny simultaneous participation to a conflicted club under the applicable competition rules.

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57.2 Exclusion shall be reasoned and proportionate.

57.3 Sporting merit shall be respected to the maximum extent consistent with integrity.

PART XI — INDEPENDENT OWNER CERTIFICATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-55

RULE-58 — Domestic Certification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-55

58.1 Owner certification shall primarily be performed by the competent domestic football authority where such a system exists.

58.2 WUFO shall ordinarily recognise a credible domestic certification.

RULE-59 — WUFO Verification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-55

59.1 WUFO may verify domestic owner certification where:

a. a club participates in a WUFO competition;

b. a serious ownership conflict is alleged;

c. international integrity is affected; or

d. the domestic certification appears materially unreliable.

RULE-60 — Verification Is Not Ordinary Re-Licensing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-55

60.1 WUFO verification shall not automatically become a second complete domestic ownership process.

60.2 WUFO shall focus on the international matter requiring verification.

RULE-61 — Evidence of Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–55

61.1 WUFO may request reasonable evidence concerning:

a. shareholding;

b. beneficial ownership;

c. board appointment rights;

d. financing;

e. management agreements; and

f. related-club structures.

RULE-62 — Independent Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-55

62.1 A material owner-certification dispute affecting WUFO competition may be reviewed through an independent process.

62.2 The review shall consider substance rather than formal labels alone.

PART XII — CLUB SOLVENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-56

RULE-63 — Season Completion Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

63.1 A club entering a sporting season should possess a credible ability to complete that season.

63.2 The objective is to protect:

a. players;

b. staff;

c. opponents;

d. supporters; and

e. competition integrity.

RULE-64 — Solvency Is Not a Wealth Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-56

64.1 Solvency rules shall assess credible financial completion capacity.

64.2 They shall not require every club to possess the wealth of the richest clubs.

RULE-65 — Domestic Primary Enforcement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

65.1 Domestic authorities shall primarily administer club solvency for domestic competitions.

65.2 WUFO may impose additional standards only where international competition requires them.

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RULE-66 — Relevant Financial Factors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

66.1 A solvency assessment may consider:

a. payroll obligations;

b. tax or statutory obligations where relevant;

c. stadium-operation obligations;

d. travel obligations;

e. insurance;

f. material debts;

g. confirmed income;

h. committed financing; and

i. other material season obligations.

RULE-67 — No Automatic Exclusion for Debt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-56

67.1 The existence of debt shall not automatically make a club insolvent for WUFO purposes.

67.2 Relevant questions include:

a. ability to service the debt;

b. legal status;

c. repayment arrangements; and

d. credible season completion.

RULE-68 — No Artificial Solvency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

68.1 A club shall not present false or sham financing merely to obtain a licence.

68.2 Financing relied upon shall be reasonably credible.

PART XIII — SEASON COMPLETION GUARANTEES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-56

RULE-69 — Guarantee Mechanisms

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

69.1 A competent authority may require reasonable security for season completion.

69.2 Acceptable mechanisms may include:

a. reserve;

b. guarantee;

c. insurance;

d. escrow;

e. trust;

f. binding owner funding commitment; or

g. another reliable equivalent.

RULE-70 — No Single Mandatory Financial Instrument

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

70.1 WUFO shall not require every club worldwide to use one identical season-guarantee instrument.

70.2 Different legal systems may use different lawful mechanisms.

RULE-71 — Proportional Guarantee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

71.1 A required guarantee shall be proportionate to the realistic risk and obligations of the competition.

71.2 It shall not be set primarily to exclude less wealthy clubs.

RULE-72 — Season Completion Guarantee Form

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

72.1 A club participating in a WUFO competition may be required to submit a Season Completion Guarantee.

72.2 The Form shall identify:

a. guarantee mechanism;

b. provider;

c. value or coverage;

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d. period; and

e. conditions for use.

RULE-73 — Release of Guarantee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

73.1 A season-completion guarantee shall be released or terminated when its legitimate purpose has ended, subject to outstanding lawful obligations.

RULE-74 — Use of Guarantee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

74.1 A guarantee may be used only for the purpose for which it was lawfully established.

74.2 It shall not become unrestricted revenue for the licensing authority.

PART XIV — FINANCIAL DISTRESS DURING A SEASON

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-56

RULE-75 — Early Warning

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

75.1 A club facing serious financial distress should notify the competent football authority where required by applicable rules.

75.2 Early disclosure may permit corrective solutions.

RULE-76 — Corrective Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-56

76.1 Where season completion remains realistically possible, the competent authority may require a corrective financial plan.

76.2 The objective should be completion rather than automatic collapse.

RULE-77 — Practical Measures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-56

77.1 Corrective measures may include:

a. additional guarantee;

b. spending controls;

c. verified owner funding;

d. restructuring;

e. supervised payment plan; or

f. another lawful measure.

RULE-78 — Player and Staff Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

78.1 Financial restructuring shall not automatically erase lawful obligations owed to players and staff.

78.2 Employment rights remain subject to applicable law and football rules.

RULE-79 — Withdrawal Risk

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

79.1 Where a club can no longer credibly complete the competition, the competent authority may take measures necessary to protect competition integrity.

79.2 Such measures shall be reasoned.

RULE-80 — No Preferential Rescue for Famous Clubs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-56

80.1 A famous or commercially important club shall not receive financial-rule immunity merely because its failure would reduce television value.

PART XV — CLUB IDENTITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-57

RULE-81 — Club Identity Is More Than the Corporate Vehicle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

81.1 The sporting identity of a football club may extend beyond the temporary company or owner through which the club operates.

81.2 Relevant identity elements may include:

a. name;

b. colours;

c. badge;

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d. history;

e. records;

f. supporters;

g. community connection; and

h. sporting continuity.

RULE-82 — Temporary Owner Does Not Own History Absolutely

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

82.1 A temporary owner shall not be treated as having unlimited sporting authority to erase the historical identity of a club.

82.2 Applicable private-law ownership rights remain respected.

82.3 WUFO football rules may nevertheless protect sporting continuity.

RULE-83 — Name

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

83.1 A historic club name should not be materially changed without a legitimate reason and proper domestic process.

83.2 Ordinary sponsorship naming arrangements may be regulated separately.

RULE-84 — Colours and Badge

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

84.1 Historic colours and badges form part of club identity where established by the club's football history.

84.2 Reasonable modernisation shall not automatically constitute destruction of identity.

RULE-85 — Historical Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57–58

85.1 Sporting records and honours may remain connected to the continuing football identity of a club despite a lawful change in corporate operator.

85.2 Continuity shall not erase proven wrongdoing.

RULE-86 — Supporters and Community

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

86.1 The relationship between a club and its supporter community shall be considered in major identity decisions.

86.2 Supporter interest shall not create private ownership of the club.

86.3 It shall nevertheless be a legitimate football consideration.

PART XVI — MAJOR CLUB RELOCATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-57

RULE-87 — Major Relocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

87.1 A relocation shall be considered major where it materially removes the club from the community or geographic identity with which its football history is principally associated.

87.2 Ordinary temporary venue changes shall not automatically constitute major relocation.

RULE-88 — Legitimate Reason

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

88.1 A major relocation shall require a legitimate reason.

88.2 Legitimate reasons may include:

a. loss of safe stadium access;

b. legal impossibility;

c. serious financial necessity;

d. reconstruction;

e. force majeure; or

f. another genuine football or institutional necessity.

RULE-89 — Richer Market Alone Is Insufficient

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

89.1 Moving a historic club principally to obtain access to a richer market shall not by itself constitute a sufficient football justification for destroying its historic local identity.

RULE-90 — Temporary Relocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-57

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90.1 A club may temporarily use another stadium or locality where necessary.

90.2 Temporary relocation should preserve the intention of returning where return remains viable.

RULE-91 — Supporter Consultation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

91.1 Before approval of a major permanent relocation, legitimate supporters should receive a meaningful opportunity to express their views.

91.2 Consultation shall not automatically create a supporter veto.

RULE-92 — Domestic Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

92.1 Major relocation shall ordinarily be decided under domestic football and legal authority.

92.2 WUFO shall become directly involved only where international jurisdiction or minimum WUFO protections are engaged.

PART XVII — INTERNATIONAL CLUB CONTINUITY REVIEW

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-57–58

RULE-93 — WUFO Review Trigger

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57–58

93.1 WUFO may conduct an International Club Continuity Review where:

a. club identity affects a WUFO competition place;

b. a Phoenix club claims international sporting continuity;

c. a WUFO sanction may be evaded; or

d. another international right or obligation depends on club continuity.

RULE-94 — Continuity Factors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57–58

94.1 WUFO may consider:

a. name;

b. colours;

c. badge;

d. stadium;

e. supporter base;

f. geographic community;

g. sporting records;

h. personnel;

i. ownership or management;

j. transfer of assets; and

k. circumstances of the corporate change.

RULE-95 — No Single Factor Is Automatically Conclusive

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57–58

95.1 Club continuity shall be assessed on substance.

95.2 Retaining the same name alone shall not automatically prove continuity.

95.3 Changing the corporate company alone shall not automatically destroy continuity.

PART XVIII — PHOENIX CLUBS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-58

RULE-96 — Football Identity May Survive Corporate Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

96.1 The football identity of a club may survive:

a. insolvency;

b. bankruptcy;

c. liquidation;

d. dissolution of a corporate operator; or

e. another corporate failure.

96.2 Corporate death does not necessarily require sporting identity to die.

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RULE-97 — New Operating Entity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

97.1 A new lawful company, association, trust or other permitted entity may operate a continuing football club.

97.2 The new entity shall satisfy applicable domestic and football requirements.

RULE-98 — Sporting Continuity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57–58

98.1 A recognised Phoenix club may preserve legitimate sporting identity including:

a. historic name;

b. colours;

c. badge;

d. records;

e. supporter identity; and

f. community connection.

RULE-99 — Phoenix Status Is Not Automatic Innocence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

99.1 Creation of a new company shall not automatically erase responsibility connected with deliberate wrongdoing.

99.2 WUFO shall examine substance where evasion is reasonably suspected.

RULE-100 — No Dishonest Debt Evasion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

100.1 A Phoenix structure shall not be deliberately used to erase lawful football debts dishonestly while substantially the same controlling persons continue the same operation for their own benefit.

100.2 Legitimate insolvency law shall remain respected.

RULE-101 — No Sanction Evasion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58; STA / ART-124–125

101.1 A club shall not create a nominal new entity merely to escape a valid WUFO sanction.

101.2 Where substantial sporting continuity exists, WUFO may preserve the sporting effect of a lawful sanction.

RULE-102 — No Corruption Reset

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58; STA / ART-61

102.1 Proven deliberate corruption shall not disappear merely because a new corporate operator is formed.

102.2 Responsibility shall be assigned to the persons and institutions lawfully responsible.

PART XIX — DISTINGUISHING LEGITIMATE PHOENIX CONTINUITY FROM EVASION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-58

RULE-103 — Legitimate Rescue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

103.1 A Phoenix club may constitute a legitimate rescue where its principal purpose is to preserve:

a. football activity;

b. community identity;

c. youth development;

d. supporter heritage; and

e. lawful sporting continuity.

RULE-104 — Evasion Indicators

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

104.1 Possible evasion indicators may include:

a. same ultimate controller;

b. same management;

c. transfer of valuable assets for artificial value;

d. deliberate abandonment of liabilities;

e. immediate continuation of substantially identical business;

f. deliberate avoidance of sanctions; or

g. other evidence of artificial restructuring.

104.2 No single indicator shall automatically establish wrongdoing.

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RULE-105 — Good-Faith New Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

105.1 New independent ownership that lawfully rescues a failed club shall not automatically inherit personal wrongdoing of former owners.

105.2 Sporting obligations attached to the club itself may continue where lawfully applicable.

RULE-106 — Personal Responsibility Remains Personal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58; STA / ART-125

106.1 A corrupt former director shall not escape personal sanction because the club has a new corporate operator.

106.2 A genuinely new innocent operator shall not automatically receive a personal sanction imposed on the former director.

RULE-107 — Institutional Responsibility May Survive

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58; STA / ART-125

107.1 Where a sanction lawfully attaches to the sporting institution rather than only to an individual, a change of corporate operator shall not automatically extinguish it.

PART XX — PHOENIX CLUB SPORTING PLACEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-58

RULE-108 — Domestic Sporting Placement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

108.1 Domestic sporting placement of a Phoenix club shall primarily be determined by the competent domestic football authority.

108.2 WUFO shall not impose one universal worldwide Phoenix placement rule on every domestic league.

RULE-109 — No Automatic Top-Level Return

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-58

109.1 Preservation of club identity shall not automatically guarantee preservation of the exact previous league position.

109.2 Domestic competition integrity may justify placement at another level.

RULE-110 — No Arbitrary Destruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-58

110.1 A Phoenix club shall not be forced to abandon all historic identity merely because the previous corporate operator failed.

RULE-111 — Sporting Merit After Placement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43

111.1 Once lawfully placed within the domestic sporting structure, future movement should follow sporting merit where promotion and relegation apply.

PART XXI — WUFO COMPETITION RIGHTS AFTER CORPORATE CHANGE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-57–58

RULE-112 — Existing International Qualification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-58

112.1 A corporate restructuring shall not automatically preserve or extinguish an existing WUFO competition place.

112.2 WUFO shall determine whether the continuing club:

a. retains sufficient sporting continuity;

b. satisfies competition licensing; and

c. is not using the restructuring to evade WUFO law.

RULE-113 — Practical Compliance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43

113.1 Where a legitimate new operator can cure a licensing problem before competition entry, WUFO should consider practical compliance.

RULE-114 — No Sale of Sporting Qualification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-57–58

114.1 A club's earned WUFO competition place shall not become an independently tradable commercial asset.

114.2 A company shall not purchase a failed club merely to acquire an unrelated competition place while abandoning the sporting institution.

PART XXII — OWNERSHIP CHANGE DURING A WUFO COMPETITION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-53–56

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RULE-115 — Ownership Change Is Permitted in Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53

115.1 WUFO shall not automatically prohibit a lawful ownership change during a competition.

115.2 The club shall continue to satisfy applicable requirements.

RULE-116 — Disclosure During Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53; STA / ART-55

116.1 A material ownership or control change during a WUFO competition shall be disclosed promptly.

RULE-117 — New Multi-Club Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

117.1 Where an ownership change creates a new conflict with another participating club, WUFO may require immediate mitigation.

RULE-118 — New Solvency Concern

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56

118.1 Where an ownership change materially weakens season-completion capacity, WUFO may require updated financial assurance.

RULE-119 — Competition Continuity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-56

119.1 WUFO should seek to preserve lawful competition participation where integrity and financial completion remain credible.

PART XXIII — OWNER AND CLUB INTEGRITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-53–56; STA / ART-120–125

RULE-120 — Ownership Transparency Is an Integrity Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–55

120.1 Deliberate concealment of control may constitute an integrity matter.

RULE-121 — No Use of Club as a Concealed Proxy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–54

121.1 A person shall not secretly control a club through an undisclosed proxy arrangement in order to circumvent football rules.

RULE-122 — No Manipulation Through Related Clubs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-120

122.1 Related clubs shall not coordinate sporting conduct to manipulate a competition.

RULE-123 — No Artificial Financial Transfers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-61

123.1 Related-party club transactions shall not be deliberately disguised to:

a. manipulate solvency;

b. hide benefits;

c. circumvent competition rules; or

d. conceal corruption.

RULE-124 — Referral to Integrity Regulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–58; STA / ART-120–125

124.1 Serious suspected corruption, manipulation or deliberate deception shall be referred to

REG-22.

124.2 REG-8 shall not replace the independent disciplinary process.

PART XXIV — INFORMATION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-53–56; STA / ART-132

RULE-125 — Confidential Ownership Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–55

125.1 WUFO may protect confidential ownership information where public disclosure is not required.

125.2 Confidentiality shall not prevent use of the information for a legitimate integrity assessment.

RULE-126 — Public Ownership Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53

126.1 WUFO may publish reasonable institutional ownership information necessary to support transparency in WUFO competitions.

126.2 Publication shall respect applicable law.

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RULE-127 — Financial Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56; STA / ART-132

127.1 Club financial information submitted for solvency review shall receive appropriate confidentiality.

127.2 Aggregate compliance status may be published where appropriate.

RULE-128 — False Confidentiality Claim

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–56

128.1 A club shall not use confidentiality claims solely to conceal information that WUFO is lawfully entitled to examine.

PART XXV — LICENSING AND OWNERSHIP REVIEW PROCEDURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-52–56

RULE-129 — Notice of Concern

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52–56

129.1 Before an adverse WUFO decision, the club shall normally receive notice of the material compliance concern.

RULE-130 — Opportunity to Respond

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52–56

130.1 The club shall receive a reasonable opportunity to:

a. provide evidence;

b. correct factual errors;

c. explain the structure; and

d. propose practical compliance measures.

RULE-131 — Independent Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–56

131.1 WUFO may obtain independent professional evidence where reasonably necessary.

131.2 Such evidence may concern:

a. ownership;

b. financial capacity;

c. legal structure; or

d. control.

RULE-132 — Burden of Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52–56

132.1 A club seeking WUFO competition participation shall cooperate reasonably with legitimate compliance requests.

132.2 Non-cooperation may affect the ability to certify compliance.

RULE-133 — No Presumption of Guilt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52–56; STA / ART-124–125

133.1 A request for additional information shall not itself establish wrongdoing.

PART XXVI — CORRECTIVE MEASURES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52–56

RULE-134 — Correct Before Excluding Where Reasonable

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52–56

134.1 Where a serious problem can reasonably be corrected without undermining competition integrity, corrective measures should ordinarily be considered before exclusion.

RULE-135 — Possible Corrective Measures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52–56

135.1 Corrective measures may include:

a. additional disclosure;

b. revised governance arrangements;

c. financial guarantee;

d. alternative stadium;

e. conflict mitigation;

f. independent monitoring; or

g. another proportionate condition.

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RULE-136 — Compliance Deadline

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52

136.1 A corrective measure shall have a clear deadline where appropriate.

136.2 The deadline shall reflect competition timing and the seriousness of the matter.

RULE-137 — Failure to Correct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52–56

137.1 Failure to satisfy a lawful corrective condition may justify an adverse decision.

137.2 The consequence shall remain proportionate.

PART XXVII — SANCTIONS AND COMPETITION CONSEQUENCES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-52–58; STA / ART-124–125

RULE-138 — Regulatory Consequences

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52–58

138.1 A proven regulatory breach may result in:

a. warning;

b. corrective order;

c. enhanced monitoring;

d. restriction;

e. licence refusal;

f. competition exclusion; or

g. referral for discipline.

138.2 The appropriate measure shall depend on seriousness.

RULE-139 — Sporting Exclusion Is Serious

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52

139.1 Exclusion from a competition after sporting qualification shall be treated as a serious measure.

139.2 A lesser measure should be considered where it adequately protects the legitimate objective.

RULE-140 — No Collective Punishment Without Basis

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-125

140.1 Players and supporters shall not automatically be punished for owner wrongdoing where a narrower effective measure is available.

140.2 Competition integrity may nevertheless require club-level consequences in serious cases.

RULE-141 — Serious Deliberate Deception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52–58; STA / ART-124–125

141.1 Deliberate ownership concealment, fraud or sanction evasion may justify stronger consequences than an innocent administrative error.

PART XXVIII — RELATIONSHIP WITH DOMESTIC LAW

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-28; STA / ART-52–58

RULE-142 — Applicable Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52–58

142.1 Clubs, owners and football bodies shall remain subject to applicable law.

142.2 WUFO rules shall not require unlawful corporate conduct.

RULE-143 — Insolvency Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56; STA / ART-58

143.1 Phoenix continuity and season guarantees shall be applied consistently with binding insolvency law.

143.2 WUFO shall not purport to invalidate a binding court-supervised insolvency process.

RULE-144 — Corporate Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–55

144.1 Lawful corporate structures may differ between jurisdictions.

144.2 Historical idea repositories, drafts and drafting sources from the founding process shall be treated only as non-normative materials for institutional memory and future study.

RULE-145 — Public Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–54

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145.1 Public, private, member-owned, supporter-owned or mixed club ownership models may exist where lawful.

145.2 WUFO shall not declare one lawful ownership model universally superior merely because of form.

PART XXIX — SUPPORTER AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-57–58; STA / ART-114

RULE-146 — Supporter Identity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

146.1 Supporters shall be recognised as an important part of the sporting identity of a historic club.

RULE-147 — Information on Major Identity Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

147.1 Supporters should receive reasonable information before a major permanent identity or relocation decision where lawful and practical.

RULE-148 — No False Consultation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

148.1 A consultation shall not be presented as genuine if the final decision was irreversibly completed before supporter views could reasonably be considered.

RULE-149 — Community Continuity in Corporate Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

149.1 Preservation of a club's connection to its community shall be a legitimate consideration when evaluating Phoenix continuity.

PART XXX — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52–58

RULE-150 — Coordination with REG-7

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-48

150.1 REG-7 shall govern international calendar and player-welfare requirements.

150.2 A club licence shall not authorise disregard of player-health standards.

RULE-151 — Coordination with REG-9

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-59–61

151.1 REG-9 shall govern:

a. agents;

b. international transfers;

c. transfer payments; and

d. transfer corruption.

151.2 REG-8 shall govern ownership structures and related-club conflicts.

RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-17

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–54; STA / ART-111–113

152.1 REG-17 shall govern sponsorship and commercial rights.

152.2 A commercial relationship shall not be used to conceal actual club control.

RULE-153 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–58; STA / ART-120–125

153.1 REG-22 shall govern serious:

a. fraud;

b. corruption;

c. manipulation;

d. disciplinary offences; and

e. sanctions.

153.2 REG-8 shall govern licensing and compliance administration.

RULE-154 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-56; STA / ART-126–132

154.1 REG-24 governs WUFO institutional finance.

154.2 REG-8 governs club solvency only to the extent required for club participation and integrity.

RULE-155 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

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155.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. document coding;

b. version control;

c. publication; and

d. institutional records.

155.2 Club licensing Forms and Procedures shall be registered through that system.

PART XXXI — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-52–58

RULE-156 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52–58

156.1 Implementation of this Regulation may use lower instruments including:

a. FOR — WUFO Competition Club Licence;

b. PRO — Club Licensing Review;

c. PRO — Licensing Appeal;

d. FOR — Ultimate Ownership Disclosure;

e. FOR — Multi-Club Conflict Declaration;

f. PRO — Multi-Club Conflict Mitigation;

g. FOR — Owner Certification Evidence;

h. FOR — Season Completion Guarantee;

i. PRO — Club Financial Distress Review;

j. PRO — International Club Continuity Review;

k. FOR — Phoenix Continuity Application;

l. PRO — Major Club Relocation Review; and

m. other instruments lawfully authorised under the WUFO normative system.

156.2 Final codes and versions shall be assigned through REG-28.

PART XXXII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52–58

RULE-157 — No Global Licensing Empire

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-52

157.1 No lower instrument shall convert WUFO into the ordinary licensing authority for every club in world football.

157.2 Domestic football bodies retain primary responsibility.

RULE-158 — No New Licensing Condition After Sporting Success

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52

158.1 A lower instrument shall not invent a material licensing requirement after a club has earned promotion or qualification for the principal purpose of excluding that club.

RULE-159 — No Automatic Multi-Club Ban

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54

159.1 No lower instrument shall create a universal automatic ban on all multi-club ownership.

159.2 Competition-integrity conflicts shall be assessed on their facts.

RULE-160 — No Hidden Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–55

160.1 Legal form shall not be used to conceal real control.

RULE-161 — No Wealth Test Disguised as Solvency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-56

161.1 Financial licensing shall test credible completion capacity.

161.2 It shall not require a club to be rich merely to participate.

RULE-162 — Club Identity Survives More Than Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-57

162.1 A club’s identity shall not be treated as nothing more than a temporary owner’s commercial asset.

RULE-163 — Phoenix Continuity Is Not Phoenix Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-58

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163.1 WUFO shall permit legitimate football continuity after corporate failure.

163.2 WUFO shall not permit corporate restructuring to become automatic immunity from lawful responsibility.

RULE-164 — Practical Compliance Before Exclusion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-43; STA / ART-52–56

164.1 Where a problem can reasonably be corrected, practical compliance should be considered before sporting exclusion.

164.2 Safety, law and integrity shall not be compromised to preserve participation.

RULE-165 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52–58

165.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. sporting merit;

b. fair sporting access;

c. legitimate domestic autonomy;

d. competition integrity;

e. ownership transparency;

f. financial completion;

g. club identity;

h. community continuity;

i. legitimate Phoenix rescue; and

j. fair independent review.

165.2 WUFO minimum standards shall protect football without unnecessarily centralising domestic club government.

RULE-166 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-52–58

166.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

The field decides the sporting place. Money does not replace sporting merit.

A club that earns access must receive a fair opportunity to comply.

Licensing rules must be known before they are used.

A serious exclusion requires reasons and independent appeal.

Club licensing is primarily local. WUFO protects minimum international fairness.

The real controller must be known. Hidden control is prohibited.

One Controller — One Club does not mean an automatic worldwide ban on every multiclub structure.

Related clubs may not manipulate competition, transfers or sporting decisions.

A club must have a credible ability to finish the season it starts.

Solvency is not a requirement to be rich.

Club identity is greater than a temporary owner.

A historic club should not be uprooted merely because another market is richer.

Football identity may survive corporate failure.

A Phoenix club may preserve football history. It may not erase deliberate wrongdoing dishonestly.

Corporate continuity may change. Sporting integrity does not disappear.

REG-8 — CLUB LICENSING, OWNERSHIP, SOLVENCY, IDENTITY, RELOCATION & PHOENIX CONTINUITY

REG-9 — AGENTS, INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS & TRANSFER INTEGRITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-28; STA / ART-53–58; STA / ART-62; STA / ART-117–125

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO minimum international framework governing:

a. football agents;

b. promoters and other persons acting in international player transactions;

c. representation agreements;

d. agent and promoter remuneration disclosure;

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e. conflicts of interest;
f. protection of minors;
g. international player registration and transfer;
h. player consent;
i. transfer-payment transparency;
j. related-party international transfers;
k. hidden commissions and clandestine benefits;
l. investigation and referral of suspected transfer corruption; and
m. international transfer records.

1.2 This Regulation shall apply principally to international football activity within WUFO jurisdiction.

1.3 Domestic football bodies may maintain additional lawful rules for domestic transactions.

RULE-2 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

2.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

2.2 Where this Regulation conflicts with the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.

2.3 No lower instrument may:

a. treat a player as owned property;
b. permit an international transfer without genuine player consent;
c. authorise hidden commissions;
d. legitimise deliberately disguised transfer benefits;
e. treat an ordinary clerical error automatically as corruption; or
f. impose permanent exclusion for corruption without a fair independent process.

RULE-3 — Domestic Primary Regulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

3.1 Member Associations and domestic leagues shall remain primarily responsible for:

a. purely domestic transfers;
b. domestic agent regulation;
c. domestic registration; and
d. domestic contractual matters.

3.2 WUFO shall establish international minimum standards.

3.3 Domestic rules may be stronger where consistent with applicable law and WUFO minimum standards.

RULE-4 — International Jurisdiction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

4.1 WUFO international jurisdiction may arise where:

a. a player moves between Member Associations;
b. an agent acts across Member Association boundaries;
c. an international transfer payment is made;
d. a hidden international beneficiary is suspected;
e. a WUFO competition-integrity interest is affected; or
f. another international transfer matter falls within WUFO authority.

RULE-5 — Player Is Not Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

5.1 No player shall be treated as the property of:

a. a club;
b. an agent;
c. an investor;
d. a Member Association; or
e. another person.

5.2 A club may possess lawful contractual and registration rights.

5.3 Such rights shall not become ownership of the human person.

RULE-6 — Freedom and Integrity Must Coexist

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

6.1 The international transfer system shall protect:

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a. player consent;

b. contractual stability;

c. transparent football business;

d. clubs’ lawful rights; and

e. competition integrity.

6.2 No one principle shall be interpreted to eliminate the others.

PART II — DEFINITIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER PURPOSES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-7 — Agent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

7.1 For purposes of this Regulation, an Agent is a person who provides representation or intermediary services to:

a. a player;

b. a coach where applicable;

c. a club; or

d. another recognised football client

in connection with an international football transaction.

RULE-8 — Promoter

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

8.1 A Promoter is a person or entity that arranges, introduces, facilitates or commercially develops a football transaction without necessarily acting as the formal representative of one party.

8.2 A Promoter shall not avoid WUFO transparency requirements merely by using a different commercial title.

RULE-9 — International Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

9.1 An International Transfer occurs where a player’s football registration moves from a club under one Member Association to a club under another Member Association.

9.2 The applicable transfer mechanism shall also govern other cross-border registration situations identified by the International Transfer Procedure.

RULE-10 — Transfer Payment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

10.1 A Transfer Payment includes money or another material economic benefit paid in connection with an international transfer.

10.2 Transfer Payments may include, where applicable:

a. fixed transfer compensation;

b. conditional payments;

c. bonuses;

d. sell-on amounts;

e. loan fees;

f. agent remuneration;

g. promoter remuneration; and

h. another material payment connected to the transaction.

RULE-11 — Clandestine Transfer Benefit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

11.1 A Clandestine Transfer Benefit is a material payment or economic benefit deliberately concealed or disguised in connection with a football transfer or representation transaction.

11.2 It may include:

a. kickbacks;

b. secret commissions;

c. false consulting fees;

d. hidden beneficiary payments;

e. deliberately inflated or fictitious services; or

f. another deliberately disguised economic benefit.

PART III — AGENT AND PROMOTER MINIMUM STANDARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59

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RULE-12 — Minimum International Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

12.1 A person acting as an Agent or Promoter in an international transaction shall comply with WUFO minimum standards.

12.2 Such minimum standards concern:

a. identity;

b. written agreements;

c. transparency;

d. conflicts;

e. fees;

f. minors; and

g. integrity.

RULE-13 — Identification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

13.1 An Agent or Promoter involved in an international transaction shall be identifiable.

13.2 Use of:

a. shell companies;

b. nominees;

c. undisclosed intermediaries; or

d. fictitious service providers

shall not be used to conceal the person receiving a football-related benefit.

RULE-14 — International Agent Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

14.1 WUFO may maintain an International Agent and Promoter Record for persons participating in international transactions.

14.2 The Record may identify:

a. legal name;

b. professional or company name;

c. Member Association or jurisdiction of registration where applicable;

d. authorised contact information; and

e. current eligibility status for WUFO international transactions.

14.3 Inclusion in the Record shall not create ownership of clients or guarantee business.

RULE-15 — Domestic Recognition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

15.1 WUFO should recognise a credible domestic agent authorisation where one exists.

15.2 WUFO may require additional international registration information needed for crossborder transparency.

15.3 WUFO shall not require unnecessary duplicate regulation merely for administrative convenience.

PART IV — REPRESENTATION AGREEMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59

RULE-16 — Written Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

16.1 International representation shall be based on a clear written agreement.

16.2 The agreement shall identify:

a. client;

b. representative;

c. services;

d. duration;

e. remuneration method;

f. termination conditions; and

g. material conflicts where known.

RULE-17 — Plain Language

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-140

17.1 Representation agreements should use language reasonably understandable to the client.

17.2 Important economic obligations shall not be hidden in deliberately obscure drafting.

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RULE-18 — No Blank Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

18.1 A representation agreement shall not give an Agent unlimited authority unrelated to the legitimate representation purpose.

18.2 Powers granted to sign or negotiate on behalf of a player shall be clearly identified.

RULE-19 — Player Copy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

19.1 A player shall receive a copy of any representation agreement signed by the player.

19.2 The Agent shall not intentionally withhold the signed agreement.

RULE-20 — Duration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

20.1 The duration of a representation agreement shall be stated clearly.

20.2 This Regulation does not establish one universal maximum duration unless later lawfully adopted.

RULE-21 — Termination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

21.1 Termination rights and consequences shall be stated in the agreement.

21.2 Applicable contract law shall remain respected.

PART V — AGENT AND PROMOTER REMUNERATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-61

RULE-22 — Fee Transparency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

22.1 Agent and Promoter remuneration connected with an international transaction shall be disclosed where required by this Regulation.

22.2 The disclosure shall identify:

a. recipient;

b. paying party;

c. amount or calculation method; and

d. service to which the payment relates.

RULE-23 — No Statutory Fee Cap Created by This Regulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

23.1 REG-9 shall not invent a universal percentage cap on Agent or Promoter remuneration where the Statutes have not established one.

23.2 Member Associations or applicable law may establish lawful limits.

23.3 WUFO may later adopt a specific international rule through the proper normative process.

RULE-24 — Fee Must Relate to a Real Service

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-61

24.1 A disclosed Agent or Promoter payment shall correspond to a genuine football-related service or contractual entitlement.

24.2 A false service description shall not legitimise a hidden payment.

RULE-25 — No Secret Commission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-61

25.1 An Agent or Promoter shall not receive a deliberate secret commission from a transaction party where disclosure is required.

25.2 A commission shall not be hidden through another person or company.

RULE-26 — Payment Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

26.1 Material international Agent and Promoter payments shall be capable of documentary verification.

26.2 Cash or another payment method shall not be used principally to eliminate the audit trail.

PART VI — CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59

RULE-27 — Conflict Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

27.1 An Agent shall disclose a material conflict of interest to the affected client.

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27.2 A material conflict may arise where the Agent represents or receives compensation from persons whose interests are materially opposed in the same transaction.

RULE-28 — Multiple Representation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

28.1 Multiple representation in the same transaction shall not automatically be prohibited by WUFO where:

a. applicable law permits it;

b. the relationship is fully disclosed;

c. affected clients give informed agreement where required; and

d. the conflict can reasonably be managed.

28.2 A conflict that cannot reasonably be managed shall not be permitted merely because all parties wish to complete the transaction.

RULE-29 — Hidden Dual Representation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-61

29.1 An Agent shall not secretly represent opposing transaction parties while falsely claiming exclusive loyalty to one party.

RULE-30 — Club Officer Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

30.1 A club officer acting personally as an Agent or Promoter in the same transaction shall disclose the relationship.

30.2 Applicable domestic conflict rules may impose stronger restrictions.

RULE-31 — Transfer Decision-Maker

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-61

31.1 A person with authority to approve a club transfer shall not secretly receive a personal economic benefit from approving that transfer.

PART VII — MINORS — ENHANCED PROTECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–60

RULE-32 — Stronger Protection of Minors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

32.1 Minors shall receive stronger protection in agent and transfer activity.

32.2 Commercial opportunity shall not override safeguarding.

RULE-33 — Best Interests

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

33.1 A person acting in connection with a minor’s international football movement shall consider the minor’s best interests.

33.2 Relevant matters include:

a. education;

b. welfare;

c. family circumstances;

d. safeguarding;

e. accommodation; and

f. realistic football development.

RULE-34 — Guardian or Lawful Representative

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

34.1 Where required by applicable law, a parent, guardian or other lawful representative shall participate in agreements concerning a minor.

34.2 A false guardian arrangement shall not satisfy the requirement.

RULE-35 — No Exploitation of Family

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

35.1 An Agent, club or Promoter shall not exploit a family’s lack of legal or football knowledge to obtain an unfair or deceptive agreement involving a minor.

RULE-36 — Education About Commitments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

36.1 Material contractual commitments involving a minor should be explained in understandable language.

36.2 Translation or independent advice should be facilitated where reasonably necessary.

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RULE-37 — No Payment for Access to a Child

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

37.1 A person shall not make a clandestine payment to a parent, coach, academy official or other person merely to obtain improper exclusive control over a minor player.

RULE-38 — International Transfer of a Minor

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

38.1 International transfer of a minor shall comply with:

a. applicable law;

b. WUFO safeguarding requirements; and

c. any specific international minor-transfer rules lawfully adopted.

38.2 REG-9 shall not create a hidden exception allowing trafficking or exploitation of minors through football.

PART VIII — INTERNATIONAL PLAYER TRANSFER SYSTEM

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60

RULE-39 — Common International Mechanism

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

39.1 WUFO shall maintain a common mechanism for international player registration and transfer.

39.2 The mechanism shall provide a reliable record of the movement of a player between Member Associations.

RULE-40 — International Transfer Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

40.1 Each international transfer shall create an International Transfer Record.

40.2 The Record shall identify, where applicable:

a. player;

b. releasing club;

c. receiving club;

d. releasing Member Association;

e. receiving Member Association;

f. transfer type;

g. registration period;

h. relevant contractual dates; and

i. required financial disclosures.

RULE-41 — Transfer Types

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

41.1 The international system may record:

a. permanent transfer;

b. temporary transfer or loan;

c. return from loan;

d. registration following expiration of contract;

e. first international registration; and

f. another lawful international registration movement.

RULE-42 — Domestic Transfers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

42.1 A transfer entirely within one Member Association shall remain primarily domestic.

42.2 WUFO shall not require every domestic transfer worldwide to use the full international process.

RULE-43 — Member Association Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

43.1 Member Associations shall cooperate in processing legitimate international registration movements.

43.2 Cooperation shall include accurate confirmation of player registration status.

RULE-44 — No Political Blocking of Transfer Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-60

44.1 International transfer administration shall be sporting and contractual.

44.2 A Member Association shall not arbitrarily block an otherwise lawful transfer merely because of unrelated political disagreement.

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44.3 Binding law remains applicable.

PART IX — PLAYER CONSENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60

RULE-45 — Player Consent Is Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

45.1 An international transfer shall require genuine player consent.

45.2 A player shall not be transferred as an owned commodity without agreement to the sporting and contractual movement.

RULE-46 — Evidence of Consent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

46.1 Consent may be evidenced through:

a. signed employment agreement;

b. signed transfer-related declaration;

c. verified electronic acceptance; or

d. another reliable method.

RULE-47 — No Forged Consent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

47.1 Forging or deliberately falsifying player consent is prohibited.

47.2 Serious deliberate falsification shall be referred for integrity review.

RULE-48 — No Forced Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

48.1 A player shall not be physically or contractually forced to join another club outside lawful contractual remedies.

48.2 Contract disputes remain subject to applicable law and football dispute mechanisms.

RULE-49 — Club Contract Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

49.1 Player consent does not automatically eliminate a club's lawful contractual rights.

49.2 Transfer registration shall respect applicable contract status.

PART X — INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60

RULE-50 — Registration Request

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

50.1 The receiving Member Association shall process the international registration request through the approved WUFO mechanism.

RULE-51 — Releasing Association Confirmation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

51.1 The releasing Member Association shall confirm relevant registration information through the international system.

51.2 It shall act within the applicable registration procedure.

RULE-52 — Registration Periods

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

52.1 International transfers shall comply with the lawful registration periods applicable to the receiving competition.

52.2 REG-9 shall not establish one identical domestic transfer window for every Member Association.

RULE-53 — Exceptional Registration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

53.1 Exceptional registration outside an ordinary period may occur only where authorised under applicable football law.

53.2 An exception shall not be invented administratively for a commercially important club.

RULE-54 — Verification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

54.1 International registration shall verify the player's relevant football identity and registration status.

54.2 Reasonable measures shall be used to prevent:

a. duplicate registration fraud;

b. false identity; and

c. deliberate registration manipulation.

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RULE-55 — Registration Completion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

55.1 The transfer shall be recorded as completed only when the required international registration steps have been satisfied.

55.2 Commercial announcement by a club shall not itself complete football registration.

PART XI — CONTRACTUAL AND TRANSFER DOCUMENTATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60

RULE-56 — Required Documentation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

56.1 WUFO may require documents reasonably necessary to verify an international transfer.

56.2 Relevant documents may include:

a. transfer agreement;

b. loan agreement;

c. player employment contract;

d. player consent;

e. Agent representation information; and

f. payment schedule.

RULE-57 — No Unnecessary Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

57.1 WUFO shall not demand unrelated private contractual information merely because a transfer is international.

57.2 Information requests shall serve a legitimate football purpose.

RULE-58 — Authentic Documents

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

58.1 Material transfer documents shall be authentic.

58.2 Deliberately false contracts, side letters or payment documents are prohibited.

RULE-59 — Side Agreements

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

59.1 A side agreement affecting a material transfer obligation shall be disclosed where required by the international transfer process.

59.2 A side agreement shall not be used to conceal the real economics of the transaction.

PART XII — TRANSFER-PAYMENT TRANSPARENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60–61

RULE-60 — Transparent Transfer Payments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

60.1 Material international transfer payments shall be transparently recorded.

60.2 The International Transfer Record shall identify material payment obligations where required.

RULE-61 — Payment Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

61.1 Payment disclosure may distinguish:

a. fixed fee;

b. conditional bonus;

c. sell-on clause;

d. loan fee;

e. training or development payment where applicable;

f. Agent remuneration; and

g. other material transaction-related payment.

RULE-62 — Payment Recipient

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

62.1 A material international transfer payment shall identify its lawful recipient.

62.2 A hidden beneficial recipient shall not be concealed behind a false invoice.

RULE-63 — Payment Route

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

63.1 Payment routes shall be capable of reasonable audit.

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63.2 Use of intermediary entities shall not eliminate transparency.

RULE-64 — Currency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

64.1 The transaction record shall identify the currency of material payment obligations.

64.2 Currency conversion shall not be used to disguise the true amount.

RULE-65 — Conditional Payments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

65.1 A conditional payment shall identify the sporting or contractual condition that activates it.

65.2 Deliberately false conditions shall not be used to disguise an immediate payment.

PART XIII — RELATED-PARTY INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-60–61

RULE-66 — Related Clubs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-60

66.1 An international transfer between related clubs is not automatically prohibited.

66.2 The relationship shall be disclosed where material.

RULE-67 — Genuine Sporting Transaction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-60–61

67.1 A related-party transfer shall correspond to a genuine football transaction.

67.2 Related clubs shall not fabricate transfers principally to manipulate WUFO rules.

RULE-68 — Artificial Valuation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-61

68.1 Deliberate artificial valuation may be reviewed where credible evidence indicates that the valuation is being used to:

a. conceal a payment;

b. manipulate competition-integrity rules;

c. disguise a related-party benefit; or

d. support corruption.

68.2 High or low valuation alone shall not automatically prove corruption.

RULE-69 — Independent Sporting Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-60

69.1 Related clubs participating in the same WUFO competition shall not use transfers to coordinate sporting manipulation.

69.2 Multi-club integrity matters shall also be governed by REG-8.

PART XIV — LOANS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60

RULE-70 — International Loan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

70.1 A temporary international transfer may be registered as a loan.

70.2 The loan agreement shall identify its duration.

RULE-71 — Player Consent to Loan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

71.1 A player shall consent to an international loan.

RULE-72 — Return

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

72.1 Return from an international loan shall be recorded through the applicable international registration mechanism.

RULE-73 — Loan Payments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

73.1 Material fees or other payments connected to an international loan shall be disclosed where required.

RULE-74 — No Sham Loan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

74.1 A loan shall not be deliberately mislabelled to conceal the real nature of a permanent transaction or hidden payment.

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PART XV — PLAYER ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND THIRD-PARTY BENEFITS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60–61

RULE-75 — Player Economic Participation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

75.1 A player may receive lawful contractual compensation connected to employment or transfer where permitted by law and contract.

75.2 Such compensation shall be distinguished from an undisclosed clandestine benefit.

RULE-76 — Third-Party Benefit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

76.1 A third party receiving a material economic benefit from an international transfer shall be disclosed where WUFO law requires disclosure.

76.2 This Regulation does not by itself create a universal prohibition on every lawful thirdparty commercial interest not prohibited elsewhere.

76.3 Hidden or unlawful interests remain prohibited.

RULE-77 — No Ownership of the Player

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

77.1 No third-party economic arrangement shall be interpreted as ownership of the player as a person.

RULE-78 — Hidden Beneficiary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

78.1 A hidden beneficiary of a transfer payment shall constitute a serious integrity concern where concealment is deliberate.

PART XVI — TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PAYMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60

RULE-79 — Development Recognition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

79.1 WUFO may recognise lawful training, development or solidarity payments connected with international player movement.

79.2 Detailed formulas shall be established only through the proper WUFO normative process.

RULE-80 — No Formula Invented by REG-9

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

80.1 REG-9 shall not invent a numerical training-compensation formula not contained in the current statutory framework or otherwise lawfully adopted.

80.2 Any future formula shall be published and traceable.

RULE-81 — Transparent Distribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

81.1 Where an international development payment is due under applicable WUFO rules, its beneficiary and amount shall be transparently recorded.

PART XVII — INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF OUT-OF-CONTRACT PLAYERS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60

RULE-82 — Expired Contract

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

82.1 A player whose prior contract has lawfully expired may register internationally with another club subject to:

a. registration rules;

b. applicable development payments; and

c. other lawful football obligations.

RULE-83 — No Fictional Transfer Fee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

83.1 A club shall not fabricate a transfer fee that is not genuinely owed in order to create or conceal a payment.

RULE-84 — Contract Dispute

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

84.1 A genuine dispute over whether a contract expired shall be handled through the competent dispute process.

84.2 The international transfer system shall not decide complex contract disputes solely through clerical administration.

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PART XVIII — CLANDESTINE TRANSFER BENEFITS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-61

RULE-85 — Prohibition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

85.1 Clandestine Transfer Benefits are prohibited.

85.2 A person shall not deliberately hide a material football transaction benefit that is required to be disclosed.

RULE-86 — Kickbacks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

86.1 A kickback paid to influence or reward a transfer decision secretly is prohibited.

86.2 The prohibition applies whether the benefit is paid:

a. directly;

b. through an Agent;

c. through a company;

d. through a family member; or

e. through another intermediary.

RULE-87 — False Consulting Fee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

87.1 A consulting fee for no genuine service shall not be used to disguise a transfer benefit.

87.2 A real consulting service is not prohibited merely because it is connected to football.

RULE-88 — Secret Commission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

88.1 A deliberately concealed commission connected to an international transfer is prohibited where disclosure is required.

RULE-89 — Hidden Beneficiary Payment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

89.1 A payment shall not be routed through another person to hide the real beneficiary.

RULE-90 — Deliberately Disguised Payment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

90.1 A transfer-related payment shall not be falsely labelled as:

a. consultancy;

b. scouting;

c. image rights;

d. sponsorship;

e. loan;

f. gift; or

g. another category

where the label is deliberately used to conceal its true purpose.

PART XIX — LEGITIMATE PAYMENTS ARE NOT CORRUPTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-91 — Legitimate Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

91.1 A lawful disclosed payment for a genuine service is not a Clandestine Transfer Benefit merely because the amount is substantial.

RULE-92 — Lawful Agent Fee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

92.1 A lawful, transparent Agent fee shall not be treated as corruption merely because an observer believes the fee is high.

92.2 Applicable law and any valid fee rules remain applicable.

RULE-93 — Genuine Commercial Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

93.1 A genuine sponsorship, consulting, image-rights or other commercial agreement shall not automatically be presumed corrupt.

93.2 WUFO may examine whether the agreement is genuine where credible evidence suggests concealment.

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RULE-94 — Evidence Matters

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

94.1 Suspicion shall not be converted into guilt without evidence.

94.2 Unusual transaction structure may justify examination.

94.3 It shall not alone establish deliberate corruption.

PART XX — ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR VERSUS CORRUPTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-61

RULE-95 — Clerical Error Is Not Corruption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

95.1 An accidental administrative error shall not automatically constitute corruption.

95.2 Examples may include:

a. typographical error;

b. wrong document version;

c. incorrect currency entry;

d. innocent payment-date error; or

e. another non-deliberate filing mistake.

RULE-96 — Correctable Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

96.1 A correctable administrative error should normally be corrected through the transfer administration process.

96.2 Correction shall leave an audit trail where material.

RULE-97 — Negligence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

97.1 Serious negligence may justify administrative or disciplinary consequences where WUFO law provides them.

97.2 Negligence shall still be distinguished from deliberate corruption.

RULE-98 — Deliberate Concealment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

98.1 Evidence that information was intentionally concealed or falsified may justify referral for corruption investigation.

RULE-99 — Repeated False Errors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

99.1 Repeated similar “administrative errors” may be examined to determine whether they form part of a deliberate scheme.

99.2 Repetition alone shall not eliminate the need for evidence.

PART XXI — TRANSFER PAYMENT DISCLOSURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60–61

RULE-100 — Transfer Payment Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

100.1 WUFO may require a Transfer Payment Disclosure for an international transaction.

100.2 The disclosure may identify:

a. payer;

b. recipient;

c. amount;

d. currency;

e. payment date or schedule;

f. legal basis;

g. Agent or Promoter involvement; and

h. beneficial recipient where applicable.

RULE-101 — Materiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

101.1 WUFO may establish reasonable materiality thresholds for detailed payment reporting through the operational Procedure.

101.2 A threshold shall reduce unnecessary administration.

101.3 It shall not legalise deliberate fragmentation of a payment to avoid reporting.

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RULE-102 — Split Payments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

102.1 A person shall not divide one material payment into multiple smaller payments principally to avoid disclosure.

RULE-103 — Related-Party Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-54; STA / ART-60–61

103.1 Material payments to related parties shall be identified where relevant to transfer integrity.

RULE-104 — Bank and Payment Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

104.1 WUFO may request reasonable payment evidence where a serious discrepancy or integrity concern exists.

104.2 Routine transfer administration shall not require unnecessary access to unrelated bank activity.

PART XXII — INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER AUDIT TRAIL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60–61

RULE-105 — Transfer Record Preservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

105.1 Material International Transfer Records shall be preserved under the WUFO documentation system.

RULE-106 — Minimum Audit Trail

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

106.1 The international system should preserve, where applicable:

a. transfer request;
b. registration confirmation;
c. player consent;
d. material agreements;
e. payment disclosures;
f. Agent declarations; and
g. material corrections.

RULE-107 — Version History

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61; STA / ART-141

107.1 A material amendment to transfer information shall be traceable.

107.2 The original record shall not be silently erased.

RULE-108 — Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

108.1 Access to confidential transfer information shall be limited to persons with a legitimate institutional need.

PART XXIII — TRANSFER INTEGRITY ALERTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-120

RULE-109 — Integrity Trigger

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

109.1 A transfer may be referred for integrity review where credible evidence suggests:

a. hidden payment;
b. bribery;
c. kickback;
d. false service;
e. forged document;
f. concealed beneficial recipient; or
g. another serious deliberate transfer-integrity issue.

RULE-110 — Unusual Transaction Is Not Automatic Guilt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

110.1 An unusual transfer fee or contractual structure may justify inquiry.

110.2 It shall not automatically establish corruption.

RULE-111 — Confidential Integrity Alert

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-120

111.1 A person may report suspected transfer corruption through an authorised confidential integrity channel.

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111.2 Good-faith reporting shall receive appropriate protection under WUFO integrity rules.

RULE-112 — Malicious False Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-120

112.1 Deliberately fabricated allegations intended to damage a player, Agent or club may themselves constitute misconduct.

112.2 An unproven good-faith report shall not be treated as malicious merely because evidence was insufficient.

PART XXIV — PRELIMINARY TRANSFER INTEGRITY REVIEW

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-61

RULE-113 — Preliminary Assessment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

113.1 A credible transfer-integrity alert may receive preliminary assessment.

113.2 The purpose is to determine whether a formal investigation is justified.

RULE-114 — Information Request

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

114.1 WUFO may request relevant transaction records from:

a. clubs;

b. Member Associations;

c. Agents;

d. Promoters; or

e. other persons within WUFO jurisdiction.

RULE-115 — Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

115.1 Persons subject to WUFO transfer jurisdiction shall cooperate reasonably with a lawful integrity inquiry.

115.2 Cooperation shall remain subject to applicable legal rights.

RULE-116 — Preservation of Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

116.1 Relevant transfer evidence shall not be deliberately destroyed, altered or concealed after a lawful preservation request.

RULE-117 — Referral

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-120–125

117.1 Where the preliminary assessment identifies a credible serious integrity case, the matter shall be referred to the competent independent process under REG-22.

PART XXV — INDEPENDENT CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-120–125

RULE-118 — Independent Investigation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-120

118.1 Serious suspected deliberate transfer corruption shall be investigated independently from:

a. the clubs involved;

b. Agents involved;

c. commercial partners; and

d. persons implicated in the allegation.

RULE-119 — No Competition Department Verdict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-120

119.1 A competition administrator may identify or refer a concern.

119.2 The competition administrator shall not alone determine guilt for serious corruption.

RULE-120 — Relevant Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

120.1 Evidence may include:

a. transfer agreements;

b. payment records;

c. banking evidence lawfully obtained;

d. communications;

e. Agent agreements;

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f. corporate records;
g. witness evidence; and
h. other reliable evidence.

RULE-121 — Due Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-124–125

121.1 A person accused of serious transfer corruption shall receive:

a. notice of the material allegation;
b. reasonable access to the case against that person;
c. opportunity to respond;
d. impartial determination; and
e. applicable appeal rights.

PART XXVI — SANCTIONS FOR TRANSFER CORRUPTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-124–125

RULE-122 — Proportional Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-125

122.1 Proven transfer misconduct may result in proportionate sanctions.

122.2 Relevant factors may include:

a. intent;
b. amount;
c. repetition;
d. role of the person;
e. harm to football;
f. concealment; and
g. cooperation.

RULE-123 — Possible Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-124–125

123.1 Sanctions may include, where authorised:

a. warning;
b. fine;
c. transfer restriction;
d. suspension;
e. prohibition on Agent activity;
f. prohibition on football office;
g. competition consequences; or
h. permanent exclusion in the most serious proven deliberate corruption cases.

RULE-124 — Permanent Exclusion Is Exceptional

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

124.1 Permanent exclusion from WUFO football shall be reserved for proven deliberate corruption of exceptional seriousness.

124.2 It shall not be imposed for:

a. innocent clerical error;
b. ordinary contractual dispute;
c. reasonable valuation disagreement; or
d. non-deliberate administrative mistake.

RULE-125 — Fair Independent Process Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

125.1 Permanent exclusion shall not be imposed without a fair independent process.

125.2 No club president, Agent competitor or WUFO commercial officer shall personally impose permanent exclusion.

RULE-126 — Individual Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-125

126.1 Sanctions should target the responsible person or institution.

126.2 A player shall not automatically be punished for corruption committed by an Agent or club officer without evidence of the player’s own responsibility.

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RULE-127 — Club Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-125

127.1 A club may face institutional consequences where responsible club actors deliberately used the club to commit transfer corruption.

127.2 Liability shall be assessed according to WUFO disciplinary principles.

PART XXVII — PLAYER PROTECTION IN CORRUPT TRANSACTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60–61

RULE-128 — Innocent Player

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

128.1 A player shall not automatically lose football eligibility merely because another person concealed a transfer payment.

128.2 The player's own knowledge and participation shall be assessed.

RULE-129 — Coerced Player

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

129.1 Where a player was coerced, deceived or exploited, that fact shall be considered in determining responsibility.

RULE-130 — Player Participant in Corruption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

130.1 A player who knowingly participates in serious deliberate transfer corruption may be disciplined.

130.2 Player status shall not create immunity.

PART XXVIII — AGENT DISCIPLINE AND ELIGIBILITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-61

RULE-131 — International Agent Ineligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

131.1 An Agent may be declared temporarily or permanently ineligible for WUFO international transactions after a valid disciplinary decision.

RULE-132 — Domestic and International Consequences

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

132.1 A WUFO international sanction shall apply within WUFO international jurisdiction.

132.2 Domestic consequences shall depend on applicable domestic and WUFO law.

RULE-133 — No Automatic Guilt by Association

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

133.1 An Agent shall not be sanctioned merely because another Agent in the same company committed misconduct.

133.2 Actual responsibility shall be assessed.

RULE-134 — Corporate Agent Entity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

134.1 A company providing Agent or Promoter services may itself be subject to WUFO requirements where applicable.

134.2 Use of a company shall not shield an individual responsible for deliberate misconduct.

PART XXIX — TRANSFER DISPUTES VERSUS INTEGRITY CASES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-135 — Contractual Dispute

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

135.1 A genuine dispute over:

a. fee entitlement;

b. contract interpretation;

c. transfer instalment; or

d. employment obligation

shall not automatically become an integrity case.

RULE-136 — Integrity Case

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

136.1 A dispute may become an integrity matter where credible evidence indicates deliberate:

a. bribery;

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b. concealment;
c. falsification;
d. fraud; or
e. manipulation.

RULE-137 — Parallel Proceedings

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

137.1 A contractual dispute and integrity investigation may proceed separately where appropriate.

137.2 One proceeding shall not automatically determine the other.

PART XXX — INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER SYSTEM SECURITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-60–61

RULE-138 — Secure System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

138.1 WUFO shall use a reasonably secure system for international transfer administration.

138.2 The system should protect against:

a. unauthorised access;
b. false alteration;
c. impersonation; and
d. destruction of transfer records.

RULE-139 — Authorised Users

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

139.1 Member Associations and authorised clubs shall control access to their international transfer accounts.

139.2 Credentials shall not be casually shared.

RULE-140 — Electronic Authentication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

140.1 Material electronic submissions should use secure authentication appropriate to the transaction.

RULE-141 — System Audit Trail

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

141.1 Material actions in the international transfer system should create an auditable record.

RULE-142 — Technical Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

142.1 A genuine technical system failure shall not automatically deprive a club or player of a lawful transfer where timely compliance can be independently demonstrated.

142.2 Technical failure claims shall be verified.

PART XXXI — DATA, PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61; STA / ART-132

RULE-143 — Personal Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

143.1 Transfer and Agent data shall be processed in accordance with applicable law.

RULE-144 — Contract Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

144.1 WUFO may protect legitimate confidential contractual information.

144.2 Historical idea repositories, drafts and drafting sources from the founding process shall be treated only as non-normative materials for institutional memory and future study.

RULE-145 — Public Transparency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

145.1 WUFO may publish aggregate or institutional international transfer information where appropriate.

145.2 Publication shall not unnecessarily expose personal private information.

RULE-146 — Integrity Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61; STA / ART-120

146.1 Active corruption investigations may remain confidential where necessary to protect:

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a. evidence;
b. due process;
c. witnesses; and
d. legitimate privacy.

PART XXXII — MEMBER ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-147 — Registration Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

147.1 Each Member Association shall administer international player registration within its jurisdiction through the WUFO international mechanism.

RULE-148 — Accuracy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

148.1 A Member Association shall take reasonable steps to ensure accuracy of transfer information submitted through its authority.

RULE-149 — Domestic Agent Interface

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

149.1 Member Associations may maintain domestic Agent rules consistent with WUFO minimum international standards.

RULE-150 — Integrity Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

150.1 Member Associations shall cooperate with legitimate WUFO transfer-integrity investigations.

RULE-151 — No Arbitrary Transfer Obstruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

151.1 A Member Association shall not use administrative control over registration principally to:

a. punish a player;
b. protect a preferred club;
c. retaliate against another Member; or
d. extract an unauthorised payment.

PART XXXIII — CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-152 — Accurate Transfer Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

152.1 A club shall provide accurate material information in an international transfer.

RULE-153 — Disclosure of Agents

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59

153.1 A club shall disclose Agents or Promoters materially involved in an international transaction where required.

RULE-154 — Payment Accuracy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61

154.1 A club shall accurately record material transfer payments required by the international system.

RULE-155 — No Off-Book Payment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

155.1 A club shall not maintain an intentional off-book transfer payment arrangement designed to conceal the true transaction.

PART XXXIV — AGENT AND PROMOTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-156 — Honest Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

156.1 An Agent or Promoter shall disclose material involvement honestly.

RULE-157 — No False Invoice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

157.1 An Agent or Promoter shall not issue a deliberately false invoice to disguise a transfer benefit.

RULE-158 — No Bribery

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

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158.1 An Agent or Promoter shall not bribe:

a. a club officer;

b. a Member Association officer;

c. a player;

d. a coach; or

e. another person

to manipulate a football transaction.

RULE-159 — No Secret Personal Benefit to Decision-Maker

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

159.1 An Agent or Promoter shall not secretly pay a person whose official role includes approving the transaction.

PART XXXV — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-160 — Coordination with REG-8

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–61

160.1 REG-8 shall govern:

a. club ownership;

b. multi-club control;

c. related-club competition conflicts; and

d. club solvency.

160.2 REG-9 shall govern the international transfer transactions involving those clubs.

RULE-161 — Coordination with REG-10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60; STA / ART-62

161.1 REG-10 shall govern representative-team player eligibility and Legionnaires.

161.2 An international club transfer shall not by itself:

a. create national-team eligibility; or

b. change a player’s representative-team connection.

RULE-162 — Coordination with REG-20

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60; STA / ART-100–103

162.1 REG-20 shall govern the relevant youth world competitions.

162.2 REG-9 shall govern Agent and international-transfer protection involving minor players.

RULE-163 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62; STA / ART-120–125

163.1 REG-22 shall govern:

a. formal integrity investigation;

b. discipline;

c. sanctions;

d. corruption adjudication; and

e. appeals.

163.2 REG-9 shall govern transfer administration, transparency, compliance and referral.

RULE-164 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60–61; STA / ART-126–132

164.1 REG-24 shall govern WUFO institutional financial administration and audit.

164.2 REG-9 shall govern transaction-level international transfer financial transparency.

RULE-165 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

165.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. document coding;

b. version control;

c. publication; and

d. institutional records.

165.2 Transfer Forms and Procedures shall be registered through that system.

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PART XXXVI — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-166 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

166.1 Implementation of this Regulation may use lower instruments including:

a. FOR — Agent Representation Disclosure;

b. FOR — International Agent and Promoter Registration;

c. FOR — Agent Conflict Disclosure;

d. FOR — International Transfer Record;

e. PRO — International Transfer Registration;

f. FOR — Player Transfer Consent;

g. FOR — Transfer Payment Disclosure;

h. FOR — Related-Party Transfer Disclosure;

i. PRT — Minor Player Transfer Safeguarding;

j. PRO — Transfer Record Correction;

k. PRO — Transfer Integrity Preliminary Review;

l. PRO — Transfer Corruption Referral;

m. FOR — Transfer Integrity Report; and

n. other instruments lawfully authorised under the WUFO normative system.

166.2 Final codes and versions shall be assigned through REG-28.

PART XXXVII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–61

RULE-167 — No Domestic Transfer Empire

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–60

167.1 No lower WUFO instrument shall convert the international transfer mechanism into compulsory central WUFO administration of every domestic transfer.

RULE-168 — No Transfer Without Player Consent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

168.1 No lower instrument may eliminate the requirement for genuine player consent to an international sporting transfer.

RULE-169 — No Hidden Commission Through Different Name

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-61

169.1 A payment shall be assessed by its substance.

169.2 Calling a payment:

a. consultancy;

b. advisory fee;

c. image payment;

d. marketing payment; or

e. another name

shall not protect a deliberately hidden transfer benefit.

RULE-170 — No Automatic Corruption from Clerical Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

170.1 A lower Procedure shall not classify every filing mistake as corruption.

170.2 Intent and evidence matter.

RULE-171 — No Automatic Immunity from Corporate Complexity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

171.1 Complex corporate structures shall not create immunity from transfer transparency.

171.2 WUFO may identify the real beneficiary where legitimately necessary.

RULE-172 — No Permanent Exclusion Without Independent Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-61

172.1 No administrative transfer officer may permanently exclude a person from WUFO football.

172.2 Permanent exclusion requires:

a. proven deliberate serious corruption;

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b. competent independent adjudication;
c. due process; and
d. applicable appeal rights.

RULE-173 — International System Serves Football, Not Ownership of Players

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60

173.1 The international registration system exists to organise football rights and responsibilities.

173.2 It shall not be interpreted as a system for ownership of human beings.

RULE-174 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

174.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. player consent;
b. legitimate contractual rights;
c. international registration certainty;
d. transparent transfer payments;
e. honest representation;
f. stronger protection of minors;
g. Member Association cooperation;
h. distinction between error and corruption; and
i. effective action against deliberate transfer corruption.

174.2 Regulation shall protect integrity without treating every football transaction as suspicious.

RULE-175 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–61

175.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

Players are people. They are not owned property.

International transfers require genuine player consent.

Domestic transfers remain primarily domestic. International transfers use one common WUFO mechanism.

Agents and Promoters may be paid for genuine services. Their agreements and material fees must be clear.

Minors receive stronger protection.

The real transfer payment must be visible. The real beneficiary must not be deliberately hidden.

A kickback does not become lawful because it is called a consulting fee.

A secret commission does not become transparent because it passes through another company.

An administrative mistake is not automatically corruption.

Deliberate concealment is not an administrative mistake.

Related clubs may transfer players. They may not use transfers to manipulate football.

Serious deliberate transfer corruption may justify permanent exclusion only after a fair independent process.

Transfer regulation must protect players, clubs and football integrity without turning lawful football business into presumed criminality.

REG-9 — AGENTS, INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS & TRANSFER INTEGRITY

REG-10 — REPRESENTATIVE-TEAM PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & LEGIONNAIRES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-59–61; STA / ART-67–69; STA / ART-90–103; STA / ART-120–125; STA / ART-139–143

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.1–62.16

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.1–62.16

1.1 This Regulation establishes common WUFO eligibility rules and the WUFO Legionnaire International Player Program, governing:

a. Ordinary Eligibility for Representative Teams
b. genuine national or territorial connection;
c. Primary Connection
d. multiple Ordinary Eligibility Associations

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e. changes of Representative Team through Ordinary Eligibility
f. the five-senior-match binding threshold;
g. the Legionnaire Player system
h. the twenty-player Legionnaire limit
i. the twelve-month Primary Connection priority period
j. protection of the Primary Connection Association
k. formal release and no-objection
l. player availability during the priority period
m. Legionnaire registration
n. Legionnaire compensation
o. formation compensation
p. active Legionnaire slots
q. Legionnaire Veterans
r. voluntary international retirement
s. formal call-up refusals
t. integrity and anti-circumvention
u. the WUFO eligibility Portal
v. the neutral external Registrar; and w. public and private eligibility records.

1.2 These rules shall apply equally to every WUFO Member Association.

1.3 No individual agreement may privately rewrite these eligibility rules.

RULE-2 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62

2.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

2.2 Where this Regulation conflicts with the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.

2.3 No lower instrument may:

a. create Representative-Team eligibility through money
b. increase the maximum of twenty active Legionnaire slots
c. shorten or extend the twelve-month Primary Connection priority period by private agreement
d. replace the five-match threshold with call-ups or bench appearances
e. create additional Legionnaire places for a wealthy Member
f. permit repeated movement from one adopted Representative Team to another; or g. remove due process from a serious eligibility dispute.

RULE-3 — One Worldwide System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.1–62.2; STA / ART-62.13

3.1 WUFO shall maintain one common Representative-Team eligibility system.

3.2 The same substantive eligibility rules shall apply to:

a. PAFU;
b. UEFA;
c. the applicable Historical Confederation;
d. the applicable Historical Confederation; and
e. the applicable Historical Confederation.

3.3 Member Associations shall not negotiate private eligibility exceptions.

RULE-4 — Sporting Eligibility Only

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-62

4.1 Representative-Team eligibility is a sporting determination.

4.2 It shall not constitute:

a. diplomatic recognition;
b. recognition of statehood;
c. determination of sovereignty;
d. determination of an international border; or
e. endorsement of a government’s political position.

RULE-5 — Player Is Not Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.9; STA / ART-62.16

5.1 No Member Association owns a player.

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5.2 A sporting priority does not constitute ownership of the person.

5.3 No Representative-Team eligibility may be bought or sold as a player transfer.

RULE-6 — Equal Application

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.15

6.1 No Member Association shall receive a different substantive eligibility rule because it is:

a. richer;

b. larger;

c. more populous;

d. more successful;

e. commercially stronger; or

f. politically influential.

6.2 A Member Association may voluntarily use fewer Legionnaire Players than the maximum permitted.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62

RULE-7 — Representative Team

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.1

7.1 A Representative Team is an official national or territorial football team representing a WUFO Member Association.

RULE-8 — Senior Representative Team

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

8.1 A Senior Representative Team is the principal adult Representative Team of a Member Association.

8.2 Youth Representative Teams are not Senior Representative Teams.

RULE-9 — Ordinary Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.3; STA / ART-62.14(a)

9.1 Ordinary Eligibility means eligibility arising from a genuine national or territorial connection without using a Legionnaire slot.

RULE-10 — Association of Ordinary Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.3–62.4; STA / ART-62.12

10.1 An Association of Ordinary Eligibility, or AOE, is a Member Association that a player may lawfully represent through Ordinary Eligibility.

10.2 A player may have:

a. one AOE; or

b. more than one AOE.

10.3 Multiple legitimate Ordinary Eligibilities shall not be treated as wrongdoing.

RULE-11 — Primary Connection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.4; STA / ART-62.14(b)

11.1 A Primary Connection is the player’s strongest pre-existing genuine national or territorial connection.

11.2 Identification of a Primary Connection shall not erase other valid Ordinary Eligibilities.

11.3 For the Legionnaire procedure, the Primary Connection Association shall receive the exclusive protected priority established by this Regulation. Other verified AOEs shall retain their Ordinary Eligibility status and any compensation rights expressly established by this Regulation.

RULE-12 — Legionnaire Player

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.10

12.1 A Legionnaire Player is a player who receives Representative-Team eligibility through the special additional route established by this Regulation.

12.2 Legionnaire status is:

a. sporting;

b. regulatory; and

c. separate from civil nationality or citizenship.

RULE-13 — Interested Member Association

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

13.1 The Interested Member Association is the Member Association that formally opens a Legionnaire procedure for a player.

RULE-14 — Adopting Member Association

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

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14.1 The Adopting Member Association is the Interested Member Association after final WUFO Legionnaire registration has been completed.

RULE-15 — Active Legionnaire Slot

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e)

15.1 An Active Legionnaire Slot is one of the maximum twenty simultaneous registry positions available to a Member Association for registered Legionnaire Players.

RULE-16 — Legionnaire Veteran

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e)

16.1 A Legionnaire Veteran is a Legionnaire Player who has reached thirty-nine (39) years of age and therefore no longer occupies an Active Legionnaire Slot.

16.2 A Legionnaire Veteran remains a Legionnaire Player for competition-squad limits.

PART III - ORDINARY ELIGIBILITY AND GENUINE CONNECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.3-62.4; STA / ART-62.14(a)-(b)

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RULE-17 - Four Grounds of Ordinary Eligibility

17.1 Ordinary Eligibility requires one of four genuine connections with the represented jurisdiction: a. birth there; b. a biological parent born there; c. a grandparent born there; or d. five (5) years of genuine residence there.

17.2 The same rule applies to every WUFO jurisdiction, including States, territories, autonomous regions and Reserved Founding Territorial Memberships.

RULE-18 - Shared Nationality Is Not Enough

18.1 Shared citizenship or nationality with a parent State does not, by itself, create eligibility for another Member Association representing a distinct jurisdiction.

RULE-19 - Evidence of Residence

19.1 Lawful residence, education, employment, tax, family, community and football records may evidence whether the five-year residence requirement was genuine; none creates an independent fifth ground.

RULE-20 - Ordinary Eligibility Associations

20.1 Every Association satisfying one of Rule 17.1(a)-(d) is an Ordinary Eligibility Association. Multiple such Associations may exist.

RULE-21 - Primary Connection

21.1 The Primary Connection is the strongest genuine Ordinary Eligibility connection for the Legionnaire priority procedure.

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RULE-22 - Equal Application and Civil Status

22.1 Civil naturalisation or shared parent-State nationality cannot substitute for one of the four grounds in Rule 17.1.

RULE-23 - Residence Accumulates Only Through Genuine Residence

23.1 A player may satisfy Rule 17.1(d) only after five years of genuine residence; WUFO shall assess the factual record.

RULE-24 - Football Formation

24.1 Football formation may evidence genuine residence but is not an independent eligibility ground.

RULE-25 - Territories Without Separate Citizenship

25.1 A territory need not possess separate sovereign citizenship; the same four genuine-connection grounds apply.

RULE-26 - No Expedited Status Evasion

26.1 Civil status shall not be used to evade Ordinary Eligibility or Legionnaire limits.

RULE-27 - Club Employment Does Not Create Eligibility

27.1 Club employment alone does not create Ordinary Eligibility.

RULE-28 - International Club Transfer Is Separate

28.1 A club transfer does not transfer Representative-Team eligibility. REG-9and REG-10remain separate.

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PART IV — SENIOR PARTICIPATION AND THE FIVE-MATCH RULE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

RULE-29 — Five Actual Senior Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11; STA / ART-62.14(f)–(g)

29.1 Five (5) recognised Senior Representative Team matches actually played shall create a consolidated sporting connection to that Member Association.

29.2 The fifth actual senior appearance shall activate the binding threshold.

RULE-30 — Actual Participation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

30.1 A senior match counts only if the player actually enters the field.

30.2 The player may enter:

a. as a starter; or

b. as a substitute.

30.3 Entry in the final minute still counts as an actual appearance.

RULE-31 — What Does Not Count

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

31.1 The following shall not count toward the five-match threshold:

a. preliminary selection;

b. training camp;

c. call-up alone;

d. squad registration alone;

e. remaining on the bench without entering the field; or

f. being listed as an unused substitute.

RULE-32 — Youth Matches Do Not Count

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

32.1 Youth Representative-Team matches shall not count toward the five senior-match threshold.

32.2 This includes U-23, U-21, U-20, U-19, U-18, U-17 and younger age categories.

RULE-33 — Recognised Senior Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

33.1 The five-match calculation shall use recognised Senior Representative Team appearances.

33.2 The calculation shall not depend upon which historical international football authority organised the match, provided that WUFO recognises the senior representative record as authentic.

RULE-34 — Zero to Four Senior Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11; STA / ART-62.14(f)

34.1 Zero to four actual senior appearances shall not create the final five-match binding threshold.

34.2 A player with zero to four appearances may have a second Representative-Team opportunity under the applicable WUFO rules.

RULE-35 — Ordinary Change of Association

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.3–62.4; STA / ART-62.14(f)

35.1 A player with fewer than five actual senior appearances may request a change to another Member Association for which the player possesses genuine Ordinary Eligibility.

35.2 Such a change shall use the Ordinary Eligibility route.

35.3 It shall not consume a Legionnaire slot.

35.4 It shall not require payment of the Legionnaire compensation established in this Regulation.

RULE-36 — Prior Member Has No Eternal Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.4; STA / ART-62.12

36.1 A Member Association shall not permanently retain a player merely because the player appeared once, twice, three times or four times at senior level.

36.2 The five-match threshold shall control.

RULE-37 — Notification of an Ordinary Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

37.1 A prior Member Association shall receive notice of a proposed Ordinary Eligibility change where the player previously represented it at senior level.

37.2 The prior Member may challenge:

a. the factual eligibility of the new Member;

b. the senior-match record; or

c. fraud.

37.3 It shall not possess a discretionary veto where the player lawfully satisfies the WUFO change rules.

RULE-38 — Finality After an Ordinary Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(f)

38.1 Once an Ordinary Eligibility change has been validly certified and the player makes the first official senior appearance for the new Member Association, the change shall become definitive.

38.2 The player shall not then begin another zero-to-five cycle with a third Member Association.

RULE-39 — No Representative-Team Carousel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(f); STA / ART-62.16

39.1 WUFO shall not permit repeated movement through Representative Teams.

39.2 The system shall not operate as:

Association A → Association B → Association C → Association D.

39.3 A valid final change followed by official senior debut closes the change process.

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RULE-40 — Correct Historical Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.13

40.1 WUFO shall preserve an accurate record of actual senior appearances.

40.2 An incorrect historical record may be corrected on reliable evidence.

40.3 Correcting a record shall not constitute a new change of Association.

PART V — ACCESS TO THE LEGIONNAIRE ROUTE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

RULE-41 — Purpose of the Legionnaire Route

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.8

41.1 The Legionnaire route exists to give mature players a genuine opportunity to play Representative-Team football where their Ordinary Eligibility Associations have not consolidated their senior representation.

41.2 It is a second-opportunity mechanism.

41.3 It is not an open international auction of players.

RULE-42 — Optional System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.8; STA / ART-62.15

42.1 No Member Association is required to use Legionnaire Players.

42.2 A Member Association may use:

a. zero;

b. fewer than twenty; or

c. the permitted maximum of twenty Active Legionnaire Slots.

RULE-43 — No Official Legionnaire File Before Age Twenty- Five

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

43.1 A formal WUFO Legionnaire file shall not be opened before the player reaches twentyfive (25) years of age.

43.2 No twelve-month priority clock shall begin before that birthday.

RULE-44 — Scouting Before Twenty-Five

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.9

44.1 Before age twenty-five, a Member Association may:

a. scout the player;

b. observe matches;

c. communicate with the player;

d. explain its sporting project;

e. ask whether the player may have future interest; and

f. conduct ordinary lawful discussions.

44.2 Such activity shall not itself create sporting eligibility.

RULE-45 — No Pre-Twenty-Five Reservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.9

45.1 A pre-twenty-five discussion shall not reserve an Active Legionnaire Slot.

45.2 A pre-twenty-five private agreement shall not bind WUFO eligibility.

45.3 No Member Association may claim ownership of a future Legionnaire candidate.

RULE-46 — Formal Procedure from Twenty-Five

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

46.1 From the player’s twenty-fifth birthday, an Interested Member Association may immediately open the formal WUFO Legionnaire procedure.

46.2 The player need not wait until age twenty-six to open the file.

RULE-47 — Early Eligibility at Twenty-Five

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

47.1 A player aged twenty-five may become a registered Legionnaire immediately if:

a. the formal procedure is validly opened

b. the Primary Connection Association has given a certified Release — No Objection or expressly declined to exercise priority

c. the player

personally confirms the choice; d. all other registration requirements are satisfied; and e. the standard compensation has been settled.

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47.2 No artificial waiting period to age twenty-six shall apply after a valid Release — No Objection or express non-exercise by the Primary Connection Association.

RULE-48 — Twelve Months Is a Maximum Protection Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12; STA / ART-62.14(c)

48.1 Where early release or express non-exercise is not obtained from the Primary Connection Association, its priority period may continue for a maximum of twelve (12) months from valid service.

48.2 Twelve months is not a mandatory waiting period where the Primary Connection Association releases the player or expressly declines priority earlier.

RULE-49 — Prior Five-Match Binding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

49.1 A player already bound through five actual senior appearances shall not use the Legionnaire route.

49.2 A false attempt to ignore that record shall not create eligibility.

RULE-50 — Player Consent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.9

50.1 The Legionnaire procedure requires the free and personal consent of the player.

50.2 A club, Agent, government or Member Association shall not file the player’s final personal confirmation in the player’s place.

PART VI — UNIVERSAL FORM AND IDENTIFICATION OF ORDINARY ELIGIBILITY ASSOCIATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.3–62.4; STA / ART-62.12–62.14

RULE-51 — One Universal Form

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

51.1 WUFO shall use one Universal Legionnaire Application Form.

51.2 The same substantive Form shall apply to every Member Association.

51.3 No Member may negotiate a private Form containing different eligibility rights.

RULE-52 — Interested Member Filing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

52.1 The Interested Member Association shall open the file through the WUFO Portal.

52.2 The application shall identify:

a. player;

b. Interested Member Association;

c. current club where applicable;

d. date of birth;

e. known Representative Team history; and

f. the information required to begin the Ordinary Eligibility assessment.

RULE-53 — Separate Player Confirmation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.13

53.1 The player shall separately confirm the application through the player’s own authorised process.

53.2 The player confirmation shall not be completed solely by:

a. the Interested Member Association;

b. the player’s club;

c. an Agent; or

d. another intermediary.

RULE-54 — Player Factual Declaration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13

54.1 The player shall provide the objective factual information reasonably required to determine Ordinary Eligibility.

54.2 The standard player declaration shall state:

“I declare that the factual information provided is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

RULE-55 — Player Does Not Determine the Legal Conclusion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

55.1 The player shall provide facts.

55.2 The player shall not be required to possess expert knowledge of every possible WUFO eligibility conclusion.

55.3 WUFO and the neutral Registrar shall determine which Member Associations qualify as AOEs under the applicable rules.

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RULE-56 — Full AOE Mapping

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.3–62.4; STA / ART-62.12

56.1 Before the priority period begins, WUFO shall make a reasonable effort to identify all known AOEs.

56.2 The purpose is to prevent one legitimate Ordinary Eligibility Association from being excluded merely because it was not obvious to the Interested Member.

56.3 The same assessment shall identify the player's Primary Connection Association for purposes of the exclusive Legionnaire priority established by STA / ART-62.4 and STA / ART-62.12.

RULE-57 — Primary Connection Has Exclusive Legionnaire Priority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.4; STA / ART-62.12; STA / ART-62.14(c), (g)

57.1 All genuine AOEs shall remain recorded for Ordinary Eligibility purposes, but only the Primary Connection Association shall receive the protected twelve-month priority against the exceptional Legionnaire route.

57.2 Other AOEs shall not receive simultaneous or sequential twelve-month veto periods merely because the player possesses Ordinary Eligibility for them.

57.3 Ordinary Eligibility rights of other AOEs remain governed by the ordinary eligibility and five-senior-match rules and are not erased by this priority structure.

RULE-58 — Later-Discovered Ordinary Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12; STA / ART-62.14(c), (g)

58.1 If another AOE is discovered after the Primary Connection priority period has begun, it shall be added to the eligibility record.

58.2 Discovery of another AOE shall not by itself create a new priority period or restart the existing clock.

58.3 If the new evidence creates a genuine dispute over which Association is the Primary Connection, the timing and legal consequence shall be determined through the independent eligibility adjudication process without creating an indefinite hold on the player.

RULE-59 — No Artificial Search for Endless Claims

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

59.1 WUFO shall make a reasonable factual eligibility assessment.

59.2 It shall not indefinitely delay the file searching for theoretical or speculative ancestral possibilities unsupported by evidence.

PART VII — WUFO ELIGIBILITY PORTAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-139–143

RULE-60 — Official Portal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

60.1 WUFO shall maintain the WUFO Official Eligibility and International Representation Portal.

60.2 The Portal shall serve as the principal administrative system for Legionnaire procedures.

RULE-61 — Institutional Legal Inbox

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-26; STA / ART-62.13–62.14

61.1 Every Member Association shall maintain an authorised institutional Portal account for official eligibility notices.

61.2 The account shall not depend on the personal email address of one officeholder.

RULE-62 — Official Notice by Portal Deposit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

62.1 A notice is officially served when it is validly deposited in the Member Association's authorised WUFO institutional inbox.

62.2 Failure of an official to open the notice shall not automatically invalidate service.

62.3 Mandatory law shall remain applicable.

RULE-63 — Courtesy Alerts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

63.1 WUFO may also send:

a. email alerts;

b. mobile alerts; or

c. other electronic reminders.

63.2 Such alerts are supplementary.

63.3 They are not the primary legal notice where the Portal record establishes valid service.

RULE-64 — Unique File Identifier

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-141

64.1 Every formal eligibility file shall receive a unique WUFO identifier.

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64.2 The identifier shall remain attached to the complete proceeding.

RULE-65 — Time Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-141

65.1 Material Portal events shall contain an exact date and time record.

65.2 WUFO shall use a consistent auditable time standard.

RULE-66 — Portal Audit Trail

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-141

66.1 The Portal shall preserve an audit trail of:

a. filing;

b. player confirmation;

c. AOE identification;

d. notices;

e. responses;

f. Release — No Objection declarations;

g. senior appearances;

h. material availability incidents;

i. decisions;

j. payments; and

k. final registration.

RULE-67 — No Silent Alteration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-141

67.1 A material Portal entry shall not be secretly altered.

67.2 A correction shall leave a traceable record of:

a. original information;

b. corrected information;

c. date; and

d. reason.

PART VIII — NEUTRAL EXTERNAL REGISTRAR

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

RULE-68 — One Global Administrative Model

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13

68.1 WUFO shall contract an external legal firm to serve as the neutral global administrative Registrar of the Legionnaire system.

68.2 The objective is one worldwide procedure rather than separate informal processes in every Member Association.

RULE-69 — Neutrality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

69.1 The external Registrar shall not act as legal counsel for:

a. the Interested Member Association;

b. an AOE;

c. the player; or

d. the player’s club

in the same eligibility proceeding.

RULE-70 — Registrar Functions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

70.1 The Registrar shall principally:

a. verify completeness

b. issue and record notices

c. identify and record AOEs with WUFO;

d. identify and record the Primary Connection Association

e. certify the start of the Primary Connection priority period

f. record the Primary Connection Association’s response

g. verify recognised senior appearance records

h. record Release — No Objection declarations

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i. certify expiration of the priority period

j. administer final registration documentation; and k. update the official record.

RULE-71 — Registrar Verifies Facts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

71.1 The Registrar may verify objective facts.

71.2 The Registrar shall not become prosecutor, advocate and judge in a serious contested case.

RULE-72 — Serious Dispute

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

72.1 A genuine material legal dispute shall be referred to the competent independent WUFO eligibility adjudication process.

72.2 The Registrar shall preserve the file and evidence.

RULE-73 — WUFO Pays the Registrar Centrally

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-126–132

73.1 WUFO shall contract and pay the external Registrar centrally.

73.2 A Member Association shall not hire a private Registrar to obtain more favourable eligibility treatment.

RULE-74 — Procurement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-126–132

74.1 The external legal service should be procured:

a. transparently;

b. for defined contractual periods; and

c. under appropriate conflict-of-interest protections.

PART IX — THE SINGLE PRIMARY CONNECTION TWELVE-MONTH PRIORITY PERIOD

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.4; STA / ART-62.12; STA / ART-62.14(b), (g)

RULE-75 — Commencement of the Priority Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

75.1 The Primary Connection priority period shall begin when:

a. the formal application is complete

b. the player has personally confirmed; and c. valid Portal notice has been deposited for the Primary Connection Association identified at the opening of the file.

75.2 The Registrar shall certify the commencement date.

RULE-76 — One Primary Connection Clock

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12; STA / ART-62.14(c)

76.1 There shall be one twelve-month Primary Connection priority clock.

76.2 No other AOE shall receive an additional Legionnaire-priority clock merely because it possesses Ordinary Eligibility.

RULE-77 — No Sequential AOE Priority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

77.1 WUFO shall not provide sequential twelve-month Legionnaire priority periods to multiple AOEs.

The protected period belongs only to the Primary Connection Association.

77.2 The absence of a sequential AOE period shall not erase genuine Ordinary Eligibility.

RULE-78 — Purpose of the Twelve Months

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5; STA / ART-62.7; STA / ART-62.12

78.1 The priority period gives the Primary Connection Association a real and documented opportunity to exercise its priority in relation to the player.

78.2 It does not give the Primary Connection Association a permanent veto.

RULE-79 — Silence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

79.1 The Primary Connection Association may remain silent.

79.2 Silence shall not stop the clock.

79.3 Silence shall not create an indefinite priority. If no response is received within twelve months of valid service, the priority expires.

RULE-80 — Primary Connection Response

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

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80.1 During the priority period, the Primary Connection Association may: a. issue a Release — No Objection; b. expressly decline to exercise priority; or c. validly exercise its priority under the applicable WUFO eligibility rules.

80.2 A Release — No Objection or express decision not to exercise priority ends the protected period immediately.

80.3 A valid exercise of Primary Connection priority closes the pending Legionnaire application, subject to the ordinary eligibility and five-senior-match rules that otherwise govern the player's sporting connection.

RULE-81 — No Negotiated Extension

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

81.1 The Primary Connection Association, the player and an Interested Member Association shall not privately extend the twelve-month period.

81.2 The player shall not be forced into a longer private waiting period.

RULE-82 — No Shortened Private Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

82.1 The Interested Member Association shall not privately reduce the Primary Connection Association's protected period.

82.2 Early completion occurs through a valid Release — No Objection, an express decision not to exercise priority, or another lawful resolution.

PART X — SENIOR APPEARANCES DURING THE PRIORITY PERIOD

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

RULE-83 — Existing Senior Appearances

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

83.1 When a Legionnaire file opens, the Registrar shall record the player's existing recognised senior appearances for each AOE.

83.2 Existing actual senior appearances count toward the five-match threshold.

RULE-84 — Fifth Appearance During the Priority Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

84.1 If an AOE causes the player to reach five recognised actual senior appearances, the fivematch threshold is reached.

84.2 The Legionnaire procedure shall then close in favour of the consolidated senior representation.

RULE-85 — Call-Up Is Not an Appearance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

85.1 A formal call-up does not count toward the five-match threshold unless the player enters the field.

RULE-86 — Bench Is Not an Appearance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

86.1 Remaining on the bench does not count.

RULE-87 — Late Substitute Counts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

87.1 A player who enters the field for any recognised portion of the match receives one actual senior appearance.

87.2 Entry in minute eighty-nine counts.

RULE-88 — One Match — One Appearance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

88.1 One match may generate no more than one appearance for the same player.

RULE-89 — Five Means Five

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

89.1 Four actual senior appearances shall not equal five.

89.2 Commercial importance shall not reduce the threshold.

89.3 An executive officer shall not declare four sufficient.

RULE-90 — No Youth Substitution for Senior Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11

90.1 Youth matches shall not be added to the senior counter.

90.2 A player may have one hundred youth appearances and still have zero senior appearances.

PART XI — PLAYER AVAILABILITY DURING THE PRIORITY PERIOD

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

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RULE-91 — Reasonable Availability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7; STA / ART-62.12–62.14

91.1 A player seeking the benefit of the Legionnaire route shall remain reasonably available for legitimate senior call-ups from the Primary Connection Association during its priority period.

91.2 The purpose is to give the Primary Connection Association a real opportunity to exercise the priority protected by this Regulation.

RULE-92 — No Forced Participation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.9

92.1 WUFO shall not physically compel a player to play for the Primary Connection Association.

92.2 A player retains personal freedom to decline a call-up.

92.3 The player may nevertheless lose access to the exceptional Legionnaire route if the player deliberately prevents the Primary Connection Association’s protected opportunity on which that route depends.

RULE-93 — Legitimate Formal Call-Up

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

93.1 For Primary Connection priority-period availability purposes, a call-up must be:

a. formal;

b. for the Senior Representative Team;

c. genuinely intended;

d. reasonably consistent with the applicable international calendar; and

e. properly communicated.

RULE-94 — No Artificial Call-Up

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

94.1 The Primary Connection Association shall not fabricate call-ups principally to prevent a Legionnaire procedure from succeeding.

94.2 Examples of abuse may include:

a. impossible reporting instructions without legitimate reason;

b. call-ups outside lawful international activity designed only to create a refusal; or

c. intentionally false selection records.

RULE-95 — Justified Non-Availability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

95.1 Legitimate reasons for non-availability may include:

a. injury;

b. medical incapacity;

c. serious family emergency;

d. legal impediment;

e. immigration or travel impediment not deliberately created by the player;

f. force majeure;

g. a conflicting valid representative obligation that the player cannot physically satisfy simultaneously; or

h. another comparably serious documented cause.

RULE-96 — Burden of Showing Justification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

96.1 A player relying on a claimed exception shall provide reasonable supporting information.

96.2 WUFO shall not demand unnecessary private information.

RULE-97 — Unjustified Refusal Does Not Count as a Match

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

97.1 An unjustified refusal shall not be converted into an actual senior appearance.

97.2 Five refused call-ups do not equal five matches played.

RULE-98 — Deliberate Manufacture of Zero to Four

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.9; STA / ART-62.12

98.1 A player shall not deliberately and repeatedly reject legitimate senior call-ups from the Primary Connection Association in order to manufacture a zero-to-four appearance record.

98.2 A player who does so shall not automatically obtain Legionnaire eligibility at the end of twelve months.

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RULE-99 — Availability Dispute

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

99.1 Where the player and the Primary Connection Association dispute whether nonavailability was justified, the Registrar shall record the facts.

99.2 A material unresolved dispute shall go to independent eligibility adjudication.

RULE-100 — Consequence of Deliberate Obstruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

100.1 If the competent independent body determines that the player deliberately prevented the Primary Connection Association from exercising its legitimate opportunity, the Legionnaire application may be denied.

100.2 Denial of the Legionnaire route shall not erase the player’s valid Ordinary Eligibilities.

PART XII — RELEASE — NO OBJECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

RULE-101 — Early Release

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12; STA / ART-62.14(c)

101.1 The Primary Connection Association may release its priority before expiration of the twelve-month period.

RULE-102 — Standard Release

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

102.1 The standard Portal action shall be:

RELEASE — NO OBJECTION

102.2 The declaration shall be certified by the Registrar.

RULE-103 — Effect of Release

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

103.1 A certified Release — No Objection ends the Primary Connection Association’s priority objection within the active Legionnaire file.

103.2 It shall not by itself erase the player’s underlying Ordinary Eligibility for the Primary Connection Association or another genuine AOE.

RULE-104 — Release Is Not a Sale

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9; STA / ART-62.13

104.1 The Primary Connection Association shall not sell its Release — No Objection.

104.2 It shall not demand:

a. a negotiated transfer fee;

b. a player price;

c. a private side payment; or

d. another unauthorised payment

as the price of releasing sporting priority.

RULE-105 — Standard Compensation Is Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

105.1 The fixed compensation established in this Regulation is regulatory.

105.2 It is not a negotiated price for the Release — No Objection.

105.3 The Primary Connection Association may not demand more.

RULE-106 — Primary Connection Releases or Declines

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

106.1 If the Primary Connection Association provides Release — No Objection or expressly declines to exercise priority, the priority period ends immediately.

106.2 The player may proceed to final Legionnaire registration without waiting for the original twelve-month expiration date, subject to all remaining requirements.

PART XIII — EXPIRATION OF THE PRIMARY CONNECTION PRIORITY PERIOD

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

RULE-107 — Automatic Expiration of the Clock

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

107.1 The Primary Connection priority period shall expire twelve months after its certified commencement unless it ended earlier.

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RULE-108 — Zero to Four at Expiration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

108.1 Where no binding five-senior-match connection has arisen by expiration, the five-match threshold has not been reached.

108.2 This Rule applies only where the player has satisfied the reasonable-availability requirement.

RULE-109 — Silence Does Not Extend Priority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

109.1 A Primary Connection Association that remained silent shall not receive additional time merely because it did not use the original period.

RULE-110 — One to Four Does Not Extend Priority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

110.1 A Primary Connection Association that used the player one, two, three or four times shall not receive an additional year merely because it came close to five.

RULE-111 — Player's Final Choice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

111.1 Where the Primary Connection priority period ends without a binding five-senior-match connection, the player shall make the final sporting choice permitted by the applicable rules.

111.2 The player may choose:

a. an AOE for which Ordinary Eligibility remains valid; or

b. the Interested Member Association through Legionnaire registration.

RULE-112 — Choosing an AOE

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.3–62.4; STA / ART-62.14(f)

112.1 If the player chooses an AOE through Ordinary Eligibility:

a. no Legionnaire slot is used;

b. no Legionnaire compensation is payable; and

c. the change shall follow the Ordinary Eligibility certification process.

112.2 The first valid senior debut after the final Ordinary change shall close that change.

RULE-113 — Choosing the Interested Member Association

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

113.1 If the player chooses the Interested Member Association:

a. the Legionnaire compensation shall become payable;

b. an Active Legionnaire Slot shall be available; and

c. WUFO final registration shall be completed.

RULE-114 — No Automatic Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

114.1 Expiration of twelve months shall not automatically transfer the player to the Interested Member Association.

114.2 The player must personally choose and confirm the final Legionnaire registration.

PART XIV — FINAL LEGIONNAIRE REGISTRATION AND DEFINITIVE CLOSURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

RULE-115 — Final Registration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

115.1 A player becomes a registered Legionnaire Player only after WUFO certifies final registration.

115.2 Registration shall require:

a. player confirmation

b. completed Primary Connection priority process or valid early release/non-exercise

c. available Active Legionnaire Slot

d. settlement of the regulatory compensation; and e. completion of the required WUFO record.

RULE-116 — Slot Occupied Upon Registration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e)

116.1 The player shall occupy one Active Legionnaire Slot when final Legionnaire registration becomes effective.

116.2 The slot is not reserved merely by scouting or application.

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RULE-117 — First Official Debut

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11; STA / ART-62.14(f)–(g)

117.1 The player's first official senior appearance for the Adopting Member Association shall constitute the definitive sporting closure of the international adoption process.

RULE-118 — Certification Plus Debut

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

118.1 The governing closure rule shall be:

WUFO certification + first official senior debut for the Adopting Member Association = definitive closure.

RULE-119 — No New Five-Match Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

119.1 The five-match threshold shall not restart after a valid Legionnaire adoption.

119.2 The player shall not receive four trial matches with the Adopting Member followed by another international switch.

RULE-120 — Later-Discovered Ordinary Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

120.1 After valid certification and official debut, discovery of another genuine historical Ordinary Eligibility shall not reopen the completed adoption.

120.2 The information may be added to the historical file.

120.3 It shall not create a new claim.

RULE-121 — Integrity Exception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-120–125

121.1 RULE-120 shall not protect:

a. false identity;

b. forged documents;

c. proven deliberate concealment;

d. bribery;

e. corruption; or

f. another serious integrity defect affecting the validity of the original process.

RULE-122 — Sporting Performance Does Not Reopen the Choice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.9; STA / ART-62.16

122.1 Poor sporting performance after adoption shall not reopen the player's international choice.

122.2 The Adopting Member assumes the sporting risk of its selection.

PART XV — THE TWENTY ACTIVE LEGIONNAIRE SLOTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.8; STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e); STA / ART-62.15

RULE-123 — Maximum Twenty

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e); STA / ART-62.15

123.1 A Member Association may have no more than twenty (20) Active Legionnaire Slots occupied simultaneously.

123.2 Twenty means twenty.

123.3 No Member Association may register a twenty-first active Legionnaire.

RULE-124 — Equal Limit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.15

124.1 The maximum shall be identical for every Member Association.

124.2 The rule shall therefore be:

PAFU Member — maximum 20. UEFA Member — maximum 20. the applicable Historical Confederation Member — maximum 20. the applicable Historical Confederation Member — maximum 20. the applicable Historical Confederation Member — maximum 20.

RULE-125 — No Purchased Additional Slot

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9; STA / ART-62.15

125.1 An additional slot shall not be obtained through:

a. payment;

b. sponsorship;

c. donation;

d. development contribution; or

e. commercial agreement.

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RULE-126 — No Transfer of Slots

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)

126.1 A Legionnaire slot shall not be:

a. sold;

b. leased;

c. loaned;

d. traded; or

e. transferred

between Member Associations.

RULE-127 — No Seasonal Reset

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)

127.1 The twenty slots shall not automatically reset at the beginning of every sporting season.

127.2 A registered player continues to occupy the slot until an authorised slot-release event occurs.

RULE-128 — No Replacement for Poor Performance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.9; STA / ART-62.14(e)

128.1 An Adopting Member Association shall not recover an Active Legionnaire Slot merely because:

a. the player performed poorly;

b. a new coach does not like the player;

c. a better player became available; or

d. the player no longer starts matches.

128.2 Bad sporting selection is the risk of the Adopting Member Association.

PART XVI — COMPETITION SQUAD LIMITS AND LEGIONNAIRE VETERANS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.14(e); STA / ART-67–69; STA / ART-90–103

RULE-129 — Competition Limit Is Separate from Registry Limit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)

129.1 The twenty Active Legionnaire Slots are an administrative registry limit.

129.2 Competition squad limits are a separate sporting control.

RULE-130 — World League

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e); STA / ART-90–92

130.1 Where a World League match call-up contains twenty (20) players, all twenty may be Legionnaire Players.

130.2 No additional Ordinary Eligibility quota shall be imposed within that twenty solely because a player is a Legionnaire.

RULE-131 — WUFO Championship Cup

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e); STA / ART-67–69

131.1 A thirty-player WUFO WUFO Championship Cup squad may contain no more than twenty (20) Legionnaire Players.

131.2 It shall therefore contain at least ten (10) players qualified through Ordinary Eligibility.

RULE-132 — No Starting-XI Quota

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)

132.1 REG-10 shall not impose a minimum number of Ordinary Eligibility players in the starting eleven.

132.2 Sporting selection within a valid competition squad belongs to the coach.

RULE-133 — Legionnaire Veteran at Thirty-Nine

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e)

133.1 On reaching thirty-nine (39) years of age, a Legionnaire Player shall cease to occupy an Active Legionnaire Slot.

133.2 The Adopting Member Association may immediately use the released registry slot for another eligible Legionnaire registration.

RULE-134 — Thirty-Nine Is Not Mandatory Retirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e)

134.1 Reaching age thirty-nine shall not terminate Representative-Team eligibility.

134.2 A player may continue representing the Adopting Member at age:

a. 39;

b. 40;

c. 41; or

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d. older,

while still sporting and medically eligible.

RULE-135 — Veteran Competition Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)

135.1 A Legionnaire Veteran shall continue to count as a Legionnaire for every applicable competition-squad limit.

135.2 A Member Association shall not use:

20 active Legionnaires + additional Veterans

to evade a competition maximum of twenty Legionnaires.

RULE-136 — Merit Decides Veteran Selection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-62

136.1 WUFO shall not force retirement merely because of age.

136.2 Sporting merit shall determine whether a Legionnaire Veteran continues to be selected.

PART XVII — RELEASE OF AN ACTIVE LEGIONNAIRE SLOT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e)

RULE-137 — Immediate Slot-Release Events

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e)

137.1 An Active Legionnaire Slot shall become immediately available only upon: a. death of the player; b. permanent retirement from professional football; or c. the player reaching thirty-nine (39) years of age. Repeated refusal of call-ups, disciplinary action, termination of a representative commitment or voluntary international retirement before age thirty-nine shall not create an additional immediate-release event except as expressly provided by the next-cycle rule in this Part.

RULE-138 — Voluntary International Retirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e), (f)

138.1 A Legionnaire Player may voluntarily retire from Representative-Team football at any time.

138.2 The retirement shall take effect immediately upon valid registration.

138.3 No Member Association may force the player to continue playing.

RULE-139 — Irrevocable International Retirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(f); STA / ART-62.16

139.1 A voluntary international retirement under this Part shall be irrevocable.

139.2 The player shall not later return as:

a. a Legionnaire Player for the same Member;

b. a Legionnaire Player for another Member; or

c. a Representative-Team player for another Member through an eligibility carousel.

RULE-140 — Voluntary Retirement Before Thirty-Nine

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)–(e)

140.1 Where a Legionnaire Player voluntarily retires internationally before age thirty-nine:

a. the player stops playing immediately; but

b. the Adopting Member Association shall not immediately recover the Active Legionnaire Slot solely because of that voluntary retirement.

RULE-141 — Next Four-Year WUFO Championship Cup Cycle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)

141.1 A slot blocked by voluntary international retirement before age thirty-nine shall become available at the beginning of the next four-year WUFO Championship Cup cycle.

141.2 WUFO shall identify the official cycle dates in its institutional calendar.

RULE-142 — Earlier Independent Release Event

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)

142.1 If, before the next cycle begins, another independent immediate-release event occurs, the slot may be released under that event.

142.2 This includes:

a. death;

b. permanent retirement from professional football; or

c. reaching age thirty-nine.

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RULE-143 — Permanent Professional Retirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)

143.1 Permanent retirement from professional football shall release the Active Legionnaire Slot immediately.

143.2 A false declaration of permanent retirement made to free a slot may constitute an integrity offence.

RULE-144 — No Eligibility Buyout

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9; STA / ART-62.14(e)

144.1 A Member Association shall not buy back an Active Legionnaire Slot from a player.

144.2 Historical idea repositories, drafts and drafting sources from the founding process shall be treated only as non-normative materials for institutional memory and future study.

“Accept this payment, retire internationally and return the slot immediately.”

144.3 Such materials shall not automatically constitute WUFO law, policy, Regulation or institutional commitment.

PART XVIII — POST-ADOPTION CALL-UPS, REFUSALS AND DISCIPLINARY REVIEW

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

RULE-145 — Continuing Representative Commitment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

145.1 A registered Legionnaire Player who has not retired shall remain expected to respond reasonably to legitimate formal call-ups from the Adopting Member Association.

145.2 Legionnaire status is a serious international commitment.

RULE-146 — Formal Call-Up

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

146.1 A refusal shall count toward the post-adoption refusal system only where the call-up:

a. is formal;

b. is validly issued;

c. is deposited through the official WUFO system;

d. concerns legitimate Representative-Team activity; and

e. provides reasonable reporting instructions.

RULE-147 — One Call-Up May Cover More Than One Match

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

147.1 A single formal call-up covering two or more matches shall remain one call-up.

147.2 Refusal of that call-up shall count as one refusal.

147.3 It shall not be multiplied by the number of matches in the window.

RULE-148 — Justified Refusal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

148.1 A refusal shall not be unjustified where credible evidence establishes:

a. injury;

b. medical incapacity;

c. serious family emergency;

d. force majeure;

e. legal or immigration impossibility; or

f. another legitimate serious cause.

RULE-149 — No Artificial Refusals

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

149.1 An Adopting Member shall not manufacture refusals through abusive or impossible call-ups.

149.2 An invalid call-up shall not enter the refusal counter.

RULE-150 — Refusal Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

150.1 The Portal shall maintain the formal refusal record.

150.2 Each recorded refusal shall identify:

a. call-up;

b. date;

c. player response;

d. claimed justification where applicable; and

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e. final classification.

RULE-151 - Repeated Unjustified Refusals

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13-62.14

151.1 Repeated unjustified formal call-up refusals may constitute sporting or disciplinary misconduct and may trigger review under the applicable WUFO procedures. No fixed number of refusals automatically terminates Legionnaire status or releases an Active Legionnaire Slot.

RULE-152 - No Automatic Termination or Slot Release

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13-62.14

152.1 The Portal shall record formal refusals but shall not automatically terminate the player, mark a fixed refusal threshold as termination-eligible, or release an Active Legionnaire Slot.

RULE-153 - Disciplinary Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13-62.14; STA / ART-124-125

153.1 Where repeated unjustified refusals are serious, the competent body may open a disciplinary or eligibility review.

153.2 The player shall receive notice.

RULE-154 - Right to Be Heard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13-62.14; STA / ART-124-125

154.1 Before any adverse determination, the player shall receive a reasonable opportunity to explain whether one or more refusals were justified.

RULE-155 - Consequences Do Not Release the Slot

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)-(f)

155.1 Any lawful disciplinary or representative-team consequence arising from refusals shall not, by itself, release an occupied Active Legionnaire Slot. Slot release is governed exclusively by Part XVII.

RULE-156 - Veteran Refusals

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(d)-(f)

156.1 A Legionnaire Veteran remains subject to legitimate call-up and disciplinary rules while continuing to participate in Representative-Team football.

156.2 A Veteran no longer occupies an Active Legionnaire Slot.

PART XIX - NO CAROUSEL AFTER ADOPTION OR TERMINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.14(f); STA / ART-62.16

RULE-157 - Discipline Does Not Create a Free International Agent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(f)

157.1 A Legionnaire subject to disciplinary restriction or termination of a representative commitment shall not thereby become a free international player for another Representative Team.

RULE-158 - No Third Representative Team Through Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(f); STA / ART-62.16

158.1 A player shall not manufacture or use misconduct or repeated refusals as a route to another Member Association.

RULE-159 — No Temporary Representative Contracts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.16

159.1 Legionnaire representation shall not operate as a one-season or short-term Representative-Team contract.

159.2 The choice is a career-level sporting decision.

RULE-160 — No New Five-Match Trial

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11; STA / ART-62.14(f)

160.1 The Adopting Member Association does not receive five provisional matches.

160.2 The player does not receive five provisional matches.

160.3 First valid official debut after adoption creates definitive closure.

PART XX — LEGIONNAIRE RECRUITMENT, SCOUTING AND INTERMEDIARIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-62.7–62.9

RULE-161 — Association Scouting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.9

161.1 A Member Association may maintain its own Legionnaire scouting operation.

161.2 It may identify players in any lawful football market.

RULE-162 — Permitted Professional Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-62

162.1 A Member Association may employ or contract:

a. scouts;

b. analysts;

c. data firms;

d. researchers; and

e. ordinary professional consultants

to identify potential players.

RULE-163 — Fixed Professional Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-62.8–62.9

163.1 Persons working for the Member Association may receive an ordinary:

a. salary; or

b. fixed professional fee

for legitimate scouting or research services.

RULE-164 — No Success Fee for Placing a Legionnaire

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-62.8–62.9

164.1 A Member Association shall not pay a person:

a. commission;

b. percentage;

c. finder’s fee;

d. success fee; or

e. another contingent benefit

because a particular player becomes registered as a Legionnaire.

RULE-165 — Promoters and Recruitment Intermediaries Excluded

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-62.8–62.9

165.1 Promoters and paid recruitment intermediaries shall not operate as brokers selling players to Representative Teams.

165.2 No person may charge a Member Association for “placing” a player in its Representative Team.

RULE-166 — No Representative-Team Transfer Fee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9; STA / ART-62.16

166.1 There shall be no Representative-Team transfer fee.

166.2 A player’s international representation shall not be sold like a club registration.

RULE-167 — Player’s Personal Representative

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-62

167.1 A player may retain a personal representative.

167.2 The representative may:

a. advise the player;

b. communicate on the player’s behalf;

c. review sporting and economic terms; and

d. protect the player’s legitimate interests.

RULE-168 — Representative Acts for the Player

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-62

168.1 The player’s representative acts for the player.

168.2 The representative shall not simultaneously act as the Interested Member Association’s paid recruitment intermediary in the same Legionnaire procedure.

RULE-169 — No Payment by Interested Member to Player Representative

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-62.8–62.9

169.1 The Interested Member Association shall not secretly or directly pay the player’s personal representative for producing the Legionnaire registration.

169.2 The representative’s legitimate compensation shall arise from the representative’s relationship with the player.

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RULE-170 — No Mandatory Private Lawyer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13

170.1 WUFO shall not require every Legionnaire candidate to hire a private lawyer.

170.2 A player may obtain independent legal advice if desired.

170.3 The absence of a private lawyer shall not invalidate a properly informed personal confirmation.

PART XXI — ECONOMIC TERMS WITH THE PLAYER

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.8–62.9

RULE-171 — Ordinary Representative-Team Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9

171.1 A validly eligible player may receive ordinary lawful Representative-Team compensation.

171.2 This may include:

a. travel;

b. accommodation;

c. per diem;

d. match bonus;

e. tournament bonus;

f. performance bonus; and

g. lawful image-rights or commercial arrangements.

RULE-172 — Economic Terms Do Not Create Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.9

172.1 No economic term shall replace the eligibility process.

172.2 A player shall not become eligible merely because a Member Association offers more money.

RULE-173 — Pre-Procedure Material Benefits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9; STA / ART-120

173.1 When a formal Legionnaire file is opened, material benefits previously promised or provided by the Interested Member Association in connection with future Representative- Team recruitment shall be disclosed where required.

173.2 Such benefits may include:

a. cash;

b. vehicle;

c. housing;

d. extraordinary travel;

e. employment; or

f. another material private benefit.

RULE-174 — Ordinary Recruitment Hospitality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9

174.1 Reasonable hospitality or travel genuinely necessary for a player to understand the sporting project shall not automatically constitute corruption.

174.2 Material arrangements shall remain transparent.

RULE-175 — No Secret Side Deal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9; STA / ART-120

175.1 No Member Association, player, representative or third party shall conceal a material side agreement intended to purchase eligibility or evade this Regulation.

PART XXII — CURRENT CLUB AND CLUB RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-59–60; STA / ART-62

RULE-176 — Current Club Has No Eligibility Veto

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60; STA / ART-62

176.1 The player’s current club shall not possess a veto over the player’s Representative- Team eligibility.

176.2 The club shall not approve or reject the Legionnaire adoption.

RULE-177 — Club Contract Continues

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60; STA / ART-62

177.1 Legionnaire registration shall not transfer the player’s club employment contract.

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177.2 The current club remains the player's club employer according to the applicable club contract.

RULE-178 — No Payment to Current Club for Permission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60; STA / ART-62.8–62.9

178.1 The current club shall not demand a payment merely for permitting the player to represent an Adopting Member Association.

178.2 No Member Association shall pay a disguised Representative-Team transfer fee to the club.

RULE-179 — Club Notification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-60; STA / ART-62

179.1 The player's current club may receive appropriate information concerning a completed or active international representation process where reasonably necessary for:

a. international release;

b. scheduling;

c. insurance; and

d. player welfare.

179.2 Notification does not create approval authority.

RULE-180 — Club Release Benefit Is Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-62

180.1 Any Club Release Benefit payable when a player is called to Representative-Team duty shall be legally separate from the Legionnaire adoption compensation.

180.2 The current club may receive a lawful release benefit because it loses the player's services during international duty.

180.3 It shall not receive a sale price for the player's Representative-Team identity.

RULE-181 — Insurance and Player Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-62

181.1 Applicable international injury and insurance protections shall apply to a Legionnaire Player in the same manner as to other eligible Representative-Team players.

PART XXIII — STANDARD LEGIONNAIRE COMPENSATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

RULE-182 — Fixed Total Amount

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

182.1 Every effective Legionnaire incorporation shall carry one standard regulatory compensation package of:

USD 30,000 total.

182.2 The amount shall be identical regardless of:

a. player market value;

b. player salary;

c. Member Association wealth;

d. player fame; or

e. number of AOEs.

RULE-183 — Three Components

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

183.1 The USD 30,000 total shall consist of:

a. USD 20,000 — Formation Compensation;

b. USD 5,000 — Ordinary Eligibility Associations Compensation; and

c. USD 5,000 — WUFOdministration / Registration.

183.2 The three components shall total:

USD 20,000 + USD 5,000 + USD 5,000 = USD 30,000.

RULE-184 — One Fixed Cost

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.15

184.1 The Legionnaire incorporation shall cost USD 30,000 whether the player has:

a. one AOE;

b. two AOEs;

c. four AOEs; or

d. another number of verified AOEs.

184.2 Multiple Ordinary Eligibilities shall not multiply the total cost.

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RULE-185 — Payment Only for Effective Legionnaire Incorporation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

185.1 The standard USD 30,000 compensation shall become due when the player proceeds to effective Legionnaire incorporation.

185.2 Opening a file alone shall not trigger the complete compensation package.

185.3 If the player ultimately chooses an AOE through Ordinary Eligibility, no Legionnaire incorporation compensation shall be payable.

RULE-186 — Central Settlement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-126–132

186.1 The USD 30,000 shall be settled through the authorised WUFO financial mechanism.

186.2 The Interested Member Association shall not negotiate separate payment amounts with:

a. AOEs;

b. formation clubs; or

c. the Registrar.

RULE-187 — Compensation Does Not Buy Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9

187.1 Payment of USD 30,000 shall not create eligibility where the sporting requirements have not been satisfied.

187.2 The money is a consequence of valid incorporation.

187.3 It is not the legal cause of eligibility.

PART XXIV — USD 20,000 FORMATION COMPENSATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

RULE-188 — Fixed Formation Pool

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

188.1 Each effective Legionnaire incorporation shall create a fixed USD 20,000 Formation Compensation pool.

188.2 The pool shall not vary according to the player’s market value.

RULE-189 — Beginning of the Formation Window

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

189.1 The earliest age considered for the Legionnaire Formation Compensation shall be the player’s twelfth birthday.

189.2 WUFO shall not invent formation before the player actually participated in organised football.

RULE-190 — End of the Formation Window

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

190.1 The Formation Compensation window shall end when the player first becomes professionally registered or enters the player’s first professional football contract, whichever event is the relevant verified professionalisation point under the applicable records.

190.2 Football activity after that point shall not generate Formation Compensation under the Legionnaire system.

RULE-191 — Actual Pre-Professional Training Only

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

191.1 Only clubs that actually trained the player during the qualifying pre-professional period shall participate in the USD 20,000 pool.

191.2 A club shall not receive money merely because it later employed the player professionally.

RULE-192 — Same Club Before and After Professionalisation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

192.1 Where the same club trained the player before professionalisation and employed the player afterward:

a. the verified pre-professional period counts;

b. the professional period does not.

RULE-193 — Proportional Distribution by Training Time

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

193.1 Where two or more eligible clubs formed the player, the USD 20,000 pool shall be distributed proportionally according to verified pre-professional training time.

193.2 The operational system should use actual months of registration where reliable records are available.

RULE-194 — One Formation Club

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

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194.1 If only one qualifying pre-professional formation club is verified, that club shall receive the full USD 20,000 Formation Compensation.

194.2 The pool shall not be reduced merely because the player began organised football later than age twelve.

RULE-195 — No Hypothetical Training Years

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

195.1 WUFO shall not fabricate unrecorded training years from age twelve merely to fill a theoretical calendar.

195.2 The USD 20,000 is distributed among the clubs that actually formed the player.

RULE-196 — Current Club May Also Be a Formation Club

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

196.1 A current club may receive part of the Formation Compensation only if it also genuinely trained the player during the qualifying pre-professional period.

196.2 It shall receive nothing merely because it is the current employer.

RULE-197 — Formation Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

197.1 WUFO shall use reliable registration history to determine the qualifying clubs and periods.

197.2 The player, clubs and relevant Member Associations may be asked to correct material record errors.

PART XXV — USD 5,000 ORDINARY ELIGIBILITY ASSOCIATIONS COMPENSATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.4; STA / ART-62.12–62.14

RULE-198 — Fixed AOE Pool

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

198.1 Every effective Legionnaire incorporation shall create one fixed USD 5,000 Ordinary Eligibility Associations Compensation pool.

198.2 It is a total pool.

198.3 It is not USD 5,000 per AOE.

RULE-199 — Equal Distribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

199.1 The USD 5,000 pool shall be divided in equal shares among all AOEs verified in the file before completion of the Legionnaire incorporation.

RULE-200 — One AOE

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

200.1 Where there is one verified AOE:

USD 5,000 ÷ 1 = USD 5,000 to that AOE.

RULE-201 — Four AOEs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

201.1 Where there are four verified AOEs:

USD 5,000 ÷ 4 = USD 1,250 to each AOE.

RULE-202 — Ten AOEs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

202.1 Where there are ten verified AOEs:

USD 5,000 ÷ 10 = USD 500 to each AOE.

RULE-203 — No Ranking of Identities for Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.3–62.4; STA / ART-62.12

203.1 WUFO shall not increase one AOE’s compensation because it considers that identity more important than another.

203.2 Verified AOEs share the fixed pool equally.

RULE-204 — Released AOE Still Participates in the Pool

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

204.1 A verified AOE that gave early Release — No Objection shall remain part of the USD 5,000 compensation pool if the Legionnaire incorporation is completed.

RULE-205 — Later AOE Found Before Completion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

205.1 An AOE discovered and verified before final Legionnaire incorporation shall be included in the equal division.

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205.2 The total AOE pool shall remain USD 5,000.

RULE-206 — AOE Found After Definitive Closure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

206.1 An Ordinary Eligibility discovered after WUFO certification and official debut shall not:

a. reopen the adoption;

b. reopen the compensation distribution; or

c. create a retroactive payment,

unless the original proceeding is invalidated for serious fraud or corruption.

RULE-207 — Compensation Is Not Notice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

207.1 Receipt of the AOE compensation shall not be the legal method of notification.

207.2 Portal notice is the official notification.

207.3 The compensation provides an additional institutional record that the AOE participated in the completed procedure.

PART XXVI — USD 5,000 WUFODMINISTRATION / REGISTRATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-126–132

RULE-208 — WUFO Component

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

208.1 WUFO shall receive USD 5,000 from each effective Legionnaire incorporation as the WUFOdministration / Registration component.

RULE-209 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

209.1 The WUFO component supports administration of the worldwide eligibility system, including:

a. Portal operation;

b. registration;

c. records;

d. verification;

e. neutral Registrar costs; and

f. related institutional administration.

209.2 WUFO shall remain responsible for contracting the neutral Registrar centrally.

RULE-210 — No Additional Negotiated WUFO Price

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.15

210.1 WUFO shall not charge a richer Member Association more for the same Legionnaire incorporation merely because it can afford to pay more.

PART XXVII — FALSE INFORMATION, OMISSIONS AND FRAUD

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-120–125

RULE-211 — Innocent Omission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13

211.1 An innocent omission shall not automatically constitute fraud.

211.2 A player is required to provide facts truthfully to the best of the player’s knowledge and belief.

RULE-212 — Administrative Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13

212.1 An administrative or clerical error shall normally be corrected.

212.2 Correction shall not automatically create a disciplinary case.

RULE-213 — WUFO or Registrar Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

213.1 A player shall not automatically be punished because WUFO or the Registrar made an administrative error that the player did not knowingly cause.

RULE-214 — Deliberate Concealment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-120–125

214.1 Deliberate concealment requires credible evidence that the person:

a. knew a material fact; and

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b. consciously concealed or falsified that fact for the purpose of altering the eligibility procedure.

RULE-215 — False Identity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

215.1 Deliberate use of false identity information is a serious eligibility-integrity matter.

RULE-216 — Forged Documents

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-120–125

216.1 Deliberate submission of forged eligibility documents may result in:

a. correction or invalidation of the eligibility decision; and

b. independent disciplinary proceedings.

RULE-217 — Concealed AOE

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

217.1 Deliberate concealment of a known AOE for the purpose of distorting Ordinary Eligibility, Primary Connection determination, compensation or the protected Legionnaire procedure may constitute serious misconduct.

217.2 Innocent failure to know that a distant connection created Ordinary Eligibility shall not automatically constitute concealment.

RULE-218 — Bribery of Eligibility Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9; STA / ART-120–125

218.1 No person shall offer or accept a bribe to:

a. approve eligibility;

b. suppress an AOE;

c. alter an appearance count;

d. fabricate a Release — No Objection;

e. alter a refusal record; or

f. change a Portal record.

PART XXVIII — COMPETING CLAIMS AND INDEPENDENT ADJUDICATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.12; STA / ART-62.14(g)

RULE-219 — Competing Claim

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12; STA / ART-62.14(g)

219.1 A genuine competing claim shall be resolved through the common WUFO eligibility process.

219.2 No affected Member Association shall decide the dispute unilaterally for WUFO.

RULE-220 — Matters That May Be Disputed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(a)–(g)

220.1 A dispute may concern:

a. Ordinary Eligibility;

b. Primary Connection;

c. identification of an AOE;

d. senior appearance count;

e. validity of a Release — No Objection;

f. reasonable availability;

g. alleged fraud;

h. refusal classification; or

i. another material eligibility issue.

RULE-221 — Notice and Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-124

221.1 An affected player or Member Association shall receive reasonable notice of a material adverse claim.

221.2 It shall receive a reasonable opportunity to respond.

RULE-222 — Registrar Does Not Adjudicate Serious Disputes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

222.1 The neutral Registrar shall refer serious contested legal questions to the competent independent WUFO eligibility adjudication body.

RULE-223 — Independent Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(g); STA / ART-124–125

223.1 A serious eligibility dispute shall be decided independently.

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223.2 The decision-maker shall not act as representative of:

a. the Interested Member;

b. an AOE;

c. the player; or

d. another interested party.

RULE-224 — Reasoned Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(g)

224.1 A material eligibility decision shall state the principal reasons.

RULE-225 — Expedited Procedure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(g)

225.1 An eligibility dispute may be expedited where a competition registration deadline is approaching.

225.2 Expedition shall not eliminate basic due process.

RULE-226 — No Provisional Legionnaire Debut During Material Dispute

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

226.1 A player shall not make a Legionnaire debut while a material unresolved dispute exists concerning substantive eligibility.

226.2 Competition urgency shall not create eligibility.

PART XXIX — PUBLIC REGISTER, PRIVATE FILE AND TRANSPARENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-139–143

RULE-227 — Two Information Layers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-132; STA / ART-139–143

227.1 The WUFO eligibility system shall maintain:

a. a private legal and administrative file; and

b. a public institutional information layer.

RULE-228 — Private File

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-132

228.1 The private file may contain:

a. identity documents;

b. citizenship documents;

c. family records;

d. residence evidence;

e. agreements;

f. financial disclosures;

g. medical justification where relevant; and

h. other confidential material.

228.2 Private material shall not be published unnecessarily.

RULE-229 — Public Eligibility Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-139–143

229.1 WUFO may publicly record non-sensitive institutional facts including:

a. player name;

b. age;

c. current club;

d. playing position;

e. identified AOEs;

f. Interested Member Association;

g. date of formal opening;

h. priority-period expiration date; and

i. current procedural status.

RULE-230 — Official Status Labels

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

230.1 The official system may use status labels including:

FORMALLY NOTIFIED PLAYER CONFIRMED ORDINARY ELIGIBILITY ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED PRIORITY PERIOD ACTIVE RELEASE — NO OBJECTION ELIGIBLE FOR LEGIONNAIRE REGISTRATION LEGIONNAIRE REGISTERED

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230.2 Status labels shall correspond to verified institutional facts.

RULE-231 — No Official Gossip

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13; STA / ART-140

231.1 WUFO shall distinguish between:

a. verified official procedural facts; and

b. rumours, scouting speculation or media reports.

231.2 The official Register shall not present unverified gossip as a formal eligibility proceeding.

RULE-232 — Public Notice Supports Legal Certainty

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14; STA / ART-139–143

232.1 Public institutional recording may provide additional evidence that a formal proceeding existed.

232.2 The legal service of notice remains governed by the official Portal.

RULE-233 — Closed File

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

233.1 A completed file shall preserve its historical status.

233.2 The record shall not disappear merely because the player later retires.

RULE-234 — Personal Data Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-132; STA / ART-139–143

234.1 Public transparency shall not require publication of:

a. home address;

b. passport number;

c. private salary;

d. medical records; or

e. other unnecessary sensitive personal information.

PART XXX — RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62

RULE-235 — Interested Member Association Responsibilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.15

235.1 The Interested Member Association shall:

a. use the Universal Form

b. provide accurate information

c. respect the Primary Connection priority period

d. avoid prohibited recruitment commissions

e. disclose required material benefits

f. pay the standard compensation when incorporation becomes effective; and g. respect the player’s final personal decision.

RULE-236 — AOE Responsibilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

236.1 An AOE shall:

a. receive notices through its official Portal account;

b. provide accurate senior appearance information where requested;

c. use only genuine sporting call-ups;

d. avoid artificial obstruction; and

e. submit any serious legal objection through the official process.

RULE-237 — Player Responsibilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

237.1 The player shall:

a. provide factual information truthfully to the best of the player’s knowledge;

b. personally confirm the procedure;

c. disclose known prior senior representation;

d. remain reasonably available during the protected period if seeking the Legionnaire route; and

e. comply honestly with the final choice.

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RULE-238 — No Private Waiver

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13

238.1 The player and Member Associations shall not privately waive mandatory WUFO eligibility protections.

PART XXXI — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62

RULE-239 — Coordination with REG-1

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2–3; STA / ART-62

239.1 REG-1 shall govern official Member Association identity and territorial administration.

239.2 REG-10 shall use those official records when determining Representative-Team jurisdiction.

RULE-240 — Coordination with REG-7

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-62

240.1 REG-7 shall govern international calendar, player welfare, rest and workload.

240.2 Legionnaire status shall not reduce player-welfare protections.

RULE-241 — Coordination with REG-9

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-59–62

241.1 REG-9 shall govern ordinary Agent regulation and international club transfers.

241.2 REG-10 shall govern the special prohibition on paid Legionnaire recruitment intermediaries.

241.3 A club transfer does not create Representative-Team eligibility.

RULE-242 — Coordination with REG-14

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62; STA / ART-67–69

242.1 REG-14 shall govern the WUFO Championship Cup 2035+ competition and squad administration.

242.2 REG-10 shall govern whether a squad member is:

a. ordinarily eligible;

b. an active Legionnaire; or

c. a Legionnaire Veteran.

RULE-243 — Coordination with REG-18

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62; STA / ART-90–98

243.1 REG-18 shall govern World League competition operation.

243.2 Representative-Team player eligibility remains governed by REG-10.

RULE-244 — Coordination with REG-20

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62; STA / ART-99–103

244.1 REG-20 shall govern Women’s, Youth, Futsal and Beach world competition formats.

244.2 Representative-Team eligibility remains subject to REG-10 where applicable.

RULE-245 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.14; STA / ART-120–125

245.1 REG-22 shall govern serious integrity and disciplinary consequences involving:

a. bribery;

b. corruption;

c. forged documents;

d. deliberate eligibility fraud; and

e. institutional misconduct.

245.2 REG-10 shall govern substantive eligibility and procedural administration.

RULE-246 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14; STA / ART-126–132

246.1 REG-24 shall govern accounting, audit and financial control of the WUFO compensation mechanism.

246.2 REG-10 establishes the substantive USD 30,000 compensation formula.

RULE-247 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

247.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. final document codes;

b. version control;

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c. publication;

d. Portal-document standards; and

e. permanent institutional archives.

PART XXXII — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

RULE-248 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

248.1 Implementation of this Regulation may use lower instruments including:

a. FOR — Universal Legionnaire Application;

b. FOR — Player Personal Confirmation;

c. FOR — Ordinary Eligibility Factual Declaration;

d. FOR — Release — No Objection;

e. FOR — Ordinary Change of Association;

f. FOR — Material Recruitment Benefits Disclosure;

g. FOR — International Retirement;

h. FOR — Legionnaire Formation Record;

i. FOR — Call-Up Refusal Record;

j. PRO — Ordinary Eligibility Verification;

k. PRO — Legionnaire Application and Registration;

l. PRO — Associations of Ordinary Eligibility Identification;

m. PRO — Twelve-Month Priority Administration;

n. PRO — Senior Appearance Verification;

o. PRO — Player Availability Review;

p. PRO — Formation Compensation Distribution;

q. PRO — Ordinary Eligibility Associations Compensation Distribution;

r. PRO — Repeated Unjustified Call-Up Refusal Review;

s. PRO — Eligibility Dispute and Expedited Review;

t. MAN — WUFO Official Eligibility and International Representation Portal;

u. MAN — Representative-Team Eligibility Register; and

v. other lower instruments authorised through the WUFO normative system.

248.2 Lower instruments shall administer this Regulation.

248.3 They shall not rewrite its substantive rules.

PART XXXIII — FINAL ANTI- CIRCUMVENTION SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.8–62.16

RULE-249 — No Citizenship Shortcut

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.3; STA / ART-62.8–62.9

249.1 A Member Association shall not avoid its Legionnaire slots merely by obtaining expedited civil nationality for a player who lacks a genuine Ordinary Eligibility connection.

RULE-250 — No Club-Contract Shortcut

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-60; STA / ART-62

250.1 A Member Association shall not claim that a player became ordinarily eligible merely because the player signed for a domestic club.

RULE-251 — No Age Shortcut

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.14

251.1 No official Legionnaire file shall open before age twenty-five.

251.2 No pre-twenty-five agreement shall be backdated to create an earlier priority period.

RULE-252 — No Twenty-First Active Player

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e); STA / ART-62.15

252.1 No Manual, Portal configuration, special dispensation or private agreement shall permit a twenty-first Active Legionnaire Player.

RULE-253 — No Veteran Loophole

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)

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253.1 Legionnaire Veterans shall remain Legionnaires for competition-squad limits.

253.2 Veteran status shall not create an unlimited additional foreign-player pool.

RULE-254 — No Retirement Rotation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(e)–(f)

254.1 A Member Association shall not use voluntary international retirement as a rapid rosterrotation mechanism.

254.2 Before age thirty-nine, voluntary retirement does not by itself provide an immediate replacement slot.

RULE-255 — No Paid Retirement for Immediate Slot

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.9; STA / ART-62.14(e)

255.1 No Member Association shall pay a player to surrender an Active Legionnaire Slot for immediate reuse.

RULE-256 — No Call-Up Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

256.1 An AOE shall not fabricate call-ups to obstruct the player.

256.2 A player shall not fabricate unavailability to obstruct an AOE.

256.3 The system protects both sides.

RULE-257 — No Five-Match Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

257.1 Five actual senior appearances shall not be replaced by:

a. five invitations;

b. five bench listings;

c. five training camps; or

d. five youth matches.

RULE-258 — No Private Price for AOE Release

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8–62.14

258.1 An AOE shall not demand a higher private payment for releasing a famous player.

258.2 The fixed AOE compensation pool remains USD 5,000 total.

RULE-259 — No Market-Value Formation Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

259.1 Formation Compensation shall remain USD 20,000 regardless of whether the player’s club-market value is:

a. USD 50,000;

b. USD 5 million; or

c. USD 100 million.

259.2 Representative adoption is not a club transfer.

PART XXXIV — INTERPRETATION AND GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62.1–62.16

RULE-260 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.1–62.16

260.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. genuine Ordinary Eligibility

b. player freedom

c. Representative-Team identity

d. a genuine second international opportunity

e. reasonable priority for the Primary Connection Association

f. preservation of other genuine Ordinary Eligibilities

g. small-Member competitive opportunity

h. equal rules for rich and poor Members

i. the integrity of the twenty-slot limit

j. transparent administration

k. legitimate formation recognition; and l. finality after a valid international choice.

RULE-261 — Ordinary Eligibility and Legionnaire Eligibility Are Different

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.3–62.14

261.1 A player possessing valid Ordinary Eligibility for the chosen Member Association shall use the Ordinary Eligibility route.

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261.2 Such a player shall not consume a Legionnaire slot merely because the player was born elsewhere.

RULE-262 — Legionnaire Route Is Exceptional but Legitimate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.8

262.1 Legionnaire status is a lawful WUFO eligibility route.

262.2 A validly registered Legionnaire Player shall not be treated as an illegitimate or inferior member of the Representative Team.

RULE-263 — Same Sporting Rights After Registration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.5–62.15

263.1 Once validly eligible, a Legionnaire Player may receive the same ordinary sporting consideration as another eligible player.

263.2 Selection shall be based on sporting judgment.

RULE-264 — No Obligation to Select Twenty Legionnaires

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.15

264.1 Twenty is a maximum.

264.2 It is not a target.

264.3 A Member Association may build its Representative Team entirely through Ordinary Eligibility.

RULE-265 — No Obligation to Use an Available Slot

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.15

265.1 An unused Active Legionnaire Slot may remain unused indefinitely.

265.2 WUFO shall not pressure a Member Association to fill it for commercial purposes.

RULE-266 — One Player — One Final Representative Choice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.14(f); STA / ART-62.16

266.1 The system shall provide mobility before final consolidation.

266.2 It shall provide finality afterward.

266.3 It shall not provide endless mobility.

RULE-267 — Five Matches Protect Real Use

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.11–62.14

267.1 The five-match threshold protects a Member Association that genuinely uses a player.

267.2 It does not protect an Association merely because it once placed the player on a list.

RULE-268 — Twelve Months Protect Opportunity, Not Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

268.1 The twelve-month period gives the Primary Connection Association a genuine chance to exercise its protected priority in relation to the player.

268.2 It does not give that Association permanent ownership of the player’s international career.

RULE-269 — Twenty Slots Protect Representative Identity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.8; STA / ART-62.14(e)

269.1 The twenty-slot limit permits controlled international adoption.

269.2 It prevents the system from becoming unlimited club football with Representative- Team shirts.

RULE-270 — Formation Compensation Recognises Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.14

270.1 The USD 20,000 Formation Compensation recognises the clubs that developed the player before professionalisation.

270.2 It does not purchase the player.

RULE-271 — AOE Compensation Recognises Ordinary Eligibility Interests

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.12–62.14

271.1 The fixed USD 5,000 AOE pool recognises the Ordinary Eligibility Associations included in the completed process and is separate from the exclusive Primary Connection priority.

271.2 It does not create or purchase their consent.

RULE-272 — WUFO Fee Pays for the Common System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

272.1 The USD 5,000 WUFO component supports one transparent worldwide administrative structure.

272.2 The same system shall serve large and small Members.

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RULE-273 — Bad Scouting Is Not a Legal Escape

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.7–62.9; STA / ART-62.14(e)

273.1 A Member Association that uses one of its twenty slots shall accept the sporting risk of that decision.

273.2 It shall not discard a player and immediately recycle the slot merely because another candidate later looks better.

RULE-274 — Standardisation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.13–62.14

274.1 The governing administrative principle shall be:

One worldwide rule. One worldwide procedure. One Universal Form. One official Portal. No private agreement changes eligibility.

RULE-275 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62.3–62.16

275.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

A genuine Ordinary Eligibility connection remains the normal route into a Representative Team.

Five senior matches actually played create the binding threshold. A call-up does not. A bench appearance does not. A youth match does not.

A player with zero to four senior appearances may receive a genuine second opportunity under the applicable Rules.

The Legionnaire procedure may formally begin from age twenty-five.

Before twenty-five, scouting may occur. Sporting eligibility does not.

The Primary Connection Association receives exclusive protected priority within one maximum twelve-month period; other AOEs retain their Ordinary Eligibility status and any express compensation rights.

There is one Primary Connection twelve-month clock. Other AOEs do not receive additional or sequential Legionnaire-priority clocks.

The Primary Connection Association may release the player or expressly decline priority early. Valid early release or non-exercise ends the waiting period immediately.

The player must remain reasonably available if the player wants to benefit from the exceptional Legionnaire route.

The player cannot manufacture zero to four appearances by deliberately preventing the Primary Connection Association from exercising its legitimate opportunity.

No Member Association may have more than twenty Active Legionnaire Slots.

Twenty registered active Legionnaires is the absolute simultaneous maximum.

World League may use all twenty in a twenty-player call-up.

A thirty-player WUFO Championship Cup squad may contain no more than twenty Legionnaires and therefore contains at least ten Ordinary Eligibility players.

There is no artificial starting-eleven quota.

At thirty-nine, a Legionnaire stops occupying an Active Legionnaire Slot but may continue playing as a Legionnaire Veteran. Every Legionnaire Veteran still counts toward the competition-squad Legionnaire limit. A player may retire internationally whenever the player wishes. The retirement is irrevocable. Voluntary international retirement before thirty-nine does not create an immediate revolving-door replacement slot. The slot normally returns at the beginning of the next four-year WUFO Championship Cup cycle. Death, permanent retirement from professional football and age thirty-nine are the only immediate slot-release events. One formal call-up covering two matches is one call-up, not two. Repeated unjustified formal call-up refusals may trigger disciplinary or eligibility review with notice and a right to be heard, but no fixed number automatically terminates Legionnaire status or releases an Active Legionnaire Slot. Any lawful disciplinary or representative consequence arising from refusals does not, by itself, release the Active Legionnaire Slot; release is governed exclusively by the objective slot-release rules. Any termination or cessation does not make the player a free international agent for another Representative Team. There is no Representative-Team carousel.

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WUFO certification plus first official senior debut for the Adopting Member Association closes the adoption definitively.

A later-discovered ordinary eligibility does not reopen a valid completed adoption unless the original process involved serious fraud, false identity or corruption.

Promoters and paid recruitment intermediaries do not sell players to Representative Teams.

Member Associations may employ scouts and data professionals. They may not pay success fees for placing Legionnaire Players.

The player may have a personal representative or lawyer. The decision remains the player’s.

The current club does not sell, approve or veto the player’s Representative-Team identity.

The standard Legionnaire incorporation cost is USD 30,000.

USD 20,000 goes to Formation Compensation.

USD 5,000 is the fixed total pool for the verified Associations of Ordinary Eligibility and is divided equally among them.

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USD 5,000 goes to WUFOdministration / Registration.

The total remains USD 30,000 whether the player has one Ordinary Eligibility Association or ten.

Formation Compensation belongs only to actual pre-professional formation from age twelve until first professionalisation and is divided by verified formation time.

The current professional club receives no transfer fee merely because the player becomes a Legionnaire.

Money does not create Representative-Team eligibility.

A passport obtained for football convenience does not automatically create Ordinary Eligibility.

Representative football is not a player market. Eligibility must follow common sporting rules.

REG-10 — REPRESENTATIVE-TEAM PLAYER ELIGIBILITY & LEGIONNAIRES

CORRECTED, COMPLETE AND CONSOLIDATED VERSION — RULE-1 TO RULE-275

REG-11 — COMMERCIAL TRANSITION & RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL CATEGORIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-59; STA / ART-82; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111; STA / ART-120; STA / ART-126–132

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO framework governing:

a. the ten-year Betting Commercial Transition;

b. the ten-year Cryptoasset Commercial Transition;

c. the ten-year Arms Commercial Transition;

d. registration of covered existing commercial relationships;

e. progressive reduction of commercial dependence;

f. permitted renewal and replacement during the early transition;

g. youth and child-facing commercial protections;

h. progressive removal from principal football assets;

i. final termination of covered commercial relationships;

j. permanent post-transition restrictions;

k. prohibited sporting or institutional influence;

l. disclosure and transparency;

m. anti-circumvention;

n. commercial-transition compliance; and

o. coordination with WUFO integrity and commercial-rights Regulations.

1.2 The purpose of the transition is to permit football bodies to replace inherited commercial income without causing unnecessary financial shock.

1.3 The transition is not permission to create permanent dependence on the covered industries.

RULE-2 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

2.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

2.2 Where this Regulation conflicts with the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.

2.3 No lower instrument may:

a. extend the ten-year transition;

b. restart the transition clock;

c. permit a covered contract to survive beyond the final transition date;

d. allow a covered commercial partner to influence football;

e. convert an ordinary technology, banking or payment service into a prohibited cryptoasset relationship merely because it uses digital technology; or

f. regulate lawful private betting activity outside WUFO football merely through this Regulation.

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RULE-3 — Three Restricted Commercial Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.1; STA / ART-64.1

3.1 This Regulation shall govern three Restricted Commercial Categories:

a. Betting;

b. Covered Cryptoasset Activities; and

c. Covered Arms-Industry Activities.

3.2 The three categories share the same ten-year transition architecture unless this Regulation expressly provides otherwise.

RULE-4 — One Transition — One Final Direction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.1–63.3; STA / ART-64.1–64.4

4.1 The ten-year period exists to protect football stability during commercial replacement.

4.2 It shall not create a permanent right to covered commercial income.

4.3 The final direction shall remain withdrawal from the Restricted Commercial Categories.

RULE-5 — Commercial Restriction Is Not a Judgment on Every Individual

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63; STA / ART-64

5.1 This Regulation governs the commercial relationship between WUFO football and specified industries.

5.2 It shall not be interpreted as declaring every person employed by or lawfully participating in those industries personally unethical.

5.3 WUFO may determine that a lawful industry is nevertheless unsuitable as a long-term source of football commercial dependence.

RULE-6 — Lawful Activity Outside Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.11–63.12; STA / ART-64.4

6.1 Nothing in REG-11 gives WUFO general authority to prohibit lawful private economic activity outside football.

6.2 In particular, REG-11 does not prohibit an adult from lawfully betting outside WUFO football.

6.3 Participant betting restrictions arising from competition integrity shall be governed principally by REG-22.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64

RULE-7 — Covered Commercial Relationship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.4–63.10; STA / ART-64.4–64.12

7.1 A Covered Commercial Relationship is a sponsorship, advertising, naming-rights, promotional, licensing, endorsement or comparable commercial association involving a Restricted Commercial Category and a football body subject to this Regulation.

7.2 A Covered Commercial Relationship may be direct or indirect.

RULE-8 — Football Body

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.8–63.9; STA / ART-64.6

8.1 For purposes of this Regulation, a Football Body may include:

a. WUFO Central;

b. a Historical Confederation;

c. a recognised subregional football body where applicable;

d. a Member Association;

e. a league;

f. a club;

g. a WUFO competition organiser; or

h. another football entity subject to WUFO commercial jurisdiction.

RULE-9 — Betting Operator

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63; STA / ART-120

9.1 A Betting Operator is a person or entity whose material business includes accepting, arranging, facilitating or commercially operating wagers on sporting or other events.

9.2 The definition includes:

a. sportsbook operators;

b. bookmakers;

c. online sports-betting platforms;

d. betting exchanges;

e. betting affiliate businesses where the commercial purpose is principally wagering customer acquisition; and

f. another materially equivalent wagering business.

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RULE-10 — Covered Cryptoasset Activity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.1(a); STA / ART-64.7–64.8

10.1 A Covered Cryptoasset Activity is a commercial activity principally promoting or monetising cryptoassets as an investment, speculative, trading or token-based financial product.

10.2 Covered activities may include:

a. cryptoasset exchanges;

b. retail crypto trading platforms;

c. issuance or promotion of speculative crypto tokens;

d. crypto investment products;

e. crypto yield or staking products marketed as financial returns;

f. leveraged or derivative crypto trading;

g. speculative token or digital-asset offerings;

h. crypto gambling platforms; and

i. another materially comparable cryptoasset investment or speculation activity.

RULE-11 — Ordinary Technology Is Not Automatically Cryptoasset Activity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.8

11.1 A company shall not become a Covered Cryptoasset Business merely because it uses:

a. blockchain;

b. distributed-ledger technology;

c. cryptographic security;

d. digital tokens for a non-investment technical function;

e. digital identity;

f. digital ticketing; or

g. another digital technology.

RULE-12 — Ordinary Banking and Payment Services

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.8

12.1 Ordinary banking or payment services shall not be treated as prohibited cryptoasset activity merely because digital technology is used.

12.2 This may include:

a. regulated banks;

b. card networks;

c. ordinary electronic payment processors;

d. remittance providers;

e. merchant-acquiring services;

f. fraud-prevention services; and

g. ordinary digital-wallet services principally operating as payment tools rather than speculative crypto investment products.

RULE-13 — Diversified Financial Business

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

13.1 A diversified financial institution shall not automatically become prohibited because one part of its business offers cryptoasset services.

13.2 The commercial relationship shall be treated as covered where the football sponsorship or promotion materially advertises the covered cryptoasset business.

13.3 A general institutional banking relationship that does not promote the covered activity may remain outside the restriction.

RULE-14 — Covered Arms-Industry Activity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.1(b); STA / ART-64.7

14.1 A Covered Arms-Industry Activity is the manufacture, commercial sale or commercial promotion of weapons, ammunition, military ordnance or combat weapon systems.

14.2 Covered activities may include:

a. firearms manufacture;

b. ammunition manufacture;

c. missiles;

d. military weapons systems;

e. combat munitions;

f. bombs or explosive ordnance manufactured as weapons;

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g. military attack weapons platforms where the commercial relationship promotes the weapons business; and

h. another materially comparable arms-industry activity.

RULE-15 — Ordinary Civilian Products Are Not Automatically Arms Activity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

15.1 A company shall not automatically become a Covered Arms-Industry Business solely because it also supplies goods or services to governments, armed forces or public authorities.

15.2 Ordinary civilian activities may remain outside the covered category, including:

a. commercial aviation;

b. civilian transportation;

c. telecommunications;

d. cybersecurity;

e. ordinary software;

f. medical equipment;

g. emergency equipment;

h. protective clothing; and

i. logistics,

where the football relationship does not promote the company’s arms business.

RULE-16 — Diversified Industrial Groups

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7

16.1 Where a corporate group operates both civilian and arms-related businesses, WUFO shall examine the commercial relationship actually being promoted.

16.2 A football sponsorship shall be covered where:

a. the contracting brand principally represents the arms business; or

b. the promotion materially advertises weapons or arms-industry products.

16.3 A genuinely separate civilian business shall not automatically be prohibited merely because its wider corporate group also has defence activities.

PART III — SCOPE OF COMMERCIAL RESTRICTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.7–64.12

RULE-17 — Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

17.1 Sponsorship is a Covered Commercial Relationship where a Restricted Commercial Category receives football branding, promotional exposure or commercial association in exchange for money, goods, services or another material benefit.

RULE-18 — Advertising

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

18.1 Covered advertising includes paid promotional exposure through:

a. stadium inventory;

b. digital channels;

c. competition publications;

d. kits;

e. training wear;

f. broadcast inventory controlled by the football body;

g. official websites;

h. official applications; or

i. another controlled football commercial asset.

RULE-19 — Naming Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12; STA / ART-111.10–111.12

19.1 Naming-rights relationships involving Restricted Commercial Categories shall be governed by the transition stages in this Regulation.

19.2 Existing lawful naming rights remain subject to the transition rather than being treated as automatically void on the first day.

RULE-20 — Official Partner Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

20.1 The following are Covered Commercial Relationships:

a. Official Partner;

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b. Official Sponsor;

c. Official Betting Partner;

d. Official Crypto Partner;

e. Official Arms or Defence Partner;

f. Official Supplier where the title is principally promotional; and

g. another comparable official commercial association.

RULE-21 — Affiliate and Referral Arrangements

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.7–64.12

21.1 A commercial arrangement under which a football body receives money for directing supporters to a covered betting or cryptoasset product shall be treated as a Covered Commercial Relationship.

21.2 A referral link shall not escape the Regulation merely because no traditional sponsorship logo is used.

RULE-22 — Branded Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

22.1 Paid branded content materially promoting a Restricted Commercial Category shall be covered.

22.2 Ordinary news reporting or independent editorial discussion shall not become commercial sponsorship merely because the subject concerns betting, cryptoassets or arms.

RULE-23 — Licensing of Football Marks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12; STA / ART-111

23.1 A football body shall not use licensing arrangements to circumvent this Regulation.

23.2 Permitting a covered commercial partner to market itself through official football marks shall constitute a Covered Commercial Relationship.

RULE-24 — Non-Promotional Transactions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.11–63.12; STA / ART-64.7–64.10

24.1 The following shall not automatically constitute prohibited sponsorship:

a. payment of a lawful debt;

b. refund;

c. court-ordered payment;

d. tax payment;

e. ordinary arm’s-length procurement with no promotional association;

f. regulatory settlement; or

g. another transaction whose principal purpose is not commercial association with football.

PART IV — START AND END OF THE TEN-YEAR TRANSITION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.2–63.5; STA / ART-64.2–64.6

RULE-25 — Common Commencement Date

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.2; STA / ART-64.2

25.1 The ten-year transition shall begin on the date on which the applicable WUFO Statutes enter into force.

25.2 The commencement date shall be one institutional date.

RULE-26 — Common Final Date

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

26.1 WUFO shall calculate and publish the final transition date.

26.2 No covered commercial agreement may survive beyond that date.

RULE-27 — No Reset for Later Entry

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.2–63.5; STA / ART-64.2–64.5

27.1 A Member Association, league or club joining the WUFO system after the transition has begun shall not receive a new ten-year period.

27.2 It shall enter the transition at the phase then in force.

27.3 The final worldwide transition date remains unchanged.

RULE-28 — No Reset by Changing Sponsor

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

28.1 Replacing one covered commercial partner with another shall not restart the transition.

28.2 The clock belongs to the WUFO transition period, not to the individual contract.

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RULE-29 — No Reset by Corporate Restructuring

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

29.1 A merger, company-name change, subsidiary arrangement or corporate restructuring shall not restart the transition.

RULE-30 — Faster Exit Is Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.8–63.9; STA / ART-64.6

30.1 A Member Association, league, club or other Football Body may complete the transition earlier.

30.2 WUFO shall not require a Football Body to retain a covered commercial partner for the full ten years.

PART V — WUFO CENTRAL AND NEW WUFO COMMERCIAL INVENTORY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-111

RULE-31 — WUFO Central Begins Without Covered Dependence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.1–63.3; STA / ART-64.1–64.3

31.1 WUFO Central, as a new institution, shall not intentionally create new commercial dependence upon the Restricted Commercial Categories.

31.2 WUFO Central shall not enter a new institutional sponsorship whose principal commercial purpose is the promotion of:

a. betting;

b. Covered Cryptoasset Activities; or

c. Covered Arms-Industry Activities.

RULE-32 — WUFO Global Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-111

32.1 WUFO shall not create new global competition sponsorship inventory for the Restricted Commercial Categories.

32.2 This Rule applies to commercial rights directly owned and first sold by WUFO after the applicable restrictions enter into force.

RULE-33 — WUFO Championship Cup — No Betting Commercial Programme

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63; STA / ART-111

33.1 WUFO shall not sell WUFO Championship Cup global sponsorship, official-partner, naming, field-of-play advertising or equivalent competition inventory to Betting Operators.

33.2 The WUFO Championship Cup shall not be commercially presented as being “brought to you” by a Betting Operator.

33.3 This Rule does not by itself convert an unrelated lawful private betting activity outside WUFO into prohibited conduct.

RULE-34 — Existing Local Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-82; STA / ART-111.9–111.12

34.1 A Host, stadium, club or local authority may possess an inherited commercial agreement that predates the relevant WUFO competition.

34.2 Such agreement shall be assessed under:

a. this transition Regulation;

b. applicable competition inventory rules;

c. the Host Agreement; and

d. applicable law.

34.3 WUFO shall distinguish inherited local rights from new WUFO global sponsorship.

PART VI — TRANSITION BASELINE AND INITIAL DISCLOSURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.3–63.5; STA / ART-64.3–64.5; STA / ART-64.11

RULE-35 — Transition Baseline

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.3–63.5; STA / ART-64.3–64.5

35.1 A Football Body using a Covered Commercial Relationship at the beginning of the transition shall establish a Transition Baseline.

35.2 The Baseline shall identify its existing covered commercial exposure.

RULE-36 — Baseline Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.4; STA / ART-64.4; STA / ART-64.11

36.1 The Baseline may include:

a. commercial partner;

b. Restricted Commercial Category;

c. contract commencement;

d. contract expiration;

e. financial value;

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f. inventory granted;
g. renewal rights;
h. termination rights; and
i. approximate percentage of relevant commercial income represented by the relationship.

RULE-37 — Disclosure Form

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63; STA / ART-64.11

37.1 WUFO shall maintain a:

Restricted Commercial Relationship Disclosure

for covered relationships.

37.2 Betting relationships may also be identified through a specific Betting Commercial Relationship Disclosure where useful.

RULE-38 — Accuracy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-132

38.1 A Football Body shall disclose covered commercial relationships accurately.

38.2 Deliberate concealment may constitute an integrity matter.

RULE-39 — Confidential Financial Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.11; STA / ART-132

39.1 WUFO may protect legitimately confidential financial terms.

39.2 Confidentiality shall not prevent WUFO from verifying compliance.

RULE-40 — Public Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.11; STA / ART-132

40.1 WUFO may require public disclosure of:

a. existence of a covered relationship;
b. identity of the commercial partner;
c. category;
d. general commercial asset involved; and
e. final expiration date.

40.2 WUFO need not publish every confidential financial term.

PART VII — YEARS 1–2 — FREEZE AND STABILISATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.1–63.5; STA / ART-64.3–64.5

RULE-41 — Purpose of Years 1–2

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.3; STA / ART-64.3

41.1 Years 1–2 shall constitute the:

Freeze and Stabilisation Phase.

41.2 The purpose is to identify existing dependence without producing an immediate financial shock.

RULE-42 — Existing Agreements May Continue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.4; STA / ART-64.3–64.4

42.1 Existing lawful covered agreements may continue during Years 1–2.

42.2 Continuation remains subject to:

a. applicable law;
b. integrity rules;
c. disclosure; and
d. the final transition date.

RULE-43 — No Expansion of Dependence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.1–63.5; STA / ART-64.1–64.5

43.1 A Football Body shall not materially expand its dependence upon Restricted Commercial Categories during Years 1–2.

43.2 The purpose is stabilisation and replacement planning.

RULE-44 — Replacement Contract

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

44.1 A covered agreement expiring during Years 1–2 may be:

a. renewed; or
b. replaced by another covered agreement,

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where reasonably necessary for transition.

44.2 No such agreement may extend beyond the applicable transition limits.

RULE-45 — No Final-Date Extension

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

45.1 A renewal executed in Year 1 or Year 2 shall expressly terminate no later than the final transition date.

45.2 An automatic-renewal clause shall not override this Rule.

RULE-46 — Replacement Planning Begins Immediately

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.3; STA / ART-64.3

46.1 A Football Body with material covered income shall begin planning replacement during Years 1–2.

46.2 The ten-year period shall not be interpreted as permission to wait until Year 10 before seeking alternative sectors.

PART VIII — YEARS 3–4 — PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

RULE-47 — Purpose of Years 3–4

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

47.1 Years 3–4 shall constitute the:

Youth and Child-Facing Withdrawal Phase.

RULE-48 — Youth Teams

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

48.1 Restricted Commercial Categories shall no longer appear as sponsors principally associated with WUFO-regulated youth Representative Teams or youth club teams where WUFO jurisdiction applies.

RULE-49 — Academies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

49.1 A football academy shall not use a Restricted Commercial Category as the principal sponsor of child or youth development activity after the applicable Years 3–4 removal date.

RULE-50 — School Programmes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

50.1 Restricted Commercial Categories shall not sponsor football programmes principally directed to schools or children.

RULE-51 — Child-Directed Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

51.1 Football content principally designed for children shall not carry covered commercial promotion.

RULE-52 — Youth Merchandising

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

52.1 Child-sized or youth-specific official merchandise shall not principally advertise a Restricted Commercial Category after the applicable withdrawal date.

RULE-53 — Adult Commercial Inventory May Continue Temporarily

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.4–63.5; STA / ART-64.4–64.5

53.1 Removal from youth activity during Years 3–4 does not itself terminate every remaining adult covered relationship.

53.2 Other commercial inventory shall continue only as permitted by the later transition phases.

PART IX — YEARS 5–6 — REMOVAL FROM PRINCIPAL FOOTBALL ASSETS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

RULE-54 — Purpose of Years 5–6

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

54.1 Years 5–6 shall constitute the:

Principal Commercial Asset Withdrawal Phase.

RULE-55 — Front-of-Shirt Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12; STA / ART-112

55.1 Restricted Commercial Categories shall cease to occupy the principal front-of-shirt sponsorship position within WUFO-regulated football by the applicable Years 5–6 deadline.

55.2 Earlier withdrawal is permitted.

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RULE-56 — Representative-Team Shirts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-112

56.1 A covered industry shall not occupy the optional Representative-Team front-of-shirt sponsorship position after the applicable withdrawal deadline.

RULE-57 — League Naming Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

57.1 Restricted Commercial Categories shall cease to hold naming rights over leagues subject to this Regulation by the applicable Years 5–6 deadline.

RULE-58 — Competition Naming Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

58.1 Restricted Commercial Categories shall cease to hold naming rights over cups or competitions subject to WUFO commercial jurisdiction by the applicable deadline.

RULE-59 — Stadium Naming Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-111.10–111.12

59.1 Existing covered stadium naming-rights agreements shall be transitioned consistently with applicable law and this Regulation.

59.2 WUFO shall not require unlawful breach of a binding agreement.

59.3 No covered stadium naming-rights agreement may be used to defeat the final ten-year prohibition.

RULE-60 — Principal Training-Wear Position

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

60.1 Restricted Commercial Categories should be removed from principal training-wear commercial positions within the same phase.

PART X — YEARS 7–8 — ADVANCED SUBSTITUTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

RULE-61 — Purpose of Years 7–8

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

61.1 Years 7–8 shall constitute the:

Advanced Substitution Phase.

RULE-62 — No New Covered Commercial Relationship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

62.1 Beginning with the Advanced Substitution Phase, a Football Body shall not enter a new Covered Commercial Relationship.

RULE-63 — No Renewal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

63.1 A covered agreement shall not be renewed during Years 7–8.

63.2 A contract already validly registered may complete its remaining lawful term where permitted.

RULE-64 — Secondary Exposure Only

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

64.1 Any covered relationship still lawfully running during Years 7–8 shall not regain commercial assets already prohibited in earlier phases.

64.2 Removal from:

a. youth activity;

b. front-of-shirt inventory; and

c. naming rights

shall remain effective.

RULE-65 — No Upgrade

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

65.1 An existing covered partner shall not be upgraded to a more prominent commercial position during Years 7–8.

RULE-66 — No Contract Modification to Recreate Removed Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

66.1 A Football Body shall not amend a secondary covered contract to restore:

a. front-of-shirt status;

b. league naming rights;

c. competition naming rights; or

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d. youth-facing promotion

after those categories have been removed.

PART XI — YEAR 9 — RESIDUAL PHASE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.5–63.10; STA / ART-64.5–64.12

RULE-67 — Residual Phase

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

67.1 Year 9 shall constitute the:

Residual Phase.

67.2 By this stage, covered commercial dependence should have been substantially replaced.

RULE-68 — Only Previously Registered Relationships

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.4–63.5; STA / ART-64.4–64.5

68.1 Only previously registered lawful covered relationships reaching their final expiration may continue in Year 9.

RULE-69 — No New Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

69.1 No new commercial inventory shall be granted to a Restricted Commercial Category during Year 9.

RULE-70 — No Contract Extension

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

70.1 A Year 9 contract shall not be extended into Year 10 beyond its existing lawful expiration merely to preserve income.

RULE-71 — Transition Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.3; STA / ART-64.3

71.1 A Football Body with remaining covered income during Year 9 may be required to submit a final transition review.

71.2 The review shall identify the plan for complete exit.

PART XII — YEAR 10 — FINAL EXIT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.5; STA / ART-64.12

RULE-72 — Final Exit Year

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

72.1 Year 10 shall constitute the:

Final Exit Phase.

RULE-73 — All Remaining Contracts End

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

73.1 Every remaining Covered Commercial Relationship shall terminate no later than the final transition date.

RULE-74 — No Contractual Right Beyond Final Date

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

74.1 A private contract shall not create a right to continue covered football promotion beyond the statutory transition.

RULE-75 — No Automatic Renewal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

75.1 An automatic-renewal clause purporting to continue a Covered Commercial Relationship after the final date shall not be recognised for WUFO football purposes.

RULE-76 — No Grace Period After Year 10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

76.1 There shall be no Year 11 commercial grace period.

76.2 Administrative delay shall not extend the transition.

RULE-77 — Final Compliance Certification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

77.1 A Football Body previously reporting material covered income may be required to certify final compliance.

PART XIII — PERMANENT POST- TRANSITION BETTING RESTRICTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.10–63.13; STA / ART-120

RULE-78 — No Betting Sponsorship After Transition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10

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78.1 After the final transition date, a Betting Operator shall not sponsor a Football Body subject to this Regulation.

RULE-79 — No Betting Advertising Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10

79.1 A Football Body shall not sell controlled official advertising inventory to a Betting Operator after the final date.

RULE-80 — No Betting Naming Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10

80.1 A Betting Operator shall not receive post-transition naming rights over:

a. a WUFO competition;

b. a Historical Confederation competition where the common WUFO restriction applies;

c. a Member Association competition;

d. a league subject to the Regulation; or

e. another covered football commercial asset.

RULE-81 — No Official Betting Partner

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10

81.1 No Football Body shall appoint an Official Betting Partner after the transition.

RULE-82 — No Betting Affiliate Revenue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10

82.1 A Football Body shall not receive post-transition affiliate, referral or revenue-sharing payments principally for directing supporters to betting services.

RULE-83 — No Betting-Branded Football Products

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10

83.1 A Football Body shall not deliberately create official betting-branded football merchandise or equivalent promotional products after the transition.

RULE-84 — Private Betting Remains Outside REG-11

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.11–63.12

84.1 RULES 78–83 regulate football commercial relationships.

84.2 They do not create a general WUFO prohibition on lawful private betting.

PART XIV — BETTING DATA AND SPORTING INTEGRITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.6–63.7; STA / ART-120

RULE-85 — No Betting Control Over Official Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6–63.7; STA / ART-120.8–120.9

85.1 A Betting Operator shall not control WUFO sporting decisions through a data relationship.

RULE-86 — Integrity Data Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120.11–120.12

86.1 WUFO may lawfully cooperate with betting-monitoring or integrity organisations for:

a. fraud detection;

b. manipulation detection;

c. suspicious betting analysis; and

d. integrity investigations.

86.2 Integrity cooperation shall not constitute betting sponsorship.

RULE-87 — No Integrity Immunity Purchased by Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.7; STA / ART-120.9

87.1 A Betting Operator that pays football money shall receive no protection from an integrity investigation.

RULE-88 — No Referee or Competition Influence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6; STA / ART-120.8

88.1 A Betting Operator shall have no influence over:

a. referee appointments;

b. referee decisions;

c. competition formats;

d. rankings;

e. disciplinary decisions;

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f. team selection;

g. eligibility decisions; or

h. match results.

PART XV — PERMANENT POST- TRANSITION CRYPTOASSET RESTRICTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-64.7–64.12

RULE-89 — Covered Crypto Sponsorship Ends

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7; STA / ART-64.12

89.1 After the final transition date, a Football Body shall not enter a sponsorship principally promoting a Covered Cryptoasset Activity.

RULE-90 — Crypto Trading Advertising

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.12

90.1 Official football inventory shall not be sold after the transition principally to promote speculative cryptoasset trading.

RULE-91 — Token Promotion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.12

91.1 A Football Body shall not use its official commercial inventory to promote speculative token issuance after the transition.

RULE-92 — Crypto Investment Products

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.12

92.1 Covered crypto investment, yield or speculative products shall not receive official football sponsorship rights after the transition.

RULE-93 — Technology Company Remains Eligible

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.8

93.1 A genuine technology provider remains commercially eligible merely because its systems use cryptography, blockchain or distributed-ledger technology.

RULE-94 — Ordinary Bank Remains Eligible

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.8

94.1 A regulated bank shall not automatically be excluded from football sponsorship because it provides some lawful digital-asset services.

94.2 The football promotion must not principally advertise the covered cryptoasset activity.

RULE-95 — Ordinary Payment Partner

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.8

95.1 An ordinary payment processor may serve as a commercial partner where the relationship promotes its lawful payment services rather than Covered Cryptoasset Activities.

PART XVI — PERMANENT POST- TRANSITION ARMS-INDUSTRY RESTRICTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-64.7–64.12

RULE-96 — Arms Sponsorship Ends

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7; STA / ART-64.12

96.1 After the final transition date, a Covered Arms-Industry Business shall not sponsor a Football Body through promotion of its weapons business.

RULE-97 — No Weapons Advertising

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7; STA / ART-64.12

97.1 Official football advertising inventory shall not promote:

a. weapons;

b. ammunition;

c. combat systems;

d. military ordnance; or

e. comparable arms products.

RULE-98 — No Arms Naming Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7; STA / ART-64.12

98.1 A covered arms brand shall not hold post-transition naming rights over a WUFOregulated football competition or comparable official football property.

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RULE-99 — Civilian Division

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

99.1 A genuinely separate civilian brand or business activity within a diversified group may remain commercially eligible.

99.2 The relationship shall not be used to indirectly promote arms products.

RULE-100 — Ordinary Security and Safety Services

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

100.1 REG-11 shall not prohibit necessary ordinary contracts for:

a. venue security;

b. emergency response;

c. cybersecurity;

d. protective equipment;

e. communications;

f. transport; or

g. comparable safety services

merely because the supplier also serves public-security or defence customers.

PART XVII — NO COMMERCIAL INFLUENCE FROM DAY ONE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.6–63.7; STA / ART-64.9–64.10; STA / ART-111.5–111.15; STA / ART-120.8–120.9

RULE-101 — Transition Protects Revenue — Not Influence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6; STA / ART-64.9

101.1 The ten-year transition protects certain inherited commercial revenue.

101.2 It does not create a ten-year transition for sporting independence.

101.3 Commercial influence is prohibited from the beginning.

RULE-102 — No Influence Over Laws

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.9; STA / ART-111.7

102.1 A covered commercial partner shall have no influence over the Laws of the Game.

RULE-103 — No Influence Over Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6; STA / ART-64.9; STA / ART-111.7

103.1 A covered partner shall have no authority over:

a. competition format;

b. promotion;

c. relegation;

d. rankings;

e. draws; or

f. qualification.

RULE-104 — No Influence Over Players

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6; STA / ART-64.9

104.1 A covered commercial partner shall not control:

a. player selection;

b. player eligibility;

c. Representative-Team selection; or

d. transfers.

RULE-105 — No Influence Over Referees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6; STA / ART-64.9; STA / ART-120.8

105.1 A covered commercial partner shall have no influence over referee appointment, evaluation or decisions.

RULE-106 — No Influence Over Discipline or Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6–63.7; STA / ART-64.9–64.10; STA / ART-120.8–120.9

106.1 A commercial partner shall have no authority to:

a. stop an investigation;

b. delay an investigation;

c. select an investigator;

d. suppress evidence;

e. determine a disciplinary sanction; or

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f. obtain immunity from integrity rules.

PART XVIII — NEW OR RENEWED AGREEMENTS DURING TRANSITION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

RULE-107 — Renewal Is Transitional, Not Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

107.1 Where permitted during the applicable early phase, a renewal shall exist solely within the remaining transition.

107.2 It shall not create post-transition rights.

RULE-108 — Contract Must State Final Compatibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

108.1 A covered agreement entered or renewed during transition should expressly acknowledge the applicable final transition deadline.

RULE-109 — No Contractual Damages Against WUFO for the Final Restriction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

109.1 A Football Body shall not knowingly promise a covered partner football rights beyond the date that WUFO law permits those rights.

109.2 WUFO shall not assume liability merely because the Football Body promised prohibited future inventory without authority.

RULE-110 — No Back-Dated Contract

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

110.1 A Football Body shall not falsify a contract date to make a new relationship appear preexisting.

RULE-111 — No Artificial Ten-Year Prepayment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.3–63.5; STA / ART-64.3–64.5

111.1 A covered commercial partner shall not prepay or restructure consideration principally to preserve post-transition promotional rights.

111.2 Legitimate payment scheduling within the transition remains permitted.

PART XIX — TRANSITION REPORTING AND PROGRESS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.3–63.5; STA / ART-64.3–64.5; STA / ART-64.11

RULE-112 — Annual Transition Statement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63; STA / ART-64.11

112.1 A Football Body with material covered commercial income may be required to submit an annual:

Restricted Commercial Transition Statement.

RULE-113 — Statement Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.3; STA / ART-64.3–64.5

113.1 The Statement may identify:

a. covered commercial income in the preceding period;

b. current covered commercial income;

c. contracts still active;

d. contract expiration dates;

e. commercial inventory still affected;

f. alternative sectors approached;

g. alternative sponsors obtained; and

h. progress toward the next transition phase.

RULE-114 — Genuine Reduction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.1–63.3; STA / ART-64.1–64.3

114.1 Each phase shall seek genuine reduction in covered commercial exposure.

114.2 The transition shall not be treated as ten unrestricted years followed by one-day withdrawal.

RULE-115 — No Required Revenue Percentage Reduction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

115.1 REG-11 does not impose a universal annual percentage reduction in covered revenue.

115.2 Different Football Bodies may have different inherited dependency levels.

115.3 The mandatory phase restrictions and final deadline shall control.

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RULE-116 — No Automatic WUFO Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.3; STA / ART-64.3; STA / ART-126–129

116.1 Participation in the transition shall not create an automatic entitlement to WUFO compensation for lost sponsorship.

116.2 A future lawful development or transition-support programme may be established separately.

116.3 No unapproved compensation formula is created by REG-11.

PART XX — ANTI-CIRCUMVENTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-111.13; STA / ART-120

RULE-117 — Substance Over Label

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.7–64.12

117.1 WUFO shall examine the real substance of a commercial relationship.

117.2 A covered sponsorship shall not become permitted merely because it is renamed:

a. consultancy;

b. content cooperation;

c. community partnership;

d. technology partnership;

e. strategic alliance; or

f. another label.

RULE-118 — Affiliate Company

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

118.1 A Restricted Commercial Category shall not use an affiliate company principally to conceal the prohibited commercial relationship.

RULE-119 — White-Label Brand

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

119.1 A white-label or substitute brand shall be treated as covered where its principal purpose is to promote the underlying Restricted Commercial Category.

RULE-120 — Parent and Subsidiary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

120.1 A parent-company relationship does not automatically prohibit every subsidiary.

120.2 A subsidiary used principally to disguise a prohibited relationship shall be treated as covered.

RULE-121 — Influencer or Player Route

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-111

121.1 A Football Body shall not evade REG-11 by requiring a player, coach or official to provide covered promotional exposure that the Football Body itself could not lawfully sell.

121.2 Genuine independent private endorsement rights remain subject to applicable WUFO and domestic rules.

RULE-122 — Third-Party Agency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

122.1 A commercial agency shall not purchase football inventory on behalf of a hidden covered sponsor to circumvent the Regulation.

PART XXI — PRE-EXISTING CONTRACTS AND APPLICABLE LAW

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.4; STA / ART-64.3–64.5; STA / ART-64.10

RULE-123 — No Automatic Illegal Breach

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.4; STA / ART-64.3–64.4

123.1 WUFO shall not require unlawful cancellation of a binding pre-existing agreement.

123.2 The Football Body shall nevertheless use all reasonable lawful means to comply with the applicable transition phase.

RULE-124 — Transition Clause

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.5; STA / ART-64.5

124.1 A covered contract renewed during transition should contain an appropriate WUFOcompliance termination clause.

RULE-125 — Illegal Agreement Receives No Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.10; STA / ART-63.7

125.1 The transition shall not protect an agreement that is:

a. illegal;

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b. corrupt;
c. fraudulent; or
d. already prohibited by another WUFO rule.

RULE-126 — Integrity Rule Prevails Immediately

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6–63.7; STA / ART-64.9–64.10; STA / ART-120

126.1 A contract may remain commercially transitional while an integrity prohibition applies immediately.

126.2 No commercial transition allows match manipulation, bribery or improper sporting influence.

PART XXII — COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64

RULE-127 — Compliance Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

127.1 WUFO may review whether a Football Body is complying with the applicable transition phase.

RULE-128 — Notice of Concern

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-124–125

128.1 Before a material adverse compliance determination, the Football Body should receive notice of the concern.

RULE-129 — Opportunity to Correct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.3–63.5; STA / ART-64.3–64.5

129.1 A correctable commercial-transition breach should ordinarily receive a reasonable opportunity for correction.

129.2 Serious corruption or deliberate manipulation may be referred immediately to REG-22.

RULE-130 — Corrective Measures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

130.1 Corrective measures may include:

a. registration of an undisclosed contract;
b. removal of prohibited inventory;
c. modification of an activation;
d. correction of public branding;
e. revised transition plan; or
f. termination at the earliest lawful date.

RULE-131 — Deliberate Evasion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-111.13; STA / ART-120–125

131.1 Deliberate concealment or circumvention may be referred for independent discipline.

PART XXIII — END-OF-TRANSITION ENFORCEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

RULE-132 — Final-Date Compliance Is Mandatory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

132.1 After the final transition date, continued covered sponsorship shall constitute noncompliance.

RULE-133 — No Commercial Necessity Exception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

133.1 A Football Body shall not receive a post-transition exception merely because:

a. the covered sponsor pays the most;
b. no replacement sponsor pays as much;
c. the club is financially dependent;
d. the market is difficult; or
e. the sponsor is popular.

133.2 The purpose of the ten-year transition is to address those difficulties before the final date.

RULE-134 — Emergency Financial Situation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

134.1 A financial emergency after the final date shall not recreate a prohibited commercial relationship.

134.2 The Football Body may seek other lawful financial measures.

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RULE-135 — No Eleventh-Year Extension by Congress Resolution Alone

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.1–63.10; STA / ART-64.1–64.12

135.1 No administrative body may create an eleventh transition year.

135.2 Any attempt to alter the protected statutory period must follow the lawful process required to amend the higher WUFO rule.

PART XXIV — RELATIONSHIP WITH MATCH MANIPULATION AND BETTING INTEGRITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63.6–63.7; STA / ART-120

RULE-136 — Commercial Transition and Integrity Are Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6–63.7; STA / ART-120

136.1 A Betting Operator may possess a lawful transitional commercial contract while remaining fully subject to WUFO integrity separation.

136.2 Commercial legality shall not imply sporting authority.

RULE-137 — Participant Betting Restrictions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120.5–120.7

137.1 Betting restrictions applicable to:

a. players;

b. referees;

c. coaches;

d. officers; and

e. competition personnel

shall be governed principally by REG-22.

RULE-138 — Manipulation Reporting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120.10–120.13

138.1 Serious approaches to manipulate a match shall be reported through the applicable integrity procedure.

138.2 Commercial-transition status shall not affect that duty.

RULE-139 — No Confidential Information for Betting Advantage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120.5

139.1 A person subject to WUFO rules shall not misuse confidential football information for betting advantage.

RULE-140 — Independent Investigation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.7; STA / ART-120.11–120.14

140.1 A betting-related integrity investigation shall remain independent from the commercial department managing the sponsorship transition.

PART XXV — COMMERCIAL RIGHTS OWNERSHIP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-111

RULE-141 — REG-11 Does Not Transfer Commercial Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.1–111.4

141.1 This Regulation restricts certain commercial categories.

141.2 It does not transfer ownership of commercial rights from:

a. a Member Association to WUFO;

b. a Historical Confederation to WUFO;

c. a club to a Historical Confederation; or

d. a Host to WUFO.

RULE-142 — Regional Commercial Autonomy Remains

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-12; STA / ART-111

142.1 A Historical Confederation remains commercially autonomous over rights belonging to it.

142.2 That autonomy is exercised subject to the common Restricted Commercial Category rules.

RULE-143 — Member and Club Rights Remain

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.3–111.4

143.1 Member Associations and clubs retain commercial rights that belong to them.

143.2 REG-11 restricts who may receive certain promotional rights.

143.3 It does not make WUFO the owner of those rights.

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PART XXVI — HOST AND LOCAL COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-82; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

RULE-144 — Host Local Freedom Is Subject to Restricted Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82; STA / ART-63–64

144.1 Host Cities and Host Clusters may exercise the local commercial freedom granted by WUFO law.

144.2 Historical idea repositories, drafts and drafting sources from the founding process shall be treated only as non-normative materials for institutional memory and future study.

RULE-145 — Existing Local Contract During Transition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.4–63.5; STA / ART-64.4–64.5; STA / ART-82

145.1 A pre-existing lawful local relationship may continue where permitted by the applicable transition phase.

145.2 It shall not automatically become a WUFO global sponsor.

RULE-146 — Global and Local Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111.8–111.12

146.1 REG-11 shall apply independently to global and local inventory.

146.2 A prohibited global right shall not be recreated by relabelling it local.

146.3 A legitimate local right shall not become WUFO property merely because it is subject to REG-11.

PART XXVII — TRANSPARENCY AND AUDIT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-64.11; STA / ART-111.14; STA / ART-131–132

RULE-147 — Commercial Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.11; STA / ART-111.14

147.1 Material covered commercial relationships shall be documented.

RULE-148 — Audit Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.11; STA / ART-131–132

148.1 WUFO or an authorised independent auditor may examine records reasonably necessary to verify compliance.

RULE-149 — No Unrelated Financial Fishing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-132

149.1 A transition audit shall not become unlimited access to unrelated confidential business information.

149.2 Information requests shall be reasonably connected to compliance.

RULE-150 — Public Accountability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.11; STA / ART-132

150.1 WUFO may publish aggregate transition information including:

a. number of active covered relationships;

b. number that ended;

c. phase compliance;

d. categories of remaining exposure; and

e. progress toward final withdrawal.

150.2 Legitimate confidential financial information may remain protected.

PART XXVIII — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-120

RULE-151 — Coordination with REG-8

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-53–56; STA / ART-63–64

151.1 REG-8 shall govern:

a. club ownership;

b. club control;

c. ultimate controller disclosure; and

d. multi-club conflicts.

151.2 REG-11 governs covered commercial relationships.

151.3 A commercial transition shall not automatically validate an ownership or control arrangement prohibited elsewhere.

RULE-152 — Coordination with REG-17

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

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152.1 REG-17 shall govern:

a. audiovisual rights;

b. general sponsorship inventory;

c. commercial-rights ownership;

d. WUFO Championship Cup global and local inventory;

e. representative-team shirt sponsorship; and

f. fair-value allocation.

152.2 REG-11 shall determine whether a sponsor falls within a Restricted Commercial Category and whether the relevant relationship is permitted during the transition.

RULE-153 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6–63.7; STA / ART-64.9–64.10; STA / ART-120

153.1 REG-22 shall govern:

a. participant betting restrictions;

b. match manipulation;

c. bribery;

d. integrity investigations;

e. serious deliberate commercial corruption; and

f. disciplinary sanctions.

153.2 REG-11 governs commercial transition and compliance.

RULE-154 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132

154.1 REG-24 shall govern:

a. WUFO financial accounting;

b. audit;

c. transparency;

d. reserves; and

e. financial reporting.

154.2 REG-11 shall govern commercial-category transition disclosures.

RULE-155 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

155.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. document coding;

b. version control;

c. publication;

d. Master Normative Index entries; and

e. Decision Ledger traceability.

PART XXIX — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-120

RULE-156 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

156.1 Implementation of this Regulation may use lower instruments including:

a. FOR — Betting Commercial Relationship Disclosure;

b. FOR — Restricted Commercial Relationship Disclosure;

c. FOR — Restricted Commercial Transition Statement;

d. MAN — Restricted Commercial Categories;

e. PRO — Commercial Transition Registration;

f. PRO — Restricted Commercial Category Classification;

g. PRO — Transition Compliance Review;

h. PRO — End-of-Transition Certification;

i. PRT — Anti-Circumvention Review; and

j. other instruments lawfully authorised under the WUFO normative system.

156.2 Final codes and versions shall be assigned through REG-28.

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PART XXX — CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

RULE-157 — Classification by Actual Activity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

157.1 Classification shall consider the actual commercial activity promoted by the relationship.

157.2 A company name alone shall not necessarily determine the result.

RULE-158 — Request for Classification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

158.1 A Football Body may request a written classification before signing a commercially significant agreement where uncertainty genuinely exists.

RULE-159 — Information for Classification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

159.1 WUFO may consider:

a. principal business;

b. promoted brand;

c. promoted product;

d. revenue activity relevant to the relationship;

e. advertising content;

f. contractual rights; and

g. other objectively relevant information.

RULE-160 — Reasoned Classification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

160.1 A material classification decision shall state whether the proposed relationship is:

a. Covered;

b. Not Covered; or

c. Covered in Part.

160.2 The principal reason shall be recorded.

RULE-161 — No Expansion by Analogy Alone

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.7–64.8

161.1 WUFO shall not prohibit an ordinary lawful business merely because it appears vaguely similar to a Restricted Commercial Category.

161.2 A genuine connection to the covered activity must exist.

PART XXXI — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-120

RULE-162 — No Permanent Dependence on Betting Money

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.13

162.1 No lower instrument shall convert the Betting Commercial Transition into permanent commercial dependence.

RULE-163 — No Permanent Dependence on Covered Cryptoasset Money

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.12–64.13

163.1 No lower instrument shall recreate post-transition sponsorship principally promoting Covered Cryptoasset Activities.

RULE-164 — No Permanent Dependence on Arms-Industry Money

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-64.12–64.13

164.1 No lower instrument shall recreate post-transition sponsorship principally promoting Covered Arms-Industry Activities.

RULE-165 — No Youth Exception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

165.1 A lower instrument shall not restore covered child-facing sponsorship after its transition phase has ended.

RULE-166 — No Front-of-Shirt Exception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

166.1 A Football Body shall not purchase an exception permitting a Restricted Commercial Category to remain in a principal front-of-shirt position after the applicable withdrawal phase.

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RULE-167 — No Naming-Rights Exception for Wealth

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.10; STA / ART-64.12

167.1 A covered company shall not retain naming rights after the applicable phase merely because it offers more money than an alternative sponsor.

RULE-168 — No Integrity Exception During Transition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.6–63.7; STA / ART-64.9–64.10; STA / ART-120

168.1 No transitional commercial interest shall justify:

a. manipulation;

b. bribery;

c. referee influence;

d. player-selection influence;

e. disciplinary influence;

f. suppression of investigations; or

g. interference with WUFO integrity bodies.

RULE-169 — No New Central Dependence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

169.1 WUFO Central shall not deliberately create the very commercial dependency that the wider football system is being given ten years to leave.

RULE-170 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-120

170.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. financial stability during transition;

b. genuine progressive withdrawal;

c. child and youth protection;

d. sporting independence;

e. commercial transparency;

f. Historical Confederation and Member commercial ownership;

g. legitimate ordinary technology and payment services;

h. distinction between commercial restriction and private lawful conduct;

i. competition integrity; and

j. a clear and irreversible final transition date.

170.2 Where two interpretations are reasonably possible, the interpretation that silently creates permanent dependence upon a Restricted Commercial Category shall not be preferred.

RULE-171 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63.13; STA / ART-64.13; STA / ART-120

171.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

Ten years to transition. No permanent dependence on betting money.

A long transition protects football stability. The final direction remains clear.

The transition protects inherited revenue. It does not protect commercial influence.

WUFO Central does not need to become dependent on industries that the football system is being asked to leave.

Years 1–2 identify and freeze the dependency.

Years 3–4 remove Restricted Commercial Categories from children and youth.

Years 5–6 remove them from the principal football commercial assets.

Years 7–8 permit only the orderly extinction of previously registered relationships.

Year 9 is residual.

Year 10 is final.

There is no Year 11.

Ordinary technology is not cryptoasset speculation merely because it uses blockchain or cryptography.

An ordinary bank or payment provider is not prohibited merely because it uses digital technology.

A civilian business is not an arms business merely because its corporate group also serves defence customers.

Substance matters more than labels.

Commercial partners may support football. They do not govern football.

Commercial income shall never prevent an integrity investigation.

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The result must come from the game, not from a secret agreement.

REG-11 — COMMERCIAL TRANSITION & RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL CATEGORIES

REG-12 — 2030 EXISTING GLOBAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP — TRANSITIONAL & FOUNDING REGULATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-38–40; STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-109–111; STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116; STA / ART-119–120; STA / ART-126;

STA / ART-131–132

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND TRANSITIONAL CHARACTER

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.1–65.3; STA / ART-65.59–65.61

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.1–65.61

1.1 This Regulation establishes the complete transitional WUFO framework governing the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

1.2 It shall govern:

a. the special founding character of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship;

b. Scenario A — WORLD RECONCILIATION;

c. Scenario B — JUNTOS POR COMPROMISO / CONTINUITY;

d. Scenario C — TOTAL RUPTURE / INDEPENDENT WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINGENCY;

e. selection and activation of the applicable Scenario;

f. the Old World Block;

g. the New World Block;

h. the South American New World programme

i. the 2030 Competition Schedule;

j. the Scenario A economic model;

k. Scenario A accounts and audit;

l. the 2030 Founding Agreement;

m. transitional competition administration;

n. Host and Organiser responsibilities;

o. WUFO sporting authority;

p. commercial and integrity independence; and

q. final closure of the exceptional 2030 regime.

RULE-2 — 2030 as a Special Founding Event

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.1

2.1 The 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship shall be treated as a special founding and transition event.

2.2 It shall not automatically establish the format of later WUFO senior world championships.

2.3 Rules adopted solely because of the exceptional founding circumstances of 2030 shall not become permanent merely because they operated successfully.

RULE-3 — 2030 Identity and Historical Context

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.1–65.2

3.1 WUFO shall present the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship institutionally as A NEW BEGINNING.

3.2 References to 1930-2030 may be used solely as historical context. WUFO shall not present 2030 as an official Centenary, Centennial or "100 Years" celebration of the existing world football governing organisation.

3.3 Historical significance shall not override:

a. sporting integrity;

b. player welfare;

c. financial transparency; or

d. competition independence.

RULE-4 — Protected Objectives

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.2

4.1 The 2030 structure shall seek to protect:

a. the sporting value of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship;

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b. participating teams;
c. existing host commitments;
d. supporters;
e. broadcasters;
f. legitimate commercial partners; and
g. the long-term stability of world football.

RULE-5 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65

5.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

5.2 Where this Regulation conflicts with the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.

5.3 No lower instrument may:

a. change the number of teams established for a Scenario;
b. change the number of matches established for a Scenario;
c. reduce Scenario A's protected Old World Block;
d. transform Scenario B into Scenario A without lawful approval;
e. pre-select Scenario C participants before Scenario C becomes necessary;
f. alter Scenario A's 90% / 10% audited-net-profit rule; or
g. create a fourth 2030 Scenario.

RULE-6 — One Edition — One Operative Scenario

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.59

6.1 Only one Scenario shall become operative for the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

6.2 Once lawfully activated, the operative Scenario shall govern the competition unless that Scenario becomes genuinely impossible to perform.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65

RULE-7 — Scenario A

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.4–65.40

7.1 Scenario A means the sixty-four-team, one-hundred-and-twenty-eight-match WORLD RECONCILIATION model.

RULE-8 — Scenario B

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.41–65.48

8.1 Scenario B means the forty-eight-team, one-hundred-and-four-match JUNTOS POR COMPROMISO / CONTINUITY model.

RULE-9 — Scenario C

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.49–65.58

9.1 Scenario C means the forty-eight-team TOTAL RUPTURE / INDEPENDENT WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINGENCY.

9.2 Scenario C shall remain dormant unless neither Scenario A nor Scenario B can operate.

RULE-10 — Old World Block

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.8–65.11

10.1 The Old World Block is the protected Scenario A programme of one hundred and four (104) matches.

10.2 It consists of:

a. seventy-two group-stage matches; and
b. thirty-two knockout matches.

RULE-11 — New World Block

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.12–65.23

11.1 The New World Block is the twenty-four-match South American group-stage programme created entirely through the Scenario A expansion from forty-eight to sixty-four teams.

RULE-12 — Organiser

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.39

12.1 Organiser means the legal organising entity, entities or recognised organising structure identified by the binding 2030 Founding Agreement.

12.2 Where the Founding Agreement creates more than one operational organising block, each block shall remain subject to the financial protections of Article 65.

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RULE-13 — Founding Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.24; STA / ART-65.28; STA / ART-65.60–65.61

13.1 The 2030 Founding Agreement is the binding event-specific legal instrument implementing the operative 2030 Scenario.

13.2 The Founding Agreement shall operate below the Statutes.

13.3 It shall not amend the Statutes.

RULE-14 — Competition Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.24–65.27

14.1 The 2030 Competition Schedule is the operational Schedule establishing:

a. match dates;

b. venues;

c. stadium rotation;

d. kickoff windows;

e. final group-match simultaneity;

f. intercontinental transition timing; and

g. other fixture-level arrangements.

PART III — SCENARIO SELECTION AND ACTIVATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.3; STA / ART-65.49; STA / ART-65.59–65.61

RULE-15 — Three Scenarios Only

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.3

15.1 WUFO shall recognise only three possible 2030 Scenarios:

a. A;

b. B; or

c. C.

15.2 No administrative authority may invent a Scenario D.

RULE-16 — Preferred Order of Resolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.4–65.49; STA / ART-65.57

16.1 WUFO shall first seek a common 2030 solution.

16.2 Scenario A may operate where the parties accept the World Reconciliation model.

16.3 Scenario B may operate where the parties prefer continuity.

16.4 Scenario C shall be contingency only.

RULE-17 — Scenario C Is Not a Negotiating Threat

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.49; STA / ART-65.57–65.58

17.1 Scenario C shall not be treated as the preferred founding outcome.

17.2 It exists to preserve a credible senior global championship if institutional rupture makes a common arrangement for the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship impossible.

RULE-18 — Negotiating Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-40; STA / ART-65.60–65.61

18.1 A WUFO representative may negotiate a 2030 agreement only within a valid negotiating mandate.

18.2 Authority to negotiate is not authority to approve.

RULE-19 — Final Approval

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39–40; STA / ART-65.60–65.61

19.1 A binding 2030 agreement shall receive the approval required under the WUFO Statutes.

19.2 No officer shall declare an agreement finally approved before the competent WUFO authority has approved it.

RULE-20 — No Press-Conference Activation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39; STA / ART-65.60

20.1 A Scenario shall not become operative merely because:

a. a politician announces it;

b. a football official announces it;

c. the media reports it;

d. a memorandum of understanding is signed; or

e. a non-binding political declaration is issued.

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RULE-21 — Scenario Activation Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.59–65.61

21.1 WUFO shall issue a 2030 Scenario Activation Record.

21.2 The Record shall identify:

a. operative Scenario;

b. approval authority;

c. approval date;

d. effective date;

e. binding agreement where applicable; and

f. principal implementation instruments.

RULE-22 — Material Change of Scenario

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-38–40; STA / ART-65.59–65.61

22.1 Changing from one Scenario to another shall constitute a material change.

22.2 The new Scenario shall require lawful approval.

22.3 A material scenario change shall not be implemented through an administrative amendment to the Competition Schedule.

RULE-23 — Scenario Lock

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.59–65.61

23.1 Once final sporting implementation begins, the operative Scenario shall remain controlling.

23.2 A later Scenario change shall occur only where:

a. implementation becomes genuinely impossible; and

b. the competent WUFO authority approves the contingency.

PART IV — SCENARIO A — WORLD RECONCILIATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.4–65.23

RULE-24 — Official Name

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.4

24.1 Scenario A shall be known as:

WORLD RECONCILIATION.

RULE-25 — Sixty-Four Teams

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.5

25.1 Scenario A shall contain sixty-four (64) Representative Teams.

RULE-25A Scenario A Confederation Allocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.5

25A.1 The Scenario A sixty-four-team field shall use the following Confederation allocation: UEFA — 20; CAF — 13; AFC — 12; CONMEBOL — 9; Concacaf — 8; OFC — 2. Total — 64.

RULE-26 — One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.5; STA / ART-65.23

26.1 Scenario A shall contain one hundred and twenty-eight (128) matches.

RULE-27 — Sixteen Groups

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.6

27.1 The sixty-four teams shall be divided into sixteen (16) groups.

27.2 Each group shall contain four teams.

RULE-28 — Group-Stage Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.6; STA / ART-65.10; STA / ART-65.14

28.1 Each four-team group shall contain six matches.

28.2 Sixteen groups shall therefore produce ninety-six (96) group-stage matches.

RULE-29 — First and Second Advance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.7

29.1 The first and second placed teams in each group shall advance.

29.2 There shall therefore be thirty-two qualified teams after the group stage.

RULE-30 — No Best-Third-Place Qualification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.7

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30.1 Scenario A shall not require a best-third-place qualification mechanism.

30.2 Third place in a group shall not qualify for the Round of 32.

RULE-31 — Round of 32

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.7; STA / ART-65.19–65.20

31.1 The knockout competition shall begin at the Round of 32.

RULE-32 — Knockout Structure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.10–65.11

32.1 The thirty-two knockout matches shall comprise the knockout path necessary to complete the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship from the Round of 32 through the final competition stages.

32.2 The knockout programme shall remain entirely within the Old World Block.

RULE-33 — Unified 2030 Championship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.17–65.20

33.1 Scenario A shall constitute one unified 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

33.2 The New World Block shall not constitute a second competition.

33.3 The Old World Block shall not constitute a separate championship.

PART V — SCENARIO A — OLD WORLD BLOCK

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.8–65.11; STA / ART-65.20–65.23

RULE-34 — Protected 104-Match Programme

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.8

34.1 The Old World Block shall retain one hundred and four (104) matches.

34.2 That number shall be protected.

RULE-35 — Old World Hosts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.9

35.1 Spain, Morocco and Portugal shall constitute the principal Old World host programme under Scenario A.

RULE-36 — No Host Loses a Match to Create the New World Block

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.9; STA / ART-65.21–65.23

36.1 Spain, Morocco and Portugal shall not lose a match from the pre-existing 2030 championship programme in order to create the South American New World programme.

RULE-37 — Seventy-Two Group Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.10

37.1 The Old World Block shall contain seventy-two (72) group-stage matches.

RULE-38 — Twelve Groups

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.10; STA / ART-65.13

38.1 Twelve of the sixteen Scenario A groups shall be played entirely within the Old World Block.

38.2 Those groups shall be:

a. B;

b. C;

c. D;

d. F;

e. G;

f. H;

g. J;

h. K;

i. L;

j. N;

k. O; and

l. P.

RULE-39 — Forty-Eight Old World Group Participants

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.6; STA / ART-65.10; STA / ART-65.13

39.1 The twelve Old World groups shall contain forty-eight teams.

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RULE-40 — Thirty-Two Knockout Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.10(b)–65.11

40.1 The Old World Block shall contain all thirty-two knockout matches.

RULE-41 — No Knockout Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.21

41.1 No knockout match shall be transferred from the Old World Block to South America under Scenario A.

RULE-42 — No Original Group-Match Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.22

42.1 No group-stage match contained within the protected 104-match Old World programme shall be transferred to the New World Block.

RULE-43 — Expansion — Not Redistribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.8–65.23; STA / ART-65.40

43.1 Scenario A shall operate through expansion rather than redistribution of the original 2030 championship programme.

PART VI — SCENARIO A — NEW WORLD BLOCK

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.12–65.27

RULE-44 — Twenty-Four Additional Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.12; STA / ART-65.23

44.1 The New World Block shall contain twenty-four (24) additional matches.

44.2 Those matches exist only because Scenario A expands the tournament from forty-eight to sixty-four teams.

RULE-45 — Sixteen New World Participants

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.12–65.15

45.1 The New World Block shall contain sixteen teams.

45.2 They shall form four groups of four.

RULE-46 — Four New World Groups

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.13

46.1 The New World Block shall consist of:

a. Group A;

b. Group E;

c. Group I; and

d. Group M.

RULE-47 — Why A–E–I–M

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.13; STA / ART-65.24–65.27

47.1 Separation of the New World groups across A, E, I and M shall support orderly worldwide group-stage scheduling.

47.2 The arrangement shall permit one New World group to close within each principal group-closing day.

47.3 The purpose is to reduce stadium congestion and support simultaneous final group matches.

RULE-48 — Six Matches per New World Group

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.14

48.1 Each New World group shall contain six matches.

48.2 Four groups multiplied by six matches shall equal twenty-four matches.

RULE-49 — Five South American Hosts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.16

49.1 The New World Block shall be organised through:

a. Uruguay;

b. Argentina;

c. Paraguay;

d. Chile; and

e. Brazil.

RULE-50 — Principal Host Cities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.24–65.25

50.1 The principal South American host cities shall be:

a. Montevideo;

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b. Buenos Aires;
c. Asunción;
d. Santiago; and
e. Rio de Janeiro.

50.2 The binding Competition Schedule shall identify the certified stadium used in each city.

RULE-51 — Five Hosts — Four Groups

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.13–65.16; STA / ART-65.24–65.25

51.1 Five host countries shall share four New World groups.

51.2 WUFO shall not require all five hosts to receive an identical number of matches where mathematical equality is impossible.

51.3 The Competition Schedule shall seek the closest practical balance.

RULE-52 — Balanced Use

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.25

52.1 The twenty-four matches shall be distributed in a manner seeking reasonably balanced use of:

a. Montevideo;
b. Buenos Aires;
c. Asunción;
d. Santiago; and
e. Rio de Janeiro.

52.2 The final detailed distribution shall be established by the incorporated Competition Schedule.

RULE-53 — No Additional New World Knockout Right

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.20–65.21

53.1 Hosting a New World group shall not create a right to host:

a. Round of 32;
b. Round of 16;
c. Quarterfinal;
d. Semifinal; or
e. Final

matches under Scenario A.

PART VII — NEW WORLD COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.24–65.27

RULE-54 — Incorporated Competition Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.24

54.1 Exact New World fixtures shall be established through:

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RULE-55 — Matters Controlled by the Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.24–65.27

55.1 The Schedule shall establish:

a. individual fixtures;
b. stadiums;
c. match dates;
d. match order;
e. kickoff windows;
f. simultaneous group-closing matches;
g. pitch-recovery intervals;
h. travel sequencing; and
i. operational rotation among the five cities.

RULE-56 — Schedule Does Not Amend Scenario A

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.5–65.27

56.1 The Schedule shall not change:

a. sixty-four teams;
b. sixteen groups;

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c. twenty-four New World matches;

d. 104 Old World matches;

e. A, E, I and M as New World groups; or

f. two qualifiers from every group.

RULE-57 — Group Composition Is Not Constitutionally Frozen by the Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-65.6–65.7; STA / ART-65.24

57.1 Illustrative or planning team names appearing in a working Schedule shall not substitute for the lawful sporting qualification and draw process.

57.2 Final group composition shall follow the officially approved 2030 sporting process.

RULE-58 — Final Group Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.26

58.1 The final two matches of every group shall be played simultaneously.

RULE-59 — Worldwide Closing Structure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.13; STA / ART-65.26

59.1 The Competition Schedule may close the sixteen groups through four principal closing days.

59.2 The intended sequence shall be:

Day 1 — A, B, C, D Day 2 — E, F, G, H Day 3 — I, J, K, L Day 4 — M, N, O, P

59.3 The two matches within the same group shall share the same competitive kickoff window.

RULE-60 — Different Groups May Use Different Windows

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.26; STA / ART-47–48

60.1 Simultaneity shall apply within the same group.

60.2 Different groups closing on the same day may use different kickoff windows.

RULE-61 — Pitch Recovery

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.27; STA / ART-48

61.1 South American stadium scheduling shall provide reasonable pitch recovery.

61.2 The Schedule should avoid using the same South American stadium on consecutive days where reasonably possible.

RULE-62 — Real Recovery Time

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.27

62.1 Where a stadium is reused after an interval of approximately two days, scheduling shall seek to provide meaningful real recovery time rather than relying only on different calendar dates.

RULE-63 — Player Welfare

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-49; STA / ART-65.24–65.27

63.1 Stadium efficiency shall not override player welfare.

63.2 The Schedule shall comply with applicable REG-7 recovery standards.

RULE-64 — Operational Changes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.24–65.27

64.1 A non-material operational adjustment may be made to the Schedule where necessary.

64.2 A Schedule adjustment shall not:

a. reduce the Old World Block;

b. increase or reduce the New World Block;

c. alter the protected sporting format; or

d. create an additional host entitlement.

PART VIII — NEW WORLD QUALIFICATION TO THE KNOCKOUT STAGE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.17–65.20

RULE-65 — First and Second

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.17

65.1 The first and second placed teams from each New World group shall advance.

RULE-66 — Eight New World Qualifiers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.18

66.1 Groups A, E, I and M shall produce eight Round-of-32 qualifiers.

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RULE-67 — Twenty-Four Old World Qualifiers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.6–65.7; STA / ART-65.10

67.1 The twelve Old World groups shall produce twenty-four Round-of-32 qualifiers.

RULE-68 — Unified Thirty-Two-Team Knockout Field

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.19

68.1 The knockout field shall therefore consist of:

a. twenty-four Old World group qualifiers; and

b. eight New World group qualifiers.

68.2 Total:

32 teams.

RULE-69 — Transfer to the Old World

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.19–65.20

69.1 The eight New World qualifiers shall travel to the Old World after completion of their group-stage obligations.

RULE-70 — No Separate Qualification Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.19–65.20

70.1 Once qualified for the Round of 32, a New World team shall have the same knockout sporting status as another qualified team.

RULE-71 — Travel and Recovery

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-65.19

71.1 The Competition Schedule shall account for the intercontinental journey of New World qualifiers.

71.2 WUFO shall seek to avoid imposing an unreasonable competitive recovery disadvantage solely because a team qualified from the New World Block.

RULE-72 — No Intercontinental Sporting Penalty

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-48

72.1 A New World qualifier shall not intentionally receive an inferior Round-of-32 schedule as punishment for the geographic location of its group.

PART IX — SCENARIO A — SPORTING QUALIFICATION, DRAW AND INTEGRITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-65

RULE-73 — Sporting Merit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-65

73.1 Participation in Scenario A shall be determined through the approved 2030 sporting qualification system and any lawful New World expansion mechanism

73.2 Commercial invitation shall not replace sporting merit.

RULE-74 — Sixty-Four Participants Must Be Lawfully Determined

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-65.5

74.1 All sixty-four Scenario A participants shall have a lawful sporting basis for participation.

74.2 No broadcaster or sponsor shall purchase a place in the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

RULE-75 — Qualification Instrument

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-38–40; STA / ART-42; STA / ART-65

75.1 The final Scenario A qualification mechanism shall be contained in or incorporated by the binding 2030 sporting instruments.

75.2 A lower Schedule shall not secretly change qualification after teams have relied upon the approved system.

RULE-76 — Draw

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-65.6–65.7

76.1 The final draw for the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship shall be conducted transparently under the applicable 2030 Draw Procedure.

76.2 The draw shall determine final sporting group composition subject to any lawful hostplacement rules established before the draw.

RULE-77 — No Commercial Group Assignment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-111

77.1 A team shall not be placed in a particular group merely because a broadcaster or sponsor prefers the resulting matchup.

RULE-78 — No Post-Draw Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-120

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78.1 A completed lawful draw shall not be altered to create:

a. a more valuable television match;

b. an easier path for a preferred team;

c. a politically desired matchup; or

d. a commercially preferred host outcome.

PART X — SCENARIO A — PROTECTION OF EXISTING HOST COMMITMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.8–65.23; STA / ART-65.40

RULE-79 — No Subtraction Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.8–65.23

79.1 The twenty-four South American matches shall be additional.

79.2 They shall not be deducted from the protected 104-match programme.

RULE-80 — Old World Keeps 104

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.8–65.11

80.1 Spain, Morocco and Portugal shall collectively retain the complete 104-match Old World programme.

RULE-81 — Existing Host Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.2(c); STA / ART-65.9

81.1 Scenario A shall be implemented in a manner designed to preserve existing legitimate host commitments.

RULE-82 — No Hidden Reallocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.8–65.23

82.1 A commercial, broadcast or operational agreement shall not indirectly remove Old World matches in order to enlarge South American inventory.

RULE-83 — No New World Claim Against Old World Revenues by Mere Hosting Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.40

83.1 Participation in the New World Block shall not by itself create ownership of an Old World Host's locally allocated economic rights.

83.2 Economic relations shall follow the Founding Agreement.

RULE-84 — No Old World Liability for New World Operating Loss by Default

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.39

84.1 No Old World organising block shall automatically assume the operating loss of a New World organising block merely because both form part of Scenario A.

84.2 Any cross-guarantee must be expressly agreed.

RULE-85 — No New World Liability for Old World Operating Loss by Default

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.39

85.1 No New World organising block shall automatically assume an Old World operating loss.

RULE-86 — Governing Sporting Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.40

86.1 The governing principle shall be:

New World expansion

The New World does not receive a share of the Old World's pre-existing championship programme. The creates an entirely new twenty-four-match block without taking a single match away from the existing hosts.

PART XI — SCENARIO A — FOUNDING ECONOMIC MODEL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.28–65.40

RULE-87 — Operating Risk

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28; STA / ART-65.39

87.1 The Organiser shall finance and assume the operating risk allocated to it by the 2030 Founding Agreement.

RULE-88 — Ninety Percent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.29

88.1 The Organiser shall retain ninety percent (90%) of final audited net profit.

RULE-89 — Ten Percent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.30

89.1 WUFO shall receive ten percent (10%) of final audited net profit.

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RULE-90 — Protected Formula

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.29–65.30

90.1 The protected Scenario A formula shall be:

Organiser — 90%.

WUFO — 10%.

90.2 No additional general profit participant shall be inserted through a lower instrument.

RULE-91 — Separate Organising Blocks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.36

91.1 The Founding Agreement may establish distinct Old World and New World organising or accounting blocks.

91.2 Where separate blocks are used, each block may retain the economic result generated through the rights and responsibilities allocated to that block.

91.3 The protected WUFO 10% share shall apply to the audited net profit of each applicable organising block in the manner established by the Founding Agreement.

91.4 Separation shall not be used to hide revenue or avoid WUFO's lawful share.

RULE-92 — Each Block Operates Its Allocated Programme

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.31

92.1 An organising block shall principally finance and operate the tournament activities assigned to it.

92.2 The Founding Agreement shall identify shared costs where they exist.

RULE-93 — No Central Pool Required Unless Agreed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.40

93.1 Scenario A shall not require all Host revenues to be placed into one undifferentiated central commercial pool unless the Founding Agreement expressly creates such a mechanism.

RULE-94 — WUFO Sporting Authority Remains

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65; STA / ART-111

94.1 Economic exploitation by an Organiser shall not transfer WUFO's authority over:

a. sporting rules;

b. competition format;

c. team eligibility;

d. refereeing governance;

e. integrity;

f. anti-doping;

g. official competition identity; or

h. binding WUFO sporting decisions.

PART XII — DEFINITION OF SCENARIO A NET PROFIT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.31–65.33

RULE-95 — Net Profit Formula

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.31

95.1 Net profit shall mean:

Revenue actually received from the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship minus reasonable and direct tournament operating costs.

RULE-96 — Revenue Actually Received

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.31

96.1 Relevant tournament revenue shall include revenue properly attributable to the applicable Scenario A organising block under the Founding Agreement.

RULE-97 — No Artificial Diversion of Revenue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.31; STA / ART-65.36

97.1 A party shall not divert revenue from the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship to:

a. a related company;

b. another contract;

c. an undisclosed affiliate; or

d. another accounting vehicle

principally to reduce the audited net profit of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

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RULE-98 — Direct Operating Costs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.31

98.1 A deductible operating cost shall be genuinely and directly attributable to organising the programme of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship allocated to the Organiser.

RULE-99 — Examples of Direct Operating Costs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.31

99.1 Direct operating costs may include reasonable expenditure for:

a. tournament workforce;

b. stadium tournament operation;

c. event security;

d. temporary competition infrastructure;

e. match technology;

f. event transport;

g. event medical operation;

h. temporary facilities;

i. ceremonies;

j. media operation;

k. technical tournament services; and

l. other direct operating requirements identified by the Founding Agreement.

RULE-100 — Reasonable Cost

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.31

100.1 A cost shall not become deductible merely because an Organiser labels it an expense of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

100.2 It shall be:

a. genuine;

b. documented;

c. reasonably connected to the tournament; and

d. reasonable in amount and purpose.

PART XIII — PERMANENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.32–65.33

RULE-101 — Permanent Infrastructure Does Not Automatically Reduce Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.32

101.1 Permanent public infrastructure and long-term capital projects shall not automatically reduce Scenario A net profit.

RULE-102 — Examples

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.32

102.1 Permanent infrastructure may include:

a. airports;

b. metro systems;

c. major roads;

d. permanent urban infrastructure;

e. general public works;

f. permanent stadium construction;

g. major long-life capital reconstruction; and

h. another capital asset whose principal useful life extends materially beyond the tournament.

RULE-103 — No Reclassification to Erase Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.32

103.1 A long-term capital project shall not be reclassified as an ordinary operating cost of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship principally to eliminate audited profit.

RULE-104 — Exceptional Treatment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.33

104.1 Permanent infrastructure may receive exceptional treatment only where that treatment was agreed in writing before the relevant expenditure was made.

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RULE-105 — Prior Written Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.33

105.1 The prior written agreement shall identify:

a. infrastructure item;

b. reason;

c. amount or allocation method; and

d. financial treatment.

RULE-106 — No Retroactive Deduction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.33

106.1 A permanent infrastructure project shall not be added retroactively to the deductiblecost calculation merely because final tournament profits are higher than expected.

PART XIV — SCENARIO A ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.34–65.39

RULE-107 — Separate 2030 Championship Accounts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.34

107.1 Separate accounts shall be maintained for the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

RULE-108 — Separate Block Accounts Where Applicable

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.34

108.1 Where the Founding Agreement establishes separate Organising Blocks, separate auditable accounts shall be maintained for each block.

RULE-109 — Financial Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.34–65.36

109.1 Records shall support:

a. revenue;

b. operating costs;

c. capital treatment;

d. material contracts;

e. related-party transactions;

f. net profit; and

g. WUFO’s share.

RULE-110 — Independent Audit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.35

110.1 Final Scenario A accounts shall be independently audited.

RULE-111 — Auditor Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.35

111.1 The auditor shall remain independent from persons whose financial interest depends upon manipulation of the audited result.

RULE-112 — WUFO Verification Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.36

112.1 WUFO shall receive access to financial information reasonably necessary to verify the calculation.

112.2 WUFO shall not use this right as unlimited access to unrelated Host business records.

RULE-113 — Related-Party Transactions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.31; STA / ART-65.35–65.36

113.1 Material related-party tournament transactions shall be identifiable.

113.2 They shall not be artificially inflated to reduce audited profit.

RULE-114 — Final Audited Statement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.29–65.37

114.1 Each applicable Organiser or Organising Block shall prepare a Final Audited 2030 Championship Statement.

114.2 The Statement shall identify:

a. revenue;

b. deductible costs;

c. exceptional infrastructure treatment;

d. audited net profit;

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e. 90% Organiser share; and

f. 10% WUFO share.

RULE-115 — Settlement Deadline

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.37

115.1 Final financial settlement shall normally be completed within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the final match of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

RULE-116 — Legitimate Audit Delay

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.35–65.37

116.1 Where an audit cannot legitimately be completed within 180 days, the reason shall be documented.

116.2 Delay shall not alter the 90% / 10% formula.

RULE-117 — No Audited Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.38

117.1 Where no audited net profit exists, no profit payment shall be due to WUFO from that applicable profit calculation.

RULE-118 — Operating Loss

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.39

118.1 WUFO shall not be responsible for an Organiser’s operating loss.

RULE-119 — No Cross-Loss Offset Unless Expressly Agreed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.39

119.1 Where separate Organising Blocks exist, a loss in one block shall not automatically erase the audited profit of another block.

119.2 Any permitted consolidated treatment shall require an express Founding Agreement provision consistent with Article 65.

PART XV — SCENARIO B — JUNTOS POR COMPROMISO / CONTINUITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.41–65.48

RULE-120 — Official Name

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.41–65.48

120.1 Scenario B shall be known as:

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RULE-121 — Forty-Eight Teams

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.41–65.42

121.1 Scenario B shall contain forty-eight (48) teams.

RULE-122 — One Hundred and Four Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.42

122.1 Scenario B shall contain one hundred and four (104) matches.

RULE-123 — Continuity of the Existing Tournament Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.41–65.43

123.1 Scenario B shall preserve the existing forty-eight-team structure of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

123.2 It shall not use the sixty-four-team Scenario A format.

RULE-124 — Existing Qualification System Continues

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.43

124.1 The existing qualification system for the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship shall continue.

124.2 Qualification already earned lawfully shall be respected.

RULE-125 — Existing Regional Allocation Continues

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.44

125.1 The existing regional allocation of forty-eight-team 2030 qualification places shall remain operative.

125.2 REG-12 shall not create a new Scenario B allocation.

RULE-126 — Existing Host Commitments Continue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.45

126.1 Existing 2030 host commitments shall remain protected under Scenario B.

RULE-127 — No New World Expansion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.46

127.1 Scenario B shall not create the twenty-four-match New World Block.

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RULE-128 — No A–E–I–M New World Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.46

128.1 Groups A, E, I and M shall not have Scenario A New World status if Scenario B becomes operative.

RULE-129 — Scenario A Economics Do Not Automatically Apply

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.48

129.1 Scenario A’s exceptional 90% / 10% Founding Economic Model shall not automatically govern Scenario B.

129.2 Scenario B commercial and financial obligations shall follow the lawful agreements applicable to the continuity model.

RULE-130 — No Economic Model Invented by Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-38–40; STA / ART-65.41–65.48

130.1 WUFO staff shall not invent a Scenario B profit formula without lawful authority.

RULE-131 — Scenario B Does Not Become Scenario A by Amendment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.41–65.48

131.1 A Scenario B Competition Schedule shall not add sixteen teams and twenty-four matches administratively.

131.2 Such a change would constitute Scenario A and require Scenario A approval.

RULE-132 — Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.48

132.1 The governing principle shall be:

Preserve the existing structure of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship and protect the commitments already made.

PART XVI — SCENARIO C — TOTAL RUPTURE / INDEPENDENT WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CONTINGENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.49–65.58

RULE-133 — Dormant Contingency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.49; STA / ART-65.57

133.1 Scenario C shall remain dormant unless neither Scenario A nor Scenario B can operate.

RULE-134 — Forty-Eight Teams

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.50

134.1 If activated, Scenario C shall contain forty-eight (48) teams.

RULE-135 — One Hundred and Four Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.51

135.1 Scenario C shall contain one hundred and four (104) matches.

RULE-136 — Primary Host Configuration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.52(a)

136.1 Scenario C may operate through:

a. Spain;

b. Morocco; and

c. Portugal.

RULE-137 — Alternative Host Configuration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.52(b)

137.1 If Morocco does not participate in the independent competition, Scenario C may operate through:

a. Spain; and

b. Portugal.

RULE-138 — No South American Host Block

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.53

138.1 Scenario C shall contain no South American host block.

RULE-139 — No New-World Expansion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.50–65.53

139.1 Scenario C shall not contain the Scenario A twenty-four-match New World Block.

RULE-140 — Participants Not Predetermined

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.54

140.1 The participating Member Associations shall be determined only if Scenario C becomes necessary.

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RULE-141 — Qualification Not Predetermined

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.55

141.1 The Scenario C qualification system shall be established only after Scenario C becomes necessary.

RULE-142 — Regional Allocation Not Predetermined

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.55

142.1 No Historical Confederation shall possess a predetermined Scenario C quota merely because another Scenario used such an allocation.

RULE-143 — Actual Membership Available to Participate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.56

143.1 Scenario C shall use the actual WUFO membership available and eligible to participate when the contingency becomes necessary.

RULE-144 — Sporting Merit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-65.56

144.1 Scenario C qualification shall be based on sporting merit.

RULE-145 — No Private Invitation Championship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-65.56

145.1 Scenario C shall not become a private invitation tournament.

145.2 Commercial importance shall not purchase participation.

RULE-146 — Activation Finding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.49; STA / ART-65.57–65.59

146.1 Before Scenario C is activated, WUFO shall formally determine that neither Scenario A nor Scenario B can operate.

RULE-147 — Activation Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.49–65.61

147.1 The Scenario Activation Record shall state the reason Scenario C became necessary.

RULE-148 — Scenario C Qualification Framework

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.54–65.56

148.1 After activation, WUFO shall adopt a Scenario C Qualification Framework.

148.2 The Framework shall establish:

a. eligible participants;

b. qualification pathway;

c. Historical Confederation allocation;

d. dates;

e. tie-breaking rules;

f. certification; and

g. other necessary sporting procedures.

RULE-149 — No Dormant Qualification Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.54–65.55

149.1 No final Scenario C qualification Schedule shall exist before activation.

149.2 Preparatory templates may exist without predetermined participating Members or quotas.

RULE-150 — No Predetermined Political Exclusion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-65.54–65.56

150.1 Scenario C participation shall not be predetermined according to unrelated political preference.

RULE-151 — Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.58

151.1 The governing principle shall be:

Scenario C preserves an independent forty-eight-team WUFO Championship Cup if institutional rupture makes a common 2030 championship arrangement impossible.

PART XVII — COMMON 2030 SPORTING ADMINISTRATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-65

RULE-152 — Laws of the Game

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44–45; STA / ART-65

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152.1 The operative 2030 competition under this Regulation shall use the applicable Laws of the Game.

152.2 An experimental Law shall be used only where lawfully authorised.

RULE-153 — Refereeing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-65

153.1 Referee appointment, evaluation, integrity and review shall be governed by REG-6.

153.2 A Host, sponsor or broadcaster shall not select referees.

RULE-154 — Player Health

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-65

154.1 The 2030 Competition Schedule shall comply with REG-7.

RULE-155 — Player Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62; STA / ART-65

155.1 Player eligibility shall be governed by REG-10.

155.2 No 2030 Scenario shall create a separate nationality or Legionnaire system through a Competition Schedule.

RULE-156 — Anti-Doping

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119; STA / ART-65

156.1 Anti-doping shall be governed through the independent WUFO anti-doping system under REG-23.

RULE-157 — Competition Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120; STA / ART-65

157.1 Match manipulation, betting integrity and disciplinary integrity shall be governed principally by REG-22.

RULE-158 — Supporter Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

158.1 Supporters shall receive fair, safe and transparent treatment.

158.2 Ticketing procedures applicable specifically to 2030 shall be established consistently with REG-16 and the transitional Host arrangements.

RULE-159 — Accessibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

159.1 Stadium operations shall make reasonable provision for supporters with disabilities.

PART XVIII — WUFO SPORTING AUTHORITY AND COMMERCIAL INDEPENDENCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65; STA / ART-109–111; STA / ART-120

RULE-160 — Organiser Does Not Own Sporting Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65; STA / ART-111

160.1 Operating and commercial rights assigned to the Organiser shall not give the Organiser authority over WUFO sporting law.

RULE-161 — No Sponsor Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111; STA / ART-120

161.1 A commercial partner shall not control:

a. team selection;

b. qualification;

c. competition draw;

d. referee appointments;

e. match results;

f. discipline; or

g. integrity investigations.

RULE-162 — No Broadcaster Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.13–109.15; STA / ART-111

162.1 A broadcaster may negotiate broadcast windows.

162.2 A broadcaster shall not determine sporting results or qualification.

RULE-163 — No Host Political Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-121–123

163.1 Hosting shall not give a government political control over the competition.

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RULE-164 — No Commercial Reassignment of Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-65

164.1 A match shall not be moved from one Host Block to another solely because a commercial partner offers more money.

PART XIX — THE 2030 FOUNDING AGREEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-39–40; STA / ART-65.24; STA / ART-65.28; STA / ART-65.60–65.61

RULE-165 — Written Form

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.60–65.61

165.1 The binding 2030 Founding Agreement shall be in writing.

RULE-166 — Scenario Identification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.59–65.61

166.1 The Founding Agreement shall clearly identify the Scenario being implemented.

RULE-167 — Scenario A Minimum Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.24; STA / ART-65.28–65.40

167.1 A Scenario A Founding Agreement shall identify at minimum:

a. legal Organiser or Organisers;
b. Old World operational structure;
c. New World operational structure;
d. Competition Schedule;
e. principal Host responsibilities;
f. principal WUFO responsibilities;
g. commercial-right allocations;
h. accounting structure;
i. operating-cost treatment;
j. permanent-infrastructure treatment;
k. independent audit;
l. 90% / 10% settlement;
m. liability allocation;
n. change control; and
o. dispute procedures.

RULE-168 — Separate Block Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.40

168.1 Where Old World and New World operations are separately administered, the Founding Agreement shall define:

a. revenue belonging to each block;
b. costs belonging to each block;
c. shared costs;
d. shared rights;
e. accounting treatment; and
f. WUFO's 10% participation.

RULE-169 — No Secret Alteration of 90/10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39; STA / ART-65.29–65.30

169.1 No side letter or secret agreement shall alter the protected 90% / 10% formula.

RULE-170 — No Secret Reduction of Old World Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39; STA / ART-65.8–65.23

170.1 No side agreement shall reduce the Old World Block below 104 matches.

RULE-171 — No Secret Scenario C Participant List

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39; STA / ART-65.54–65.55

171.1 No secret agreement shall predetermine Scenario C participants or regional quotas before lawful activation.

RULE-172 — Operational Change Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-38–40; STA / ART-65

172.1 Material changes shall require the authority applicable to the subject matter.

172.2 Non-material technical adjustments may be made within properly delegated operational authority.

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PART XX — FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTUAL TRANSPARENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65.28–65.39; STA / ART-126; STA / ART-131– 132

RULE-173 — Material Contracts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.34–65.36; STA / ART-132

173.1 Material Scenario A contracts shall be recorded and auditable.

RULE-174 — Commercial Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39.7–39.9; STA / ART-132

174.1 Legitimate commercial confidentiality may be protected.

174.2 Confidentiality shall not be used to conceal:

a. revenue;

b. corruption;

c. related-party manipulation;

d. unauthorised commissions; or

e. artificial costs.

RULE-175 — Financial Audit Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.35; STA / ART-131

175.1 No Organiser, Host, WUFO officer or commercial partner shall direct an independent auditor to hide a material finding.

RULE-176 — Public Summary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.35–65.37; STA / ART-132

176.1 WUFO shall publish an appropriate summary of the Scenario A final financial settlement.

176.2 The summary should include:

a. audited net-profit total or totals;

b. WUFO share;

c. Organiser share; and

d. confirmation of audit completion.

176.3 Legitimately confidential commercial details may remain protected.

PART XXI — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65

RULE-177 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65

177.1 Implementation of REG-12 may use lower instruments including:

a. AGR — 2030 Transitional Championship Founding Agreement;

b. FOR — 2030 Scenario Activation Record;

c. PRO — 2030 Scenario Activation;

d. SCH — 2030 Transitional Championship Scenario A New World Competition Schedule;

e. SCH — 2030 Transitional Championship Scenario A Old World Competition Schedule;

f. SCH — 2030 Transitional Championship Scenario B Competition Schedule;

g. SCH — Scenario C Qualification Framework, only after Scenario C activation;

h. SCH — Scenario C Competition Schedule, only after activation;

i. FOR — Scenario A Final Audited 2030 Championship Statement;

j. PRO — Scenario A Financial Settlement;

k. PRO — 2030 Competition Change Control; and

l. other instruments lawfully authorised by WUFO.

RULE-178 — Scenario C Instruments Remain Dormant

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.54–65.56

178.1 Scenario C Forms and templates may be prepared in advance for administrative readiness.

178.2 They shall not contain:

a. predetermined participants;

b. predetermined regional quotas; or

c. a predetermined qualification path.

RULE-179 — Schedule Is Lower Than Regulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65; STA / ART-139

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179.1 A Competition Schedule shall operate below REG-12.

179.2 Where a Schedule conflicts with REG-12, REG-12 shall prevail.

RULE-180 — Founding Agreement Is Lower Than the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.60–65.61; STA / ART-139

180.1 The 2030 Founding Agreement shall not override Article 65.

PART XXII — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65

RULE-181 — Coordination with REG-2

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-38–41; STA / ART-65.60–65.61

181.1 REG-2 shall govern Congress mandates, voting and required institutional approval.

RULE-182 — Coordination with REG-4

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39–40; STA / ART-65.60–65.61

182.1 REG-4 shall govern negotiating authority and execution of properly authorised material agreements.

RULE-183 — Coordination with REG-5 and REG-6

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44–46

183.1 REG-5 shall govern the Laws of the Game and authorised trials.

183.2 REG-6 shall govern refereeing.

RULE-184 — Coordination with REG-7

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

184.1 REG-7 shall govern:

a. international calendar;

b. travel;

c. rest;

d. workload;

e. time-zone effects; and

f. climate-related player welfare.

RULE-185 — Coordination with REG-10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62

185.1 REG-10 shall govern representative-team player eligibility.

RULE-186 — Coordination with REG-11

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

186.1 REG-11 shall govern Restricted Commercial Categories applicable to the 2030 commercial programme.

RULE-187 — Coordination with REG-16

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

187.1 REG-16 shall govern ticketing and supporter-protection procedures applicable to WUFO competitions.

187.2 Any 2030-specific ticket arrangement shall remain subject to the higher transitional agreements validly adopted for the edition.

RULE-188 — Coordination with REG-17

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

188.1 REG-17 shall govern audiovisual, sponsorship, commercial rights and inventory.

188.2 REG-12 shall control any special 2030 allocation established by the Founding Agreement.

RULE-189 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

189.1 REG-22 shall govern:

a. competition integrity;

b. conduct;

c. racism;

d. match manipulation;

e. disciplinary matters; and

f. public responsibility.

RULE-190 — Coordination with REG-23

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

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190.1 REG-23 shall govern anti-doping.

RULE-191 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.28–65.39; STA / ART-126–132

191.1 REG-24 shall govern WUFO central financial accounting, audit and transparency.

191.2 REG-24 shall not alter the Scenario A 90% / 10% statutory formula.

RULE-192 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

192.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. coding;

b. version control;

c. publication;

d. Decision Ledger traceability; and

e. historical preservation.

PART XXIII — TRANSITIONAL SUNSET AND HISTORICAL STATUS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65; STA / ART-141–143

RULE-193 — Event-Specific Life

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.1; STA / ART-141–143

193.1 REG-12 is an event-specific Regulation.

193.2 It shall remain legally relevant after the tournament only for matters that survive the 2030 event.

RULE-194 — Surviving Matters

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.34–65.39

194.1 Matters that may survive the Final include:

a. audit;

b. financial settlement;

c. unresolved contractual obligations;

d. disputes;

e. integrity proceedings;

f. archival obligations; and

g. historical records.

RULE-195 — Historical Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

195.1 After all material 2030 obligations have been completed, REG-12 may be designated:

HISTORICAL — TRANSITION COMPLETED.

195.2 Historical designation shall not erase the Regulation.

195.3 It shall preserve the official legal record of how the 2030 transitional championship was organised under this Regulation.

RULE-196 — No Precedent by Silence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.1; STA / ART-143

196.1 A 2030 arrangement shall not automatically govern 2034 or the permanent 2035–2038 Championship Cycle merely because a later Regulation does not expressly repeat a contrary rule.

PART XXIV — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65

RULE-197 — No Reduction of the Old World Block

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.8–65.23

197.1 No lower instrument may reduce Scenario A’s Old World Block below 104 matches.

RULE-198 — No Hidden South American Match Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.21–65.23

198.1 No Old World knockout match or original Old World group-stage match shall be relabelled as part of the twenty-four additional New World matches.

RULE-199 — Twenty-Four Means Additional Twenty-Four

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.12–65.23

199.1 The New World Block shall contain twenty-four newly created Scenario A matches.

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RULE-200 — No Commercially Purchased 2030 Championship Place

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-65

200.1 No commercial party shall purchase a place among the sixty-four Scenario A teams or forty-eight Scenario B or C teams.

RULE-201 — No Scenario A Accounting Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.29–65.36

201.1 No accounting method shall be designed principally to:

a. conceal revenue;

b. inflate tournament cost;

c. disguise permanent infrastructure as ordinary tournament expenditure;

d. move profit to an affiliate; or

e. reduce WUFO's lawful 10% share.

RULE-202 — No WUFO Liability for Scenario A Loss

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.39

202.1 No lower agreement shall make WUFO responsible for Scenario A operating loss unless WUFO separately and lawfully assumes a specific contractual obligation.

RULE-203 — No Scenario B Expansion by Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.41–65.48

203.1 A Schedule shall not transform Scenario B from forty-eight to sixty-four teams.

RULE-204 — No Premature Scenario C Qualification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.54–65.56

204.1 No lower instrument shall predetermine Scenario C:

a. participating Member Associations;

b. regional quotas; or

c. qualification format

before activation.

RULE-205 — No Scenario C South American Block

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.53

205.1 No administrative instrument may insert the Scenario A New World Block into Scenario C.

RULE-206 — No Secret Founding Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39–40; STA / ART-65.60–65.61

206.1 Legitimate confidential negotiation is permitted.

206.2 A material agreement requiring WUFO approval shall not remain secret from the body whose approval is required.

RULE-207 — No Fait Accompli

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39–40

207.1 Negotiators shall not publicly or contractually make a Scenario irreversible before lawful approval and then ask WUFO merely to ratify an accomplished fact.

RULE-208 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.1–65.61

208.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. the exceptional historical character of 2030;

b. the possibility of World Reconciliation;

c. existing host commitments;

d. the integrity of the Old World Block;

e. a meaningful South American New World programme;

f. sporting merit;

g. player welfare;

h. financial transparency;

i. WUFO institutional independence;

j. contingency capacity in case of total rupture; and

k. long-term stability of world football.

RULE-209 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.40; STA / ART-65.48; STA / ART-65.58; STA / ART-65.59– 65.61

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209.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

2030 is a special founding edition of the Existing Global Senior Championship, presented by WUFO as A NEW BEGINNING. Only one Scenario becomes operative.

Scenario A — WORLD RECONCILIATION — contains 64 teams and 128 matches.

Sixteen groups of four. First and second advance. No best-third-place mechanism.

The Old World retains all 104 matches.

The New World receives 24 additional matches created by expansion, not matches taken from the Old World.

Groups A, E, I and M form the New World Block.

Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile and Brazil share the New World programme

Eight New World qualifiers travel to the Old World and join the unified Round of 32.

From the Round of 32 onward, Scenario A continues entirely within the Old World host programme.

Scenario A operating risk belongs to the Organiser under the Founding Agreement.

The Organiser retains 90% of audited net profit. WUFO receives 10%.

Permanent public infrastructure does not automatically reduce tournament net profit.

Separate Organising Blocks may operate their own assigned economic programmes without making one block automatically responsible for another block's losses.

Scenario B preserves the existing 48-team, 104-match structure of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship, its qualification system, regional slot allocation and existing host commitments.

Scenario C exists only if Scenario A and Scenario B cannot operate.

Scenario C contains 48 teams and 104 matches, without a South American host block.

Scenario C participants and qualification are not invented before the contingency exists.

Sporting merit decides participation. Commercial value does not.

A Host or Organiser may operate the tournament. It does not own WUFO sporting authority.

Authority to negotiate is not authority to approve.

No secret mandate. No secret deal. No fait accompli.

REG-12 — 2030 EXISTING GLOBAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP — TRANSITIONAL & FOUNDING REGULATIONS

REG-13 — 2034 EXISTING GLOBAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP — FINAL TRANSITIONAL EDITION & SAUDI– WUFO OPERATIONAL AND ECONOMIC REGULATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-39–40; STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-62–64; STA / ART-79–86; STA / ART-109–116; STA / ART-119–120; STA / ART-126–132

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND TRANSITIONAL CHARACTER

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.1–66.21

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66

1.1 This Regulation establishes the complete WUFO framework governing the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

1.2 It shall govern:

a. the final transitional structure of the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship;
b. forty-eight-team participation;
c. the one-hundred-and-four-match format;
d. continued qualification under the existing 2034 championship qualification system;
e. the Historical Confederation qualification-place structure;
f. the exclusion of Categories A–G from the 2034 edition;
g. Host responsibilities;
h. WUFO responsibilities;
i. the Host Economy;
j. Global WUFO Competition Assets;
k. the 2034 Host Agreement;
l. Host and WUFO cost allocation;

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m. local and global commercial inventory;

n. World Feed production;

o. worldwide audiovisual exploitation;

p. Host destination promotion;

q. team participation support;

r. competition prize obligations;

s. Club Protection and Club Benefit obligations;

t. sporting administration;

u. integrity and anti-doping independence;

v. accounting and audit;

w. prohibition of a second general profit-sharing calculation; and

x. transition from the pre-existing single-tier global senior championship system to the permanent WUFO Championship Cup A–G system beginning with the 2035–2038 cycle, subject to lawful activation.

RULE-2 — 2034 Is a Separate Transitional Championship Regime

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.1–66.6

2.1 The 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall constitute its own transitional competition regime.

2.2 It shall not be governed by the exceptional 2030 Scenario system.

2.3 The 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship shall be governed by REG-12.

2.4 The permanent 2035+ WUFO Championship Cup system shall be governed principally by REG-14 and REG-15.

RULE-3 — Final Transitional Edition of the Existing Global Senior Championship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.1

3.1 The 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall be the final transitional edition of the pre-existing single-tier global senior championship before introduction of the permanent Seven-Category WUFO Championship Cup system.

3.2 It shall therefore remain a single traditional senior global championship competition.

RULE-4 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66

4.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

4.2 Where this Regulation conflicts with the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.

4.3 No lower instrument may:

a. change the forty-eight-team structure;

b. change the one-hundred-and-four-match structure;

c. abolish qualification for 2034;

d. introduce Categories A–G in 2034;

e. transfer Host Economy rights to WUFO contrary to the Host Agreement;

f. transfer Global WUFO Competition Assets to the Host contrary to the Host Agreement;

g. convert technical World Feed production into worldwide audiovisual ownership;

h. create a second general tournament profit split after rights have already been allocated; or

i. permit a Host, broadcaster or commercial partner to exercise sporting authority reserved to WUFO.

RULE-5 — Sporting Merit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-66.3–66.4

5.1 Participation in the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall be earned through the applicable qualification system.

5.2 Commercial value shall not replace sporting qualification.

5.3 A Member Association shall not receive a place merely because it:

a. has a large market;

b. produces greater television audiences;

c. possesses greater wealth;

d. is commercially attractive; or

e. has greater political influence.

RULE-6 — Sporting Recognition Only

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-66

6.1 Hosting, qualification, participation or non-participation in the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall have sporting effect only.

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6.2 Such action shall not determine:

a. sovereignty;

b. statehood;

c. diplomatic recognition;

d. territorial ownership; or

e. political legitimacy.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66

RULE-7 — Host

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.21

7.1 The Host means the Member Association, organising structure, public or football authorities and Local Organising Committee collectively carrying the territorial responsibilities assigned under the 2034 Host Agreement.

7.2 The Host shall not acquire WUFO constitutional authority merely because it organises the tournament.

RULE-8 — Host Economy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7; STA / ART-66.9–66.10

8.1 The Host Economy means the local and territorial economic rights allocated to the Host under the 2034 Host Agreement.

8.2 Host Economy rights are separate from Global WUFO Competition Assets.

RULE-9 — Global WUFO Competition Assets

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.13–66.14

9.1 Global WUFO Competition Assets are the worldwide competition rights reserved to WUFO.

9.2 They may include:

a. worldwide audiovisual rights;

b. WUFO global sponsorship rights;

c. worldwide licensing;

d. competition intellectual property;

e. legacy championship marks, only to the extent lawfully assigned or licensed to WUFO;

f. global competition advertising inventory; and

g. other expressly reserved worldwide commercial rights.

RULE-10 — Host Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.21

10.1 The 2034 Host Agreement is the binding event-specific legal agreement implementing the allocation established by the Statutes and this Regulation.

10.2 The Host Agreement shall operate below the Statutes and Regulations.

RULE-11 — World Feed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(i); STA / ART-66.15–66.17

11.1 The World Feed is the official international match signal technically produced or arranged by the Host under WUFO technical standards and delivered to WUFO for worldwide exploitation.

RULE-12 — Destination Promotion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.18–66.19

12.1 Destination Promotion means the agreed worldwide broadcast exposure provided to promote the Host country, Host Cities, tourism, culture or related destination identity.

12.2 Destination Promotion shall be distinct from ordinary WUFO global sponsorship inventory.

RULE-13 — Local Organising Committee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.8; STA / ART-84

13.1 A Local Organising Committee, or LOC, is an approved Host-side organising body responsible for territorial tournament functions assigned under the Host Agreement.

PART III — SPORTING STRUCTURE OF THE 2034 EXISTING GLOBAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.1–66.6

RULE-14 — Forty-Eight Teams

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.2(a)

14.1 The 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall contain forty-eight (48) Representative Teams.

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RULE-15 — One Hundred and Four Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.2(b)

15.1 The 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall contain one hundred and four (104) matches.

RULE-16 — One World Champion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.1–66.6

16.1 The 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall remain one single-tier global senior championship.

16.2 It shall crown one senior World Champion.

16.3 Category World Champions shall not exist in the 2034 competition.

RULE-17 — No Categories A–G

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.5

17.1 Categories A, B, C, D, E, F and G shall not apply to the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

17.2 No lower instrument shall describe 2034 participants as belonging to WUFO Championship Cup Categories A–G.

RULE-18 — No Universal Participation in 2034

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.3–66.6

18.1 Universal participation of every WUFO Member Association shall not begin in 2034.

18.2 Member Associations shall qualify through the traditional qualification system.

RULE-19 — Permanent Seven-Category Cycle Begins in 2035

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.6

19.1 The permanent seven-Category WUFO Championship Cup system shall begin with the 2035–2038 Championship Cycle.

19.2 It shall not be introduced early through the 2034 Competition Regulations.

RULE-20 — 2034 Does Not Determine the Permanent Category System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.5–66.6; STA / ART-67

20.1 This Regulation shall not establish the permanent sporting movement rules for Categories A–G.

20.2 Initial and permanent Category administration shall be governed under the applicable 2035+ Regulation.

PART IV — QUALIFICATION FOR THE 2034 EXISTING GLOBAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.3–66.4

RULE-21 — Existing 2034 Qualification System Continues

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.3

21.1 The existing qualifying competitions for the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall continue.

RULE-22 — Regional Qualification Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.3–66.4

22.1 Qualification may be administered through the six Historical Confederations under the applicable WUFO qualification framework.

22.2 Regional administration shall remain subject to the global forty-eight-team structure.

RULE-23 — Regional Slot Structure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.4

23.1 The regional allocation of qualification places shall follow the forty-eight-team structure used for Scenario B of the 2030 Existing Global Senior Championship.

23.2 REG-13 shall not invent another Historical Confederation allocation.

RULE-24 — Scenario B Allocation Incorporated by Reference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65.44; STA / ART-66.4

24.1 The official forty-eight-team 2030 Scenario B regional allocation shall serve as the controlling 2034 allocation.

24.2 The final 2034 Qualification Schedule shall reproduce that allocation accurately.

RULE-25 — No Commercial Reallocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-66.4

25.1 A qualification place shall not be transferred from one Historical Confederation to another merely because another region offers greater commercial value.

RULE-26 — No Political Reallocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-42; STA / ART-66.4

26.1 Political pressure shall not by itself alter the qualification allocation.

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RULE-27 — Qualification Rules Known in Advance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-38; STA / ART-42–43

27.1 Qualification rules shall be published before they are applied.

27.2 A material qualification rule shall not be changed after teams have substantially relied upon it except where a genuine necessity requires lawful amendment.

RULE-28 — Sporting Merit Controls

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43

28.1 Qualification shall be determined by sporting performance under the applicable qualification system.

RULE-29 — Qualification Certification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-66.3–66.4

29.1 WUFO shall certify the forty-eight participating teams after completion of the applicable qualification process.

PART V — HOST–WUFO SEPARATION PRINCIPLE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.7

RULE-30 — Two Economic Spheres

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7

30.1 The 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall use a clear separation between:

a. the Host Economy; and

b. Global WUFO Competition Assets.

RULE-31 — Host Economy Belongs to the Host Where Allocated

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9–66.10

31.1 Economic rights allocated to the Host shall remain under Host control.

31.2 WUFO shall not automatically take a percentage merely because the revenue is generated during the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

RULE-32 — Global Competition Assets Belong to WUFO Where Reserved

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.13–66.14

32.1 Global rights expressly reserved to WUFO shall remain under WUFO control.

32.2 The Host shall not claim those rights merely because the competition takes place in its territory.

RULE-33 — No Ownership by Physical Location

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.14; STA / ART-109

33.1 Physical location of a match shall not by itself determine commercial ownership.

33.2 Rights shall follow their legal allocation.

RULE-34 — No Ownership by Production

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.15–66.17; STA / ART-109.8–109.9

34.1 Technical production of the World Feed shall not by itself create audiovisual ownership.

RULE-35 — No Ownership by Funding Infrastructure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.14

35.1 Financing stadiums or public infrastructure shall not by itself transfer Global WUFO Competition Assets to the Host.

35.2 Conversely, ownership or control of global championship rights shall not give WUFO ownership of Host public infrastructure.

PART VI — HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.8

RULE-36 — General Host Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8

36.1 The Host shall principally provide or organise the territorial infrastructure and operations required to stage the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

RULE-37 — Stadiums

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(a)

37.1 The Host shall provide or arrange suitable stadiums for the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

37.2 Stadiums shall satisfy applicable:

a. safety;

b. competition;

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c. pitch;
d. broadcast;
e. accessibility; and
f. operational standards.

RULE-38 — Local Infrastructure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(b)

38.1 The Host shall principally provide or coordinate required local infrastructure.

38.2 This may include:

a. transport access;
b. utilities;
c. communications;
d. public-event services; and
e. other territorial infrastructure.

RULE-39 — Local Security

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(c)

39.1 The Host shall principally coordinate local security.

39.2 Security shall remain subject to:

a. applicable law;
b. proportionality;
c. supporter rights; and
d. WUFO competition requirements.

RULE-40 — Local Tournament Operation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(d)

40.1 The Host shall principally manage territorial tournament operations allocated to it.

RULE-41 — Local Transport Systems

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(e)

41.1 The Host shall principally provide or organise the local transport systems required by the Host Agreement.

RULE-42 — Local Medical Services

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(f)

42.1 The Host shall provide or coordinate local medical and emergency services.

42.2 Such services shall satisfy applicable WUFO medical standards.

RULE-43 — Ambulance and Emergency Response

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(f)

43.1 Match venues shall have appropriate emergency medical and ambulance capacity.

RULE-44 — Competition Technology

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(g)

44.1 The Host shall principally provide or arrange the local competition technology allocated to it.

RULE-45 — Video Assistant Referee Infrastructure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(g)

45.1 The Host shall provide or arrange the Video Assistant Referee technical infrastructure required by the applicable Laws of the Game.

45.2 Host provision of technology shall not give the Host authority over referee decisions.

RULE-46 — Ceremonies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(h)

46.1 The Host shall principally organise ceremonies allocated to it under the Host Agreement.

46.2 Ceremonies shall remain consistent with WUFO political and territorial neutrality.

RULE-47 — World Feed Production

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(i); STA / ART-66.15–66.17

47.1 The Host shall provide or arrange technical production of the official World Feed.

RULE-48 — Other Territorial Responsibilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.8(j)

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48.1 The Host Agreement may assign other territorial responsibilities to the Host.

48.2 Material additional responsibilities shall be clearly identified.

PART VII — THE HOST ECONOMY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.9–66.10

RULE-49 — Host Retains Allocated Host Economy Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9

49.1 The Host shall retain the economic rights expressly allocated to the Host Economy.

RULE-50 — No Automatic WUFO Percentage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9–66.10; STA / ART-66.20

50.1 WUFO shall not automatically receive a percentage of a Host Economy revenue stream.

50.2 A specific sharing arrangement may exist only where lawfully and expressly agreed.

RULE-51 — Ticketing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(a)

51.1 Ticketing may form part of the Host Economy where allocated by the Host Agreement.

51.2 Host ticketing rights shall remain subject to applicable WUFO supporter-protection rules.

RULE-52 — Hospitality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(b)

52.1 Hospitality may form part of the Host Economy where allocated.

RULE-53 — Fan Zones

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(c)

53.1 Authorised Fan Zone revenue may belong to the Host Economy.

RULE-54 — Concessions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(d)

54.1 Concession rights may belong to the Host Economy.

RULE-55 — Food and Beverage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(e)

55.1 Food and beverage rights may belong to the Host Economy where allocated.

RULE-56 — Parking

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(f)

56.1 Parking revenue may belong to the Host Economy where applicable.

RULE-57 — Local Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(g); STA / ART-82; STA / ART-85

57.1 Authorised local sponsorship may form part of the Host Economy.

57.2 Local sponsorship shall not automatically become WUFO global sponsorship.

RULE-58 — Tourism Promotion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(h); STA / ART-66.18–66.19

58.1 Tourism promotion shall constitute a legitimate Host economic and promotional benefit.

RULE-59 — Local Commercial Activities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(i)

59.1 Other authorised local commercial activity may remain with the Host.

RULE-60 — Additional Host Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(j)

60.1 Additional Host rights may be allocated expressly through the Host Agreement.

60.2 An additional Host right shall not silently absorb a Global WUFO Competition Asset.

PART VIII — HOST ECONOMY PROTECTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.7–66.10; STA / ART-82; STA / ART-85

RULE-61 — Local Rights Are Real Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9–66.10

61.1 The Host Economy shall not be treated as symbolic.

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61.2 Rights allocated to the Host shall be commercially exploitable by the Host subject to the Host Agreement and applicable law.

RULE-62 — No WUFO Clawback Because a Host Right Becomes Highly Profitable

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9–66.10; STA / ART-66.20

62.1 A Host Economy right shall not become a WUFO right merely because it generates more revenue than expected.

RULE-63 — Host Bears Host Economic Risk

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.10

63.1 The Host shall bear the commercial risk associated with rights allocated to the Host unless the Host Agreement expressly provides otherwise.

63.2 WUFO shall not guarantee profitability of the Host Economy.

RULE-64 — WUFO Does Not Own Host Infrastructure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.10

64.1 Nothing in this Regulation shall give WUFO ownership of:

a. stadiums;

b. airports;

c. roads;

d. public transport systems;

e. hotels;

f. public utilities; or

g. other Host infrastructure

merely because the infrastructure is used during the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

RULE-65 — Existing Stadium Naming Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82.3–82.5; STA / ART-111.10–111.12

65.1 Existing lawful stadium naming-rights agreements shall be respected.

65.2 A stadium shall not automatically lose its normal lawful commercial name because a naming-rights partner competes with a WUFO global sponsor.

65.3 Operational competition naming practices may nevertheless be agreed where lawfully necessary.

PART IX — WUFO CENTRAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.11–66.12

RULE-66 — Central Competition Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.11

66.1 WUFO shall principally assume the central competition and team-related obligations allocated to it.

RULE-67 — Team Participation Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(a)

67.1 WUFO shall provide or finance the team participation support assigned to WUFO for the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

67.2 Exact support amounts, delegation numbers, travel arrangements and operational standards shall be established in the applicable Schedule or Manual.

RULE-68 — No Invented Team-Support Amount in REG-13

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(a); STA / ART-143.9

68.1 REG-13 shall not create an unsupported fixed financial amount for team participation.

68.2 Detailed amounts shall be approved through the competent financial process.

RULE-69 — Prize Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(b)

69.1 WUFO shall assume the competition prize obligations allocated to it.

RULE-70 — Prize Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(b); STA / ART-126–129

70.1 Prize amounts shall be established through an approved Competition Prize Schedule.

70.2 The Schedule shall identify:

a. participation amount where applicable;

b. sporting-performance payments;

c. payment timing;

d. recipient; and

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e. financial-control requirements.

RULE-71 — Club Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(c)

71.1 WUFO shall assume the Club Protection obligations allocated to it.

RULE-72 — Club Benefit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(d)

72.1 WUFO shall assume the Club Benefit obligations allocated to it.

72.2 Club Benefit shall remain distinct from a player transfer fee.

RULE-73 — Anti-Doping

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(e); STA / ART-119

73.1 WUFO shall provide the central anti-doping framework.

73.2 Anti-doping shall remain independent.

RULE-74 — Central Integrity Systems

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(f); STA / ART-120

74.1 WUFO shall provide central competition-integrity systems.

RULE-75 — Central Competition Medicine

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(g)

75.1 WUFO shall coordinate central competition medicine allocated to it.

75.2 Central competition medicine shall complement, not replace, Host local emergency services.

RULE-76 — Sporting Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(h)

76.1 WUFO shall principally administer central sporting functions.

76.2 Such functions may include:

a. team registration;
b. competition records;
c. sporting eligibility administration;
d. referee governance;
e. disciplinary coordination;
f. official competition documentation; and
g. other central sporting functions.

RULE-77 — Additional Central Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(i)

77.1 Additional WUFO obligations may be expressly assigned through the Host Agreement.

PART X — GLOBAL WUFO COMPETITION ASSETS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.13–66.14

RULE-78 — WUFO Retains Global Competition Assets

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.13

78.1 WUFO shall retain Global WUFO Competition Assets assigned to it.

RULE-79 — Worldwide Audiovisual Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14(a); STA / ART-109.3

79.1 Worldwide audiovisual rights of the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall belong to or be controlled by WUFO to the extent lawfully reserved, assigned or licensed.

RULE-80 — Global Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14(b); STA / ART-111

80.1 WUFO global sponsorship rights shall remain under WUFO control.

80.2 Such sponsorship shall comply with REG-11.

RULE-81 — Worldwide Licensing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14(c)

81.1 Worldwide licensing rights reserved to WUFO shall remain Global WUFO Competition Assets.

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RULE-82 — Competition Intellectual Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14(d)

82.1 Legacy competition intellectual property lawfully assigned to WUFO shall remain under WUFO control.

RULE-83 — Official Legacy Championship Marks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14(e)

83.1 Legacy championship marks shall constitute WUFO competition assets only to the extent lawfully assigned or licensed to WUFO; any Host use shall be governed by the applicable licence.

RULE-84 — Host Licence to Use Legacy Championship Marks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14(e); STA / ART-82–85

84.1 The Host may receive an appropriate licence to use legacy championship marks lawfully made available to WUFO for:

a. tournament operation;

b. Host promotion;

c. tourism;

d. local event communication; and

e. other authorised Host purposes.

84.2 A licence shall not transfer ownership of the marks.

RULE-85 — Global Advertising Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14(f); STA / ART-85

85.1 Global competition advertising inventory reserved to WUFO shall remain under WUFO control.

RULE-86 — Other Reserved Worldwide Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14(g)

86.1 Other worldwide commercial rights may be expressly reserved to WUFO.

86.2 Such rights shall be identified before commercial sale.

PART XI — GLOBAL AND LOCAL COMMERCIAL INVENTORY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.7–66.14; STA / ART-82; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

RULE-87 — Inventory Must Be Defined Before Sale

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85.4

87.1 Global and local commercial inventory shall be identified before material commercial sales begin.

RULE-88 — Commercial Inventory Matrix

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9–66.14; STA / ART-85

88.1 The Host Agreement shall contain or incorporate a:

2034 Commercial Inventory Matrix.

88.2 The Matrix shall identify:

a. WUFO global inventory;

b. Host local inventory;

c. shared or coordinated inventory;

d. reserved inventory; and

e. excluded inventory.

RULE-89 — Neither Side Sells the Other Side’s Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85.4; STA / ART-111

89.1 WUFO shall not sell a Host Economy right.

89.2 The Host shall not sell a Global WUFO Competition Asset.

RULE-90 — Overlap Resolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85.4; STA / ART-111.8–111.12

90.1 Potential commercial overlap shall be resolved before both parties enter conflicting agreements.

RULE-91 — Global Sponsor Does Not Automatically Cancel Local Sponsor

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.9

91.1 A WUFO global sponsorship shall not automatically cancel a lawful local Host sponsorship.

RULE-92 — Local Sponsor Does Not Become Global Sponsor

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(g); STA / ART-85

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92.1 A Host local sponsor shall not receive worldwide WUFO rights merely because it is associated with the 2034 tournament locally.

RULE-93 — Restricted Commercial Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-112.14

93.1 Both WUFO global inventory and Host local inventory shall comply with the applicable Restricted Commercial Category rules under REG-11.

PART XII — WORLD FEED PRODUCTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.8(i); STA / ART-66.15–66.17

RULE-94 — Host Produces the World Feed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.15

94.1 The Host shall technically produce or arrange production of the World Feed.

RULE-95 — WUFO Technical Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.15

95.1 World Feed production shall comply with WUFO technical standards.

95.2 Detailed standards shall be established through the applicable Broadcast Production Manual.

RULE-96 — Production Quality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.15

96.1 The World Feed shall satisfy appropriate standards for:

a. picture;

b. sound;

c. match coverage;

d. graphics interfaces;

e. communications;

f. redundancy;

g. transmission security; and

h. international distribution.

RULE-97 — Signal Delivery

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.16

97.1 The completed World Feed shall be delivered to WUFO through the agreed technical delivery system.

RULE-98 — Production Does Not Create Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.15–66.17; STA / ART-109.8–109.9

98.1 The Host does not acquire worldwide audiovisual ownership merely because it produces the signal.

RULE-99 — WUFO Worldwide Exploitation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.17

99.1 WUFO shall control worldwide commercial exploitation of the World Feed.

RULE-100 — Host Access for Operational Purposes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.15–66.18

100.1 The Host may receive the signal access reasonably necessary for:

a. local tournament operation;

b. public display where authorised;

c. Host promotion; and

d. agreed local uses.

100.2 Such access shall not transfer worldwide rights.

PART XIII — DESTINATION PROMOTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.18–66.19

RULE-101 — Host Destination Promotion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.18

101.1 The Host shall receive agreed worldwide destination-promotion opportunities through broadcasts of the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

RULE-102 — Promotional Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.18–66.19

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102.1 Destination Promotion may communicate:

a. tourism;

b. culture;

c. heritage;

d. landscapes;

e. Host Cities;

f. local attractions;

g. national destination identity; or

h. another agreed non-sporting Host message.

RULE-103 — Short Broadcast Window

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.19

103.1 The Host Agreement may establish a short destination-promotion window during each match broadcast.

RULE-104 — Same Opportunity Across Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.18–66.19

104.1 The Host Agreement should define the destination-promotion opportunity consistently enough that it constitutes a genuine tournament-wide Host benefit.

RULE-105 — Destination Promotion Is Not Ordinary Global Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.18–66.19; STA / ART-85

105.1 Destination Promotion shall not automatically be sold as ordinary WUFO global sponsor inventory.

RULE-106 — Commercial Material Inside Destination Promotion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.18–66.19; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

106.1 Any private commercial advertising proposed within a Host destination-promotion window shall be governed by the Host Agreement and applicable commercial rules.

RULE-107 — No Political Propaganda

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-123

107.1 Destination Promotion shall not be used principally for:

a. partisan political campaigning;

b. electoral promotion;

c. territorial propaganda; or

d. government political messaging unrelated to legitimate destination promotion.

PART XIV — THE 2034 HOST AGREEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.7–66.21; STA / ART-39–40

RULE-108 — Written Host Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66

108.1 The relationship governing the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall be implemented through a written Host Agreement.

RULE-109 — Approval

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39–40

109.1 The Host Agreement shall receive the WUFO approval required for a material institutional agreement.

109.2 Authority to negotiate shall not constitute authority to approve.

RULE-110 — Minimum Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.21

110.1 The Host Agreement shall identify at minimum:

a. legal Host entities;

b. Local Organising Committee structure;

c. stadium responsibilities;

d. local infrastructure;

e. security;

f. transport;

g. local medicine;

h. competition technology;

i. World Feed production;

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j. WUFO central obligations;
k. Host Economy rights;
l. Global WUFO Competition Assets;
m. destination promotion;
n. commercial inventory;
o. cost responsibility;
p. change control;
q. audit and information rights where applicable;
r. dispute procedure; and
s. surviving post-tournament obligations.

RULE-111 — No Secret Redistribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39; STA / ART-66.7–66.21

111.1 No secret side agreement shall materially transfer Host Economy rights to WUFO or Global WUFO Competition Assets to the Host contrary to the approved structure.

RULE-112 — No Fait Accompli

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39–40

112.1 No negotiator shall make a material Host Agreement publicly or commercially irreversible before the competent WUFO approval has occurred.

PART XV — HOST / WUFO RESPONSIBILITY MATRIX

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.7–66.14; STA / ART-84

RULE-113 — Responsibility Matrix

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.14

113.1 The Host Agreement shall contain or incorporate a:

2034 Host / WUFO Responsibility Matrix.

RULE-114 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84.4–84.5

114.1 The Matrix shall make clear which party is responsible for each material tournament function.

RULE-115 — One Principal Responsible Party

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.14

115.1 Every major operational obligation should identify one principal responsible party even where cooperation by the other party is required.

RULE-116 — Shared Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.14

116.1 Where responsibility is genuinely shared, the Matrix shall identify:

a. Host task;
b. WUFO task;
c. financial responsibility;
d. decision authority; and
e. coordination mechanism.

RULE-117 — No Ambiguous Cost Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84.5

117.1 An operational requirement shall not be intentionally left ambiguous in order to shift its cost later.

PART XVI — COST RESPONSIBILITY AND CHANGE CONTROL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.7–66.14; STA / ART-84.4–84.5

RULE-118 — Allocated Responsibility Carries Cost

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.14

118.1 Unless expressly agreed otherwise, the party assigned an operational responsibility shall bear the ordinary cost of that responsibility.

RULE-119 — No Unilateral Cost Shifting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84.5

119.1 WUFO shall not shift an agreed central obligation to the Host merely because its cost becomes larger than expected.

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119.2 The Host shall not shift an agreed Host obligation to WUFO merely because its cost becomes larger than expected.

RULE-120 — Material Change Order

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84.4–84.5

120.1 A material post-agreement change affecting cost shall be documented through a written Change Order.

RULE-121 — Change-Order Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84.4–84.5

121.1 A Change Order shall identify:

a. change requested;

b. reason;

c. operational consequence;

d. financial consequence;

e. responsible party; and

f. approval.

RULE-122 — Emergency Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84; STA / ART-121

122.1 An emergency affecting:

a. safety;

b. public health;

c. legal compliance;

d. security; or

e. essential tournament continuity

may require immediate action.

122.2 The financial and contractual consequences shall be documented as soon as reasonably possible.

PART XVII — LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.7–66.8; STA / ART-84

RULE-123 — LOC Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84.1

123.1 The Host shall operate through one or more approved Local Organising Committees.

RULE-124 — LOC Does Not Replace the Host

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84

124.1 Creation of an LOC shall not remove Host responsibilities unless the Host Agreement expressly allocates them otherwise.

RULE-125 — LOC Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84.2

125.1 The LOC may exercise the operational authority delegated to it for:

a. stadium availability;

b. local workforce;

c. local transport;

d. local security coordination;

e. permits;

f. accommodation planning;

g. local medical capacity;

h. supporter services; and

i. local event operation.

RULE-126 — LOC Has No WUFO Sporting Sovereignty

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-84.3

126.1 The LOC shall not independently control:

a. competition rules;

b. team eligibility;

c. refereeing governance;

d. competition discipline;

e. integrity;

f. official draw; or

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g. worldwide audiovisual rights.

PART XVIII - TICKETING AND SUPPORTER PROTECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.10(a); STA / ART-79-81; STA / ART-114-116

RULE-127 - Ticketing as Host Economy Right

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9-66.10

127.1 The Host shall retain one hundred percent (100%) of all 2034 championship ticketing revenue. WUFO shall receive zero percent (0%) of the gate.

127.2 WUFO shall receive an institutional allocation of sixty (60) tickets for every match. This is institutional inventory only and creates no revenue share.

127.3 Economic allocation shall not remove WUFO supporter protections.

RULE-128 - Applicable Ticket Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79-81; STA / ART-115

128.1 Ticketing for the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall comply with the applicable WUFO ticket-protection framework.

128.2 Detailed implementation shall be governed by REG-16.

RULE-129 - Absolute Prohibition of Dynamic Pricing in 2034

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80

129.1 Dynamic, surge, demand-based, algorithmic or artificial-scarcity pricing of official 2034 championship tickets is prohibited. The published official price shall not increase because demand changes, inventory becomes scarce, the match date approaches, a particular team qualifies or another demand signal appears.

RULE-130 — Official Return System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81; STA / ART-115

130.1 The official 2034 championship return or exchange system shall apply.

RULE-131 — Zero Resale Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

131.1 A supporter shall not obtain private resale profit from an official 2034 championship ticket.

RULE-132 — Host Community Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-116.6–116.9

132.1 The Host community shall receive a genuine opportunity to attend matches of the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship.

RULE-133 — Visiting Supporters

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-116

133.1 Participating-team supporters shall receive reasonable access subject to:

a. safety;

b. stadium capacity;

c. law; and

d. operational requirements.

RULE-134 — Ticket Revenue Does Not Buy Sporting Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(a); STA / ART-111

134.1 Host control of ticket revenue shall not create authority over sporting decisions.

PART XIX — HOSPITALITY, FAN ZONES AND LOCAL COMMERCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.10; STA / ART-82

RULE-135 — Hospitality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(b)

135.1 Hospitality rights allocated to the Host may be commercially exploited by the Host.

RULE-136 — Fan Zones

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(c); STA / ART-82

136.1 The Host may organise and monetise authorised Fan Zones.

RULE-137 — Local Food and Commerce

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.10(d)–(i); STA / ART-82

137.1 The Host may benefit from authorised:

a. concessions;

b. food and beverage;

c. parking;

d. local commerce;

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e. tourism activity; and

f. other allocated Host economic opportunities.

RULE-138 — Host Revenue Is Not Automatically WUFO Revenue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9–66.10

138.1 Revenue produced exclusively from a right allocated to the Host shall not automatically enter WUFO accounts.

PART XX — 2034 TRANSITIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REVENUE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.13–66.20; STA / ART-86

RULE-139 — WUFO Revenue Comes from WUFO Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.13–66.14

139.1 WUFO shall principally generate central revenue from the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship through the Global WUFO Competition Assets allocated to it.

RULE-140 — WUFO Revenue Accounting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132

140.1 Central revenue from the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall be recorded through WUFO's central financial system.

RULE-141 — Protected Development Distribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

141.1 Central revenue from the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall remain subject to the protected development-distribution rules established by STA / ART-86 and

REG-24.

RULE-142 — REG-13 Does Not Redefine the Distributable Revenue Base

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.4–86.6

142.1 REG-13 shall not invent or alter the distributable revenue base applicable to the 2034 championship.

142.2 The recovered and adopted financial denominator shall be governed under REG-24 and the applicable financial Schedule.

RULE-143 — Host Economy Is Not Automatically Inside the WUFO Development Base

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9–66.14; STA / ART-86

143.1 Revenue legally allocated to the Host Economy shall not automatically become WUFO central revenue from the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship merely for purposes of increasing or reducing a WUFO financial denominator.

PART XXI — NO SECOND GENERAL PROFIT-SHARING CALCULATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.20–66.21

RULE-144 — No Second Profit Split

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.20

144.1 There shall be no second general profit-sharing calculation after the tournament where rights and revenues have already been allocated between the Host and WUFO.

RULE-145 — Host Keeps the Result of Host Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9–66.10; STA / ART-66.20

145.1 The Host shall retain the economic result of the Host Economy rights allocated to it, subject to:

a. Host costs;

b. applicable law;

c. taxes where applicable;

d. contractual obligations; and

e. any specific lawful sharing arrangement expressly agreed.

RULE-146 — WUFO Keeps the Result of WUFO Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.13–66.14; STA / ART-66.20

146.1 WUFO shall retain revenues generated from Global WUFO Competition Assets, subject to WUFO financial and development rules.

RULE-147 — No Double Dip

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.20

147.1 WUFO shall not:

a. reserve a global revenue stream to itself; and then

b. impose a general percentage claim over all Host Economy profit

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merely because the event was commercially successful.

147.2 The Host shall likewise not claim a general percentage of WUFO worldwide revenue merely because it staged the competition.

RULE-148 — Specific Payment Is Not a General Profit Split

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.20

148.1 RULE-144 shall not prohibit a specific lawful payment expressly provided by:

a. Host Agreement;

b. service contract;

c. revenue-sharing right attached to a particular commercial asset; or

d. another valid specific obligation.

148.2 Such a payment shall not be converted into an implied general profit share.

RULE-149 — No Post-Tournament Renegotiation Based Solely on Success

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.20

149.1 A party shall not demand a new general percentage merely because the other party earned more than expected.

RULE-150 — Governing Economic Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.21

150.1 The governing economic principle shall be:

The Host monetises the Host Economy. WUFO monetises the global competition.

PART XXII — FINANCIAL RECORDS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66; STA / ART-126; STA / ART-131–132

RULE-151 — Separate Identification of Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.20

151.1 Financial records shall permit a reasonable distinction between:

a. Host Economy revenue;

b. Global WUFO Competition revenue; and

c. genuinely shared revenue.

RULE-152 — No Artificial Reclassification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.20; STA / ART-132

152.1 A party shall not deliberately misclassify revenue to claim ownership of a right allocated to the other party.

RULE-153 — WUFOudit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126; STA / ART-131–132

153.1 WUFO’s 2034 central accounts shall be subject to independent audit.

RULE-154 — Host Audit Requirements

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.20

154.1 The Host Agreement may require appropriate audit or verification of Host-controlled revenue from the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship where necessary to confirm:

a. shared rights;

b. contractual payments;

c. jointly incurred costs; or

d. compliance with the Host Agreement.

154.2 This shall not create general WUFO ownership over Host Economy accounts.

RULE-155 — Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-132

155.1 Legitimate commercial confidentiality may be protected.

155.2 Confidentiality shall not conceal:

a. corruption;

b. undisclosed related-party benefits;

c. hidden commissions;

d. unauthorised transfer of rights; or

e. a material contractual breach.

PART XXIII — TEAM PARTICIPATION AND CENTRAL COMPETITION SUPPORT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.11–66.12

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RULE-156 — Equal Basic Team Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.11–66.12

156.1 WUFO central team participation support shall use a common basic standard for all qualified Member Associations.

156.2 A richer or more famous team shall not receive a superior basic participation entitlement merely because of commercial value.

RULE-157 — Additional Private Team Spending

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.11–66.12

157.1 A Member Association may use its own lawful funds to purchase additional services beyond WUFO's standard provision where:

a. tournament operation is not disrupted;

b. security is respected;

c. competitive integrity is preserved; and

d. no cost is improperly transferred to WUFO or the Host.

RULE-158 — Team Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(a); STA / ART-48

158.1 Team travel support shall be coordinated to protect reasonable sporting and welfare standards.

RULE-159 — Accommodation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(a)

159.1 Team accommodation provided or funded centrally shall meet the standard established by the applicable 2034 Transitional Championship Team Participation Manual.

RULE-160 — No Commercial Favouritism in Team Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-66.12(a)

160.1 A Member Association shall not receive materially superior central participation support merely because it:

a. generates higher ratings;

b. has famous players;

c. has stronger sponsors; or

d. has greater commercial influence.

PART XXIV — CLUB PROTECTION AND CLUB BENEFIT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.12(c)–(d)

RULE-161 — Club Protection Is a WUFO Obligation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(c)

161.1 Club Protection allocated to the central competition shall be a WUFO responsibility.

RULE-162 — Host Has No Automatic Club Protection Liability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(c)

162.1 The Host shall not automatically become financially responsible for Club Protection merely because an injury occurs in Host territory.

RULE-163 — Club Benefit Is Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(d)

163.1 Club Benefit shall be administered separately from Club Protection.

RULE-164 — No Club Sporting Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.12(c)–(d); STA / ART-111

164.1 Receipt of a Club Benefit shall not give a club authority over:

a. Representative-Team selection;

b. qualification for the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship;

c. player eligibility; or

d. competition decisions.

PART XXV — REFEREEING, INTEGRITY AND ANTI-DOPING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-66.12(e)–(f); STA / ART-119–120

RULE-165 — Refereeing Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46

165.1 International referees shall be appointed under WUFO refereeing rules.

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165.2 The Host shall not appoint international referees for the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship merely because it provides local technology.

RULE-166 — No Sponsor Referee Influence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111; STA / ART-120.8

166.1 No sponsor or commercial partner may influence referee appointments or decisions.

RULE-167 — Anti-Doping Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119; STA / ART-66.12(e)

167.1 Anti-doping shall remain independent from:

a. Host political authorities;

b. competition commercial interests;

c. sponsors;

d. broadcasters; and

e. unauthorised WUFO officers.

RULE-168 — Integrity Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120; STA / ART-66.12(f)

168.1 Central integrity investigations shall remain independent.

RULE-169 — Commercial Revenue Cannot Stop Investigation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120.9

169.1 No Host Economy revenue or WUFO commercial revenue shall prevent or delay an integrity investigation.

PART XXVI — 2034 CHAMPIONSHIP AUDIOVISUAL ACCESS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.13–66.19; STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109–110

RULE-170 — WUFO Controls Worldwide Distribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.17; STA / ART-109.3

170.1 WUFO shall negotiate and control worldwide audiovisual exploitation.

RULE-171 — Universal Free Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.4–83.5; STA / ART-110

171.1 The 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall remain subject to the Universal Free Access principle established by STA / ART-110.

RULE-172 — Commercial Sale May Still Exist

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110.4–110.5

172.1 Universal Free Access shall not prevent WUFO from selling valuable audiovisual rights.

172.2 The distribution model shall nevertheless preserve a lawful free-access path in each applicable territory as required under REG-17.

RULE-173 — Host Production Does Not Determine Distribution Model

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.15–66.17

173.1 The Host’s technical production role shall not give the Host unilateral authority to determine worldwide platform, pricing or distribution strategy.

PART XXVII — COMMERCIAL INDEPENDENCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-111; STA / ART-120

RULE-174 — Commercial Partners Support — They Do Not Govern

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.5–111.15

174.1 Sponsors and broadcasters may support the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship financially.

174.2 They shall not govern the competition.

RULE-175 — No Sponsor Control Over Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.7

175.1 A sponsor shall not change:

a. forty-eight-team participation;

b. qualification;

c. the competition format;

d. rankings; or

e. sporting progression.

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RULE-176 — No Host Commercial Control Over Sporting Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111

176.1 Host commercial partners shall have no authority over sporting matters.

RULE-177 — No Broadcaster Sporting Veto

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.13–109.15

177.1 A broadcaster may participate in reasonable scheduling consultation.

177.2 It shall not possess a veto over:

a. qualifying teams;

b. referee appointments;

c. disciplinary decisions;

d. player eligibility; or

e. competition results.

PART XXVIII — APPLICABLE LAW AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-121

RULE-178 — Applicable Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-2.9; STA / ART-121

178.1 WUFO and the Host shall comply with binding applicable law.

RULE-179 — Government Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121.14–121.16

179.1 Cooperation with Host public authorities may include:

a. security;

b. immigration;

c. customs;

d. infrastructure;

e. public health;

f. transport;

g. taxation;

h. safeguarding; and

i. emergency response.

RULE-180 — Government Does Not Govern Sporting Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121

180.1 Public cooperation shall not give a government control over:

a. referees;

b. team selection;

c. qualification;

d. disciplinary decisions;

e. match results; or

f. WUFO governance.

PART XXIX — TRANSITION TO THE 2035–2038 PERMANENT CYCLE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.1–66.6; STA / ART-67

RULE-181 — 2034 Ends the Traditional Era

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.1; STA / ART-66.6

181.1 Completion of the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship shall conclude the traditional single-tier global senior championship era under the founding architecture.

RULE-182 — Traditional Qualifiers Do Not Continue Automatically

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.3–66.6; STA / ART-67.1–67.4

182.1 The 2034 qualification structure shall not automatically continue into the 2035–2038 permanent Championship Cycle.

RULE-183 — Universal Participation Begins with the 2035– 2038 Cycle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-67.1–67.7

183.1 Beginning with the 2035–2038 cycle, every eligible WUFO Member Association shall have a place in the permanent WUFO Championship Cup system, subject to the applicable activation and entry rules.

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RULE-184 — REG-13 Does Not Determine Initial Permanent-Cycle Placement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.6; STA / ART-67

184.1 REG-13 shall not invent the initial Category placement mechanism for the 2035–2038 permanent cycle. That placement is governed by STA / ART-67–70 and REG-14.

184.2 Any such mechanism shall be established through the competent 2035+ Regulation or separately adopted transition instrument.

RULE-185 — No Automatic Reward or Punishment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-66.6

185.1 Hosting or participating in 2034 shall not by itself create a permanent Category privilege for the 2035–2038 cycle or any later cycle.

PART XXX — POST-TOURNAMENT CLOSEOUT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66; STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-141–143

RULE-186 — Tournament Completion Does Not End Surviving Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66

186.1 Completion of the 2034 Final shall not automatically extinguish:

a. outstanding payments;

b. audit duties;

c. commercial settlements;

d. contractual obligations;

e. Club Protection claims;

f. integrity matters;

g. disputes; or

h. archival obligations.

RULE-187 — Final Host Closeout

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.21

187.1 WUFO and the Host shall complete an event closeout process identifying unresolved obligations.

RULE-188 — Rights Revert According to Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.7–66.21

188.1 Temporary event licences and operating rights shall expire or revert according to the Host Agreement.

RULE-189 — Historical Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

189.1 WUFO shall preserve the 2034 Host Agreement, principal Schedules, sporting records and material legal history.

RULE-190 — Historical Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

190.1 After all material 2034 obligations have been completed, REG-13 may be designated:

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190.2 Historical status shall not erase the legal record.

PART XXXI — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66

RULE-191 — Coordination with REG-2 and REG-4

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-39–40

191.1 REG-2 shall govern institutional voting and required approval.

191.2 REG-4 shall govern negotiating mandates and authorised execution.

RULE-192 — Coordination with REG-5 and REG-6

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-44–46

192.1 REG-5 shall govern the Laws of the Game.

192.2 REG-6 shall govern refereeing.

RULE-193 — Coordination with REG-7

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

193.1 REG-7 shall govern:

a. calendar;

b. player rest;

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c. workload;

d. travel;

e. climate; and

f. recovery.

RULE-194 — Coordination with REG-10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62

194.1 REG-10 shall govern Representative-Team player eligibility and Legionnaires.

RULE-195 — Coordination with REG-11

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64

195.1 REG-11 shall govern Restricted Commercial Categories.

RULE-196 — Coordination with REG-14

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-67–70

196.1 REG-14 shall govern the permanent 2035+ WUFO Championship Cup sporting system.

196.2 REG-14 shall not be applied retroactively to convert the 2034 competition into Categories A–G.

RULE-197 — Coordination with REG-15

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-71–77; STA / ART-84

197.1 REG-15 shall govern the permanent Host Cluster, certification, infrastructure and Host-operations framework beginning with the 2035+ system.

197.2 The special 2034 Saudi–WUFO allocation in REG-13 shall prevail for the 2034 edition where it differs from that permanent model.

RULE-198 — Coordination with REG-16

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

198.1 REG-16 shall govern ticketing and supporter protection.

RULE-199 — Coordination with REG-17

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

199.1 REG-17 shall govern:

a. worldwide audiovisual rights;

b. Universal Free Access;

c. sponsorship;

d. commercial inventory;

e. World Feed technical standards;

f. licensing;

g. local/global rights interfaces; and

h. destination-promotion implementation.

199.2 REG-13 shall control the special 2034 ownership allocation between Host Economy and Global WUFO Competition Assets.

RULE-200 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118; STA / ART-120–125

200.1 REG-22 shall govern:

a. integrity;

b. discipline;

c. racism;

d. conduct;

e. match manipulation; and

f. public responsibility.

RULE-201 — Coordination with REG-23

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

201.1 REG-23 shall govern the independent anti-doping system.

RULE-202 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86; STA / ART-126–132

202.1 REG-24 shall govern:

a. WUFO central accounting;

b. reserves;

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c. the WUFO seventeen-line financial architecture and applicable development funding;
d. fiduciary distribution;
e. external audit; and
f. public financial transparency.
202.2 REG-24 shall not create a second general 2034 profit split.

RULE-203 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

203.1 REG-28 shall govern:
a. document coding;
b. publication;
c. version control;
d. historical status;
e. Decision Ledger records; and
f. preservation of Host Agreement and competition documentation.

PART XXXII — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66

RULE-204 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66

204.1 Implementation of REG-13 may use lower instruments including:
a. AGR — 2034 Transitional Championship Host Agreement;
b. SCH — 2034 Transitional Championship Competition Schedule;
c. SCH — 2034 Transitional Championship Qualification Allocation;
d. SCH — 2034 Transitional Championship Competition Prize Schedule;
e. SCH — 2034 Host / WUFO Responsibility Matrix;
f. SCH — 2034 Commercial Inventory Matrix;
g. MAN — 2034 Transitional Championship Host Operations;
h. MAN — 2034 Transitional Championship Team Participation;
i. MAN — World Feed Production Standards;
j. PRO — Host Agreement Change Control;
k. PRO — Commercial Inventory Conflict Resolution;
l. PRO — World Feed Delivery;
m. PRO — Destination Promotion;
n. PRO — 2034 Event Closeout; and
o. other lower instruments lawfully authorised by WUFO.

RULE-205 — Lower Instruments Cannot Reallocate Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66; STA / ART-139

205.1 A Manual, Schedule, Procedure or Form shall not transfer a Host Economy right to WUFO or a Global WUFO Competition Asset to the Host contrary to REG-13.

RULE-206 — Host Agreement Cannot Amend the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66; STA / ART-139

206.1 The Host Agreement shall remain subordinate to the Statutes.

206.2 An inconsistent Host Agreement provision shall not override Article 66.

PART XXXIII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66

RULE-207 — Forty-Eight Means Forty-Eight

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.2

207.1 No lower instrument shall expand or reduce the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship from forty-eight teams.

RULE-208 — One Hundred and Four Means One Hundred and Four

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.2

208.1 No administrative Schedule shall expand or reduce the tournament from one hundred and four matches.

RULE-209 — Qualifiers Remain

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.3

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209.1 No lower instrument shall abolish the existing qualification system for the 2034 championship.

RULE-210 — Regional Allocation Remains the Scenario B Structure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.4

210.1 No lower instrument shall invent a new Historical Confederation slot structure contrary to the forty-eight-team Scenario B allocation.

RULE-211 — No Categories A–G

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.5–66.6

211.1 No lower instrument shall introduce the permanent Seven-Category structure into 2034.

RULE-212 — No Host Capture of Global WUFOssets

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.13–66.17

212.1 The Host shall not acquire worldwide audiovisual, global sponsorship, worldwide licensing or other Global WUFO Competition Assets merely through tournament operation.

RULE-213 — No WUFO Capture of Host Economy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.9–66.10

213.1 WUFO shall not convert the Host Economy into central WUFO property merely because the Host Economy performs strongly.

RULE-214 — Production Does Not Equal Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.15–66.17

214.1 The Host produces the World Feed.

214.2 WUFO controls its worldwide commercial exploitation.

214.3 Those two responsibilities shall remain legally distinct.

RULE-215 — No Second General Profit Split

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.20

215.1 No lower instrument shall impose a second general profit-sharing calculation where rights and revenues have already been allocated.

RULE-216 — No Commercial Partner Governs Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111; STA / ART-120

216.1 No sponsor, broadcaster, hospitality operator, Host commercial partner or other commercial entity shall control:

a. qualification;

b. player eligibility;

c. team selection;

d. refereeing;

e. discipline;

f. competition results;

g. anti-doping; or

h. integrity investigations.

RULE-217 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.1–66.21

217.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. the traditional sporting character of the 2034 Existing Global Senior Championship;

b. sporting qualification;

c. the Host’s legitimate economic opportunity;

d. WUFO’s global competition assets;

e. clear responsibility allocation;

f. no unfair post-agreement cost shifting;

g. player and supporter welfare;

h. worldwide competition visibility;

i. Host destination promotion;

j. commercial independence;

k. integrity;

l. financial transparency; and

m. orderly transition to the permanent 2035+ system.

RULE-218 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.1–66.21

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218.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

2034 is the final transitional edition of the pre-existing single-tier global senior championship before Categories A–G.

48 teams. 104 matches.

The existing 2034 qualification system remains in force.

The Regional slot structure follows the 48-team Scenario B model of 2030.

Categories A–G do not apply in 2034.

The permanent seven-Category system begins with the 2035–2038 cycle.

The Host provides the stadiums and territorial tournament operation assigned to it.

WUFO assumes the central competition and team-related obligations assigned to it.

The Host Economy and Global WUFO Competition Assets are separate economic spheres.

Ticketing, hospitality, Fan Zones, concessions, food and beverage, parking, local sponsorship, tourism and other authorised local rights may belong to the Host Economy where allocated.

Worldwide audiovisual rights, global WUFO sponsorship, worldwide licensing, competition intellectual property, legacy championship marks lawfully assigned or licensed to WUFO, and global competition advertising inventory remain WUFO rights where reserved.

The Host technically produces the World Feed.

WUFO controls worldwide commercial exploitation of the World Feed.

Production does not create ownership.

The Host receives genuine worldwide destination-promotion opportunities.

Neither side sells a right belonging to the other.

The party assigned an obligation normally bears the cost of that obligation.

No agreed cost is shifted unfairly after the Host Agreement merely because it became more expensive than expected.

The Host monetises the Host Economy.

WUFO monetises the global competition.

Once the rights and revenue streams have been allocated, there is no second general profit split.

A successful Host Economy does not become WUFO property.

A successful WUFO global commercial programme does not become Host property.

Commercial partners support football. They do not govern football.

2034 closes the traditional pre-existing single-tier global senior championship era for WUFO purposes. The 2035–2038 cycle begins the permanent WUFO Championship Cup system.

REG-13 — 2034 EXISTING GLOBAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP — FINAL TRANSITIONAL EDITION & SAUDI– WUFO OPERATIONAL AND ECONOMIC REGULATIONS

REG-14 — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP A–G — COMPETITION, RANKING, DRAW & SPORTING MOVEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-67–78.

PART I — PERMANENT CYCLE AND CONDITIONAL ACTIVATION

RULE-1 — Permanent Architecture

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-67

1.1 WUFO adopts a permanent seven-Category senior representative-team architecture, Categories A through G, intended to operate in four-year cycles beginning with the 2035–2038 cycle, subject to lawful activation and the applicable sporting, financial, operational, safety and legal conditions.

1.2 Conditional activation shall not mean discretionary application after activation. Once the prescribed conditions exist and the system is lawfully activated, this Regulation applies by its terms.

RULE-2 — Four-Year Cycle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-67

2.1 The permanent cycle is: Year 1 — Categories D and E; Year 2 — Category G; Year 3 — Categories C and B; Year 4 — Categories F and A.

2.2 Within a paired year, category letter does not determine chronological order. Each Category ends in its own assigned climate/calendar window.

2.3 Category A crowns the absolute WUFO World Champion but does not necessarily close the four-year cycle. The cycle closes only after the final scheduled Championship Cup of that cycle is completed and certified.

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PART II — INAUGURAL CLASSIFICATION AND MOVEMENT

RULE-3 — Inaugural 2034 Snapshot

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-68

3.1 The final whistle of the applicable last 2034 competition freezes the First Official WUFO Ranking Snapshot used for inaugural Category placement.

3.2 If all 241 positions are active: ranks 1–32 Category A; 33–64 B; 65–96 C; 97–128 D; 129–160 E; 161–192 F; 193– 241 G.

RULE-4 — Movement A–F

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-67

4.1 Categories A–F contain 32 teams and eight groups of four.

4.2 In Categories B–F, the eight Round-of-16 winners / Quarterfinalists earn promotion by one Category for the next complete Championship Cycle.

4.3 In Categories A–F, the eight fourth-placed group teams are relegated by one Category for the next complete cycle. The eight Category F relegated teams enter G. There is no Category above A.

4.4 Sporting movement takes effect only after the current four-year cycle is completed and certified. No team changes Category mid-cycle.

4.5 WUFO shall publish an Official Championship Category Movement Record at the end of each cycle.

PART III — CATEGORY G

RULE-5 — Permanent Lowest Category

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-67

5.1 Category G is the permanent final Category. No Category H shall be created.

5.2 Four-team groups are the ordinary preference. Category G may expand progressively up to sixteen groups before a larger reconfiguration is necessary.

5.3 Sixteen teams qualify to the Category G knockout phase. Group winners qualify first; the best runners-up needed to complete sixteen qualify thereafter. With 12 groups the split is 12+4; with 13, 13+3; with 14, 14+2; with 15, 15+1; with 16, all 16 group winners.

5.4 In the full 241-Member reference scenario, G contains 49 teams: eleven groups of four and one group of five. The 241st entrant is added to G and the five-team group is publicly drawn. For best runner-up comparison, the runner-up result against the fifth-placed team in the five-team group is disregarded.

5.5 Category G may use more than eight venues and additional certified internal venues. Additional venues do not become permanent Primary Host Positions.

5.6 If future growth makes one unified G impracticable, G may be divided into two or more parallel equal-status sections. They remain Category G and total promotion from G to F shall remain exactly eight teams unless the Statutes are lawfully amended.

PART IV — UNIFIED TEAM DRAW

RULE-6 — Timing and Ceremony Order

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-69

6.1 Approximately one week after the entire prior four-year Championship Cycle ends, WUFO shall conduct one unified Team Draw for all seven Categories of the next cycle.

6.2 Ceremony order is D → E → G → C → B → F → A.

RULE-7 - Pots and Extraction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-69

7.1 For the inaugural 2035-2038 cycle only, the 2034 Official Ranking Snapshot determines both Category and Pot.
7.2 From 2039-2042 onward in Categories B-F, teams relegated into a Category enter Pot 1; the sixteen continuing teams occupy Pots 2 and 3, with the Official WUFO Ranking used only to order comparable continuing teams between those Pots; and teams promoted into a Category enter Pot 4. Category A and G use the corresponding top- and bottom-of-system adaptations established by the competition administration.
7.3 Team extraction order is Pot 1 -> Pot 4 -> Pot 3 -> Pot 2.
7.4 Pot-1 seeds occupy group position 1. Every non-seed immediately undergoes a separate Group-Position Sub-Draw among the remaining positions before the next team is drawn.
7.5 No Confederation-separation rule applies. Political, commercial, rivalry or television considerations shall not be used to reshuffle a lawful draw.

RULE-8 — Host-Team Placement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-69

8.1 A participating Host Team may be pre-placed in its Home Group for territorial hosting purposes but retains the Pot assigned under Rule 7. A non-Pot-1 Host Team still undergoes the Group-Position Sub-Draw.

8.2 Multiple Host Positions held by the same Member do not create multiple Home Groups for that Member’s representative team.

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PART V — GROUP AND KNOCKOUT HOSTING

RULE-9 — One Group — One Stadium

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-70

9.1 In Categories A–F, each of the eight groups has one Primary Host Position and one primary stadium. A paired venue may be certified for simultaneous final-group-match requirements but does not abolish the One Group — One Stadium principle.

RULE-10 — Round of 16

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-70

10.1 Each Primary Host Position hosts at least one Round-of-16 match. The ordinary cross-pair is: 1A v 2B at A; 1C v 2D at C; 1E v 2F at E; 1G v 2H at G; 1B v 2A at B; 1D v 2C at D; 1F v 2E at F; 1H v 2G at H.

10.2 Governing principle: Win your group, stay home. Finish second, travel.

RULE-11 — Quarterfinals Onward

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-70

11.1 From the Quarterfinals onward, the Organising Committee assigns certified venues adaptively to reduce unnecessary team and supporter travel, control cost, protect recovery, manage transport/time-zone/climate constraints and maintain safety. Commercial or political favouritism is prohibited.

11.2 There is no third-place playoff in a WUFO Championship Cup Category unless the Statutes are lawfully amended.

PART VI — OPENING, FINAL AND TROPHY

RULE-12 — Opening and Final Host Positions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-72; STA / ART-75

12.1 Opening and Final Host Positions are drawn as territorial positions in the Year-10 Category Allocation Draw; exact stadiums are certified later. They are not part of the Unified Team Draw.

12.2 A Supporting external position should not ordinarily receive the Opening or Final where a safe certified internal position is available.

RULE-13 — Champions and Trophy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-78

13.1 Category A champion is the absolute WUFO World Champion. Champions of B–G are Category Champions only.

13.2 The original physical trophy lifted by the champion becomes the permanent property of the winning Member Association: The Trophy They Lift Is the Trophy They Keep.

13.3 Trophy finishes: A Deep Gold; B Bright Silver; C Dark Bronze; D Titanium Blue-Grey; E Copper Red; F Pale Brass / Champagne; G Natural Stainless Steel.

13.4 External stars on a representative-team crest may signify only absolute WUFO World Championship titles. Stars integral to a national or heraldic crest design may remain inside the crest.

PART VII — LATE ENTRY

RULE-14 — New Members

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-68

14.1 After inaugural classification, every new Member enters Championship Category G. There is no direct entry to A–F based on prestige, strength, revenue or history.

14.2 If admitted at least twelve months before Category G begins, a new Member may be inserted into that cycle's G through a Supplementary Category G Draw without reopening the original groups. Admission less than twelve months before G begins takes sporting effect in the next Championship Cycle.

REG-15 — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP HOST CLUSTERS, VICENIO, CERTIFICATION & HOST OPERATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-71–77.

PART I — VICENIO AND HOST DRAW

RULE-1 — Permanent Host System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-71

1.1 WUFO maintains 35 permanent Host Clusters in five permanent cohorts of seven. A Vicenio is a twenty-year rotation of those same five cohorts; each Cluster receives one hosting opportunity per Vicenio, subject to activation and certification.

1.2 The First Vicenio is 2035-2054, followed by successive twenty-year rotations. Cohort membership is not reconstructed.

RULE-2 — Year-10 Category Allocation Draw

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-75

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2.1 At the end of Year 10 of the current Vicenio, WUFO conducts one public Year-10 Category Allocation Draw establishing the Category assignments for the next Vicenio. For example, the end of 2044 determines Category assignments for 2055-2074.

2.2 Each permanent seven-Cluster cohort uses one pot. Every Cluster has one ball and no priority. Category slot order is D -> E -> G -> C -> B -> F -> A.

2.3 Each extracted Cluster is assigned to the earliest compatible open slot. An incompatible extraction advances to the next compatible open slot and skipped slots remain open. Preferred climate window never changes merely to accommodate the draw.

2.4 Category G in Year 2 is never MID. Years 1, 3 and 4 each contain exactly one MID assignment. Two Championships in the same year shall not occupy the same preferred window.

2.5 All 35 Clusters are eligible for Categories A-G. The five cohort compositions are permanent and are not reconstructed by geography, climate, commercial interest or prior Category. The draw redistributes only Categories among the same seven Clusters within each cohort.

RULE-3 — Climate Windows

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-75

3.1 EARLY = 1 January–30 April; MID = 1 May–31 August; LATE = 1 September–31 December. These are global calendar classifications, not literal local seasons.

3.2 An edition may cross an adjacent window boundary only by joint approval of the competent Branch Council and Presidential Body for objective climate/operational reasons. The exception is edition-specific and cannot be used to place Category G in MID.

3.3 Commercial, sponsor or broadcaster preference is insufficient to change a preferred climate window.

3.4 Permanent climate-architecture change requires independent technical evidence and four-fifths Joint Congress approval — 386 YES votes when the full 482-vote denominator applies — and should ordinarily take effect only with a future Vicenio.

RULE-4 — Opening and Final Host Positions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-72; STA / ART-75

4.1 The Year-10 Category Allocation Draw also publicly draws the territorial Opening Host Position and Final Host Position for each assigned Championship; exact stadiums are certified later. Opening and Final Host Positions are not drawn in the Unified Team Draw.

4.2 Supporting external positions should not ordinarily receive the Opening or Final where an internal certified position is reasonably available.

PART II - 35 HOST CLUSTERS AND PREFERRED WINDOWS

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Host Cluster Preferred Window Primary Host Allocation / Protected Rule 1 North America MID Eastern Canada — 2; Eastern/Central United States — 3; Central Mexico — 3.

Host Cluster Preferred Window Primary Host Allocation / Protected Rule 2 Andean MID Colombia — 2; Ecuador — 2; Peru — 2; Venezuela — 1; Bolivia — 1. 3 Brazilian EARLY Brazil — 8. Use geographic balance; four reference Host Pairs may guide operations but no city owns a permanent entitlement. 4 Pacific–West North America MID Alaska — 1; Hawaii — 1; Western United States — 3; Western Canada — 2; North-West Mexico — 1. Alaska and Hawaii remain separate Host Regions. 5 South Cone EARLY Chile — 2; Argentina — 2; Paraguay — 1; Uruguay — 1. At least one Argentine position must be outside both the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area and the Province of Buenos Aires. 6 Caribbean EARLY Cuba; Haiti; Bahamas; Jamaica; Dominican Republic; Puerto Rico; Guadeloupe; Martinique — one fixed/inamovible position each. Reference locations: Havana; Port-au-Prince; Nassau; Kingston; Santo Domingo; Bayamón; Basse- Terre; Fort-de-France. Temporary substitution never transfers the permanent territorial allocation. 7 Antilles–Guyanas EARLY Fixed: French Guiana, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago — one each. Possibility of rotation: Barbados, Saint Lucia, Curaçao, Grenada — one each. A rotational position may be reassigned only to an eligible Antilles Member, Caribbean island Member or Bermuda that holds no other Primary Host Position, has one single qualifying metropolitan area exceeding 100,000 inhabitants, and passes all certification. Rotation is permitted, not mandatory. 8 Central America EARLY Guatemala; Belize; El Salvador; Honduras; Nicaragua; Costa Rica; Panama — one each; South- East Mexico — 1. South-East Mexico means Chiapas, Tabasco, Campeche, Yucatán

Host Cluster Preferred Window Primary Host Allocation / Protected Rule and Quintana Roo only. Guerrero is not included. 9 Britain & Ireland MID England — 4; Northern Ireland — 1; Republic of Ireland — 1; Scotland — 1; Wales — 1. 10 South East Europe–Anatolia– Caucasus

EARLY Türkiye — 3; Bulgaria; Greece; Azerbaijan; Armenia; Georgia — one each. 11 Germany–Poland MID Germany — 5; Poland — 3. 12 Central–South Europe MID Austria — 2; Switzerland — 2; Italy — 3; Malta — 1. Malta position is protected. 13 Balkans MID Slovenia; Croatia; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Serbia; Montenegro; Kosovo; North Macedonia; Albania — one each. 14 East Europe MID Ukraine — 2; Romania — 2; Hungary; Moldova; Czechia; Slovakia — one each. 15 Nordic–Baltic MID Iceland; Norway; Sweden; Denmark; Finland; Estonia; Latvia; Lithuania — one each. 16 West Europe MID France — 4; Netherlands — 2; Belgium — 1; Luxembourg — 1. 17 Iberia EARLY Spain — 5; Portugal — 3. 18 Russia–Belarus MID Russia — 7; Belarus — 1. Russia must use separate protected positions in the Ural Federal District, Siberian Federal District and Far Eastern Federal District; the remaining four may be elsewhere subject to balance. 19 North Africa LATE Egypt — 2; Libya — 1; Tunisia — 1; Algeria — 2; Morocco — 2. 20 Central Asia MID Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Tajikistan; Uzbekistan; Turkmenistan — one each; Iran — 2; Afghanistan — 1. Kazakhstan's UEFA status is unaffected. Afghanistan may substitute another certified internal location for Kabul without losing its position. 21 Middle East LATE Lebanon; Syria; Palestine; Jordan; Iraq; Kuwait; Israel; Cyprus — one each. Israel and Cyprus remain UEFA Members; cluster participation has no Confederation or sovereignty effect. 22 Arabian Peninsula LATE Saudi Arabia — 2; United Arab Emirates — 2; Qatar; Bahrain; Oman; Yemen —

Host Cluster Preferred Window Primary Host Allocation / Protected Rule one each. Yemen reference host: Seiyun. 23 South Asia EARLY India — 2; Pakistan; Sri Lanka; Maldives; Bangladesh; Nepal; Bhutan — one each. The two Indian positions require

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geographic balance. 24 Southeast Asia LATE Thailand; Cambodia; Vietnam; Laos; Malaysia; Myanmar; Brunei; Indonesia — one fixed position each. 25 Far East Asia LATE Japan — 3; Republic of Korea — 2; Chinese Taipei; Philippines; Singapore — one each. 26 East Asia LATE China — 4; Mongolia; DPR Korea; Hong Kong; Macao — one each. One Chinese position rotates by Vicenio Qinghai Province → Tibet Autonomous Region → Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region → repeat. Nyingchi is the Tibet reference subject to the 3,000m altitude ceiling and certification. 27 Austral EARLY Australia — 4; New Zealand — 2; Papua New Guinea — 1; Timor-Leste — 1. At least two Australian positions must be outside NSW, Victoria and ACT, and those two must be in two different States or Territories. 28 Oceania MID Eight rotating Primary Host Positions. Initial references: Guam; Solomon Islands; Vanuatu; New Caledonia; Fiji; Tonga; Samoa; Tahiti. A rotating host must have one single qualifying metropolitan area with at least 100,000 resident inhabitants and satisfy all certification; separate settlements cannot be aggregated. Prior hosting creates no entitlement. 29 Far West Africa LATE Senegal; Cabo Verde; Mauritania; Gambia; Guinea- Bissau; Guinea; Sierra Leone; Liberia — one each. 30 West Africa LATE Nigeria — 2; Mali; Burkina Faso; Côte d'Ivoire; Ghana; Togo; Benin — one each. 31 Central West Africa LATE Niger; Chad; São Tomé and Príncipe; Gabon; Equatorial Guinea; Central African Republic; Congo; Cameroon — one each.

Host Cluster Preferred Window Primary Host Allocation / Protected Rule 32 Central Africa MID Fixed: Uganda; Burundi; Rwanda; Tanzania; Zanzibar — one each. Angola and DR Congo share three positions. Alternation: Angola 2 / DR Congo 1, then DR Congo 2 / Angola 1, repeating. Temporary substitution does not reset. 33 Southern Africa EARLY South Africa — 2; Namibia; Botswana; Zambia; Zimbabwe; Lesotho; Eswatini — one each. 34 South East Africa MID Malawi; Mozambique; Mauritius; Réunion; Mayotte; Comoros; Seychelles; Madagascar — one each. Réunion and Mayotte are separate sporting positions with no sovereignty implication. 35 East Africa LATE Fixed: Somalia; Djibouti; Sudan; South Sudan; Eritrea — one each. Ethiopia and Kenya share three positions. Alternation: Ethiopia 2 / Kenya 1, then Kenya 2 / Ethiopia 1, repeating. Temporary substitution does not reset.

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PART III - PERMANENT VICENIO COHORTS The five seven-Cluster cohort compositions listed below are permanent and recur unchanged in every Vicenio. The Category assigned to a Cluster changes through the Year-10 Category Allocation Draw; cohort membership does not. South Cone; Austral Far East Asia; West Africa Cohort / Cycle MID (3) EARLY (2) LATE (2) 1 - 2035-2038 Central Asia; Britain & Ireland; West Europe Brazilian; Southern Africa Arabian Peninsula; North Africa 2 - 2039-2042 North America; Germany-Poland; Central-South Europe Middle East; East Africa 3 - 2043-2046 Andean; Russia-Belarus; Central Africa Central America; South East Europe-Anatolia-Caucasus Caribbean; South Asia East Asia; Central West Africa 4 - 2047-2050 Balkans; Nordic-Baltic; South East Africa 5 - 2051-2054 Pacific-West North America; Oceania; East Europe Iberia; Antilles-Guyanas Southeast Asia; Far West Africa

RULE-5 - Permanent Cohort Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-71

5.1 The five cohort compositions and preferred windows are fixed by this Regulation for every Vicenio. Any previously simulated Category result was explanatory only and has no legal effect.

PART IV - DRAW PROBABILITY DISCLOSURE

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RULE-6 — Procedure-Based Probabilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-75

6.1 The single-pot method creates equal extraction procedure but not identical calendar eligibility. Under the sealed cohort design, reference category probabilities are: MID Cluster: D 14.29%; E 19.05%; G 0%; C 20.95%; B 12.38%; F 19.05%; A 14.29%. Combined A/B: 26.67%. EARLY or LATE Cluster: D 14.29%; E 10.71%; G 25%; C 9.29%; B 15.71%; F 10.71%; A 14.29%. Combined A/B: 30%.

6.2 Category A probability is 14.29% for every Cluster. A non-MID Cluster has a 25% G probability and 75% probability of avoiding G. These figures explain the procedure; they do not confer a claim to a Category.

PART V — HOST ACCEPTANCE, READINESS AND EMERGENCY

RULE-7 — The Host Accepts the Draw

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-77

7.1 A Host Cluster may not demand, condition acceptance upon, trade or informally exchange a Category. Equal dignity of Categories does not mean identical operating scale, expenditure, capacity or media demand.

7.2 Genuine inability or emergency is governed by certification and emergency rules and is not treated as prestigebased refusal. Unjustified refusal may forfeit that edition but does not permanently erase the Cluster or its future Vicenio entitlement.

RULE-8 — T−4 Development Review and T−2 Final Host System Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-74

8.1 Around four years before opening, WUFO conducts a corrective development review. Current lack of infrastructure is not by itself a reason to exclude a Cluster from the original A–G Host Draw.

8.2 Twenty-four months before opening, the decisive Final Host System Review must demonstrate a safe and certifiable host system. Internal substitution, modular/temporary infrastructure and Supporting Host Positions may form part of the solution while preserving a substantial internal backbone.

8.3 If no safe and certifiable solution exists at T−2, the Council of the affected Branch determines the lawful remedy, which may include replacement, redistribution, supporting positions or relocation. There is no automatic nearesthost rule or lottery.

RULE-9 — Regional / Cluster-Wide Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-74

9.1 War, armed conflict, epidemic/pandemic, serious unrest, major natural disaster, severe regional security deterioration, transport-system disruption, border closure, public-health emergency, binding government restriction or comparable event may justify partial or complete relocation at any time after assignment.

9.2 WUFO is not required to preserve isolated local positions where fragmentation would make safety, travel or competition integrity impracticable. The Branch Council may retain with adjustments, relocate affected positions, redistribute positions or relocate the whole Championship.

9.3 Emergency action is edition-specific and does not permanently punish the Cluster. A Supporting Cluster that assists another event does not lose its own future hosting turn or draw rights.

PART VI — INFRASTRUCTURE AND CERTIFICATION

RULE-10 — Quality Before Size

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-76

10.1 The reference stadium standard is approximately CAF Category 3 equivalent plus WUFO safety, player-welfare, medical, accessibility, security, transport, broadcast and operational requirements.

10.2 Ordinary Tournament Capacity is approximately 15,000, normally with at least about 8,000 permanent seats and up to about 7,000 certified modular/temporary seats. Category A or B does not create an automatic 40,000/60,000/80,000-seat construction requirement.

10.3 Existing stadiums, renovation, modular construction and temporary infrastructure are preferred where suitable. Temporary infrastructure is legitimate infrastructure. No Host is required to incur unsustainable debt or build a white elephant.

10.4 Category G must pass a viability test demonstrating that it can be hosted without extraordinary overinvestment or institutional rescue.

RULE-11 — Primary and Supporting Positions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-72; STA / ART-74

11.1 A Primary Host Position belongs to its protected territorial allocation or rotational pool, not to a reference city or stadium. Reference cities create no ownership entitlement.

11.2 Supporting external positions complement rather than casually replace the internal host system and should not ordinarily take the Opening or Final where an internal certified position is available.

REG-16 — TICKETING & SUPPORTER PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-70; STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113; STA / ART-126–132

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO ticketing and supporter-protection framework.

1.2 It governs:

a. WUFO Championship Cup ticket prices;

b. the permanent WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Price Pyramid;

c. Class 1 — Premium;

d. Class 2 — Intermediate;

e. Class 3 — Economic International;

f. Class 4 — Protected Local;

g. inflation-only ticket-price adjustment;

h. prohibition of ordinary dynamic demand pricing;

i. ticket allocation;

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j. local supporter access;
k. participating-team supporter access;
l. visiting-supporter access;
m. ticket sales windows;
n. ticket purchase controls;
o. official ticket return;
p. authorised ticket transfer;
q. zero resale profit;
r. anti-bot controls;
s. anti-fraud controls;
t. supporter information;
u. refunds;
v. stadium access;
w. accessibility;
x. data protection;
y. World League ticketing;
z. Champion of Champions ticketing; and
aa. general supporter treatment in WUFO competitions.

RULE-2 — Supporters Are Part of Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.1–114.3

2.1 Supporters are an essential part of football.

2.2 They shall not be treated only as a source of commercial revenue.

2.3 Revenue generation shall be compatible with:

a. reasonable access;
b. safety;
c. price transparency;
d. fair treatment; and
e. the continuing ability of ordinary supporters to attend football.

RULE-3 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

3.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

3.2 Where this Regulation conflicts with the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.

3.3 No lower instrument may:

a. increase a protected WUFO Championship Cup price through demand;
b. introduce ordinary dynamic pricing;
c. permit private WUFO Championship Cup resale profit;
d. eliminate the Protected Local class;
e. remove the official WUFO Championship Cup return system;
f. eliminate legitimate participating-team supporter access;
g. use safety as a disguised method of replacing ordinary supporters with premium customers; or
h. remove a permanent supporter protection established by the Statutes.

RULE-4 — Sporting Merit and Ticketing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43

4.1 Ticket demand shall not affect sporting qualification, draw, ranking or competition results.

4.2 A commercially attractive team shall not receive a sporting advantage because it sells more tickets.

RULE-5 — Commercial Maximisation Is Not the Only Objective

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.10–114.15

5.1 Ticketing may produce legitimate competition revenue.

5.2 Maximum possible revenue shall not be the sole ticketing objective.

5.3 Ticketing shall also protect:

a. supporters;
b. participating-team communities;
c. Host communities;
d. accessibility;

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e. stadium atmosphere; and

f. reasonable affordability.

PART II — SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

RULE-6 — Official Ticket

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

6.1 An Official Ticket is a ticket, digital credential or equivalent lawful admission right issued through:

a. WUFO;

b. an authorised Host;

c. an authorised ticket operator; or

d. another WUFO-approved distribution channel.

RULE-7 — Face Value

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

7.1 Face Value means the official price assigned to the ticket before any lawful mandatory tax or separately identified charge.

7.2 For WUFO Championship Cup protected-price compliance, mandatory transaction charges shall be treated according to Part VII.

RULE-8 — Protected Price

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

8.1 A Protected Price is the maximum ordinary ticket price permitted under the applicable WUFO Championship Cup price class and inflation adjustment.

RULE-9 — Ticket Class

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

9.1 A Ticket Class is one of the four permanent WUFO Championship Cup price classes:

a. Class 1 — Premium;

b. Class 2 — Intermediate;

c. Class 3 — Economic International; and

d. Class 4 — Protected Local.

RULE-10 — Protected Local Ticket

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.3(d); STA / ART-79.5–79.7

10.1 A Protected Local Ticket is a Class 4 WUFO Championship Cup ticket reserved to provide genuine affordable access to the Host community.

RULE-11 — Participating-Team Supporter

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

11.1 A Participating-Team Supporter is a supporter seeking tickets through an allocation associated with one of the teams playing the match.

RULE-12 — Visiting Supporter

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-116

12.1 A Visiting Supporter is a supporter associated with the designated visiting team in a match where home and visiting designation is relevant.

RULE-13 — Official Return System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

13.1 The Official Return System is the WUFO-authorised mechanism through which a supporter who cannot attend may return a WUFO Championship Cup ticket.

RULE-14 — Authorised Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

14.1 An Authorised Transfer is a permitted change of ticket holder through the official ticketing system.

14.2 An Authorised Transfer shall not produce private resale profit.

RULE-15 — Dynamic Demand Pricing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

15.1 Dynamic Demand Pricing means increasing or decreasing the price of an ordinary ticket according principally to current demand, scarcity, popularity or willingness to pay.

15.2 Inflation adjustment under STA / ART-80 is not dynamic pricing.

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RULE-16 — Hospitality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

16.1 Hospitality means a separately designated premium commercial product combining match access with additional services.

16.2 Hospitality shall remain distinguishable from ordinary protected ticket inventory.

PART III — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP TICKETING SYSTEM

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-115

RULE-17 — Permanent Supporter Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.1–115.3

17.1 The WUFO Championship Cup ticket protections shall constitute permanent WUFO supporter rights.

17.2 They shall not be removed merely because higher prices could generate greater revenue.

RULE-18 — Four Ticket Classes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.3

18.1 Every permanent Category WUFO Championship Cup beginning with the 2035–2038 cycle shall use four ordinary ticket classes.

RULE-19 — WUFO Championship Cup Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-115

19.1 The permanent WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Price Pyramid shall apply separately to:

a. Category A;

b. Category B;

c. Category C;

d. Category D;

e. Category E;

f. Category F; and

g. Category G.

RULE-20 — Competition Stages

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-115

20.1 Protected prices shall vary according to:

a. Category; and

b. competition stage.

20.2 Prices shall not vary according to which specific teams happen to play the match.

RULE-21 — No Famous-Team Premium

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.3; STA / ART-115.5

21.1 A ticket shall not become more expensive merely because a famous team participates.

RULE-22 — No Rivalry Premium

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-115

22.1 A traditional rivalry shall not permit a ticket-price increase above the protected structure.

RULE-23 — No Sell-Out Premium

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-115

23.1 High demand or a sold-out stadium shall not justify increasing the protected ticket price.

PART IV — PERMANENT WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP TICKET PRICE PYRAMID

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79

RULE-24 — Protected Base Value

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.1–79.4

24.1 The following prices are expressed in United States dollars at 2022 real value.

24.2 They shall constitute the protected base schedule.

RULE-25 — Category A Prices

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.4

25.1 Category A prices shall be:

Class 3 Economic

Class 4 Protected

Stage Class 1 Premium

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Class 2 Intermediate
International
Local
Group Stage $200 $150 $70 $10
Round of 16 $350 $250 $120 $15
Quarterfinal $550 $400 $200 $20
Semifinal $850 $600 $350 $30
Final $1,500 $950 $550 $50

RULE-26 — Category B Prices

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.4

26.1 Category B prices shall be:
Class 3 Economic
Class 4 Protected
Stage Class 1 Premium
Class 2 Intermediate
International
Local
Group Stage $150 $100 $50 $8
Round of 16 $220 $150 $80 $12
Quarterfinal $320 $220 $120 $16
Semifinal $450 $300 $160 $20
Final $600 $400 $200 $25

RULE-27 — Category C Prices

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

27.1 Category C prices shall be:
Class 3 Economic
Class 4 Protected
Stage Class 1 Premium
Class 2 Intermediate
International
Local
Group Stage $100 $75 $35 $6
Round of 16 $140 $100 $50 $8
Quarterfinal $200 $140 $70 $10
Semifinal $280 $180 $95 $12
Final $400 $250 $120 $15

RULE-28 — Category D Prices

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

28.1 Category D prices shall be:
Class 3 Economic
Class 4 Protected
Stage Class 1 Premium
Class 2 Intermediate
International
Local
Group Stage $75 $50 $25 $5
Round of 16 $100 $70 $35 $6
Quarterfinal $130 $90 $45 $7
Semifinal $180 $120 $60 $8
Final $250 $150 $80 $10

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RULE-29 — Category E Prices

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

29.1 Category E prices shall be:

Class 3 Economic

Class 4 Protected

Stage Class 1 Premium

Class 2 Intermediate

International

Local

Group Stage $50 $35 $15 $3

Class 3 Economic

Class 4 Protected

Stage Class 1 Premium

Class 2 Intermediate

International

Local

Round of 16 $65 $45 $22 $3.50

Quarterfinal $85 $55 $30 $4

Semifinal $110 $75 $40 $4.50

Final $150 $90 $50 $5

RULE-30 — Category F Prices

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

30.1 Category F prices shall be:

Class 3 Economic

Class 4 Protected

Stage Class 1 Premium

Class 2 Intermediate

International

Local

Group Stage $30 $20 $10 $2

Round of 16 $40 $25 $13 $2.20

Quarterfinal $50 $32 $17 $2.50

Semifinal $65 $42 $22 $2.70

Final $90 $50 $30 $3

RULE-31 — Category G Prices

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

31.1 Category G prices shall be:

Class 3 Economic

Class 4 Protected

Stage Class 1 Premium

Class 2 Intermediate

International

Local

Group Stage $20 $12 $5 $1

Round of 16 $25 $16 $7 $1.20

Quarterfinal $30 $20 $9 $1.50

Semifinal $38 $25 $12 $1.70

Final $50 $30 $15 $2

RULE-32 — Protected Price Is a Ceiling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

32.1 The applicable protected price shall be the ordinary ticket-price ceiling for that Class and stage.

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32.2 A ticket may lawfully be sold below the protected price.

32.3 A reduced price shall not create a right to charge above the protected price for another supporter in the same ordinary inventory.

RULE-33 — No Upward Commercial Reclassification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

33.1 Ordinary seats shall not be arbitrarily reclassified into a more expensive Class principally to evade the protected schedule.

PART V — THE FOUR WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP TICKET CLASSES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79

RULE-34 — Class 1 — Premium

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

34.1 Class 1 shall constitute the highest-priced ordinary WUFO Championship Cup ticket class.

34.2 It shall remain distinct from separate hospitality products.

RULE-35 — Class 2 — Intermediate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

35.1 Class 2 shall provide intermediate ordinary stadium access.

RULE-36 — Class 3 — Economic International

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

36.1 Class 3 shall provide a protected lower-cost ordinary international ticket class.

36.2 It shall not require local residence.

RULE-37 — Class 4 — Protected Local

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

37.1 Class 4 shall provide genuinely affordable access to people living within the Host community.

RULE-38 — Seating Classification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

38.1 Ticket classification may reasonably take account of:

a. stadium sector;

b. sightline;

c. seat location;

d. access characteristics; and

e. legitimate service differences.

38.2 Classification shall not be manipulated principally to defeat protected prices.

RULE-39 — Hospitality Is Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79

39.1 A genuine hospitality package may be commercially priced separately from Classes 1–4.

39.2 Ordinary protected seats shall not be artificially converted en masse into hospitality solely to escape price protection.

PART VI — PROTECTED LOCAL ACCESS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-116.6–116.9

RULE-40 — Genuine Host Community Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-116.6–116.9

40.1 Protected Local inventory shall provide a genuine opportunity for people living in the Host community to attend matches.

RULE-41 — Not Token Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-116.6–116.9

41.1 Protected Local inventory shall not be reduced to a merely symbolic number of tickets.

RULE-42 — Local Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.6

42.1 WUFO may require reasonable proof of local residence.

42.2 Local eligibility shall ordinarily be based on genuine residence rather than nationality or citizenship.

RULE-43 — Reasonable Proof of Residence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-116.6–116.9

43.1 Reasonable evidence may include:

a. government-issued residence information;

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b. utility or service records;

c. educational registration;

d. employment-related address evidence;

e. recognised local identity documentation; or

f. another reliable method.

43.2 The Ticketing Procedure shall avoid requiring one document that is unnecessarily difficult for ordinary residents to obtain.

RULE-44 — No Political Status Test

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-116.6–116.9

44.1 Protected Local eligibility shall not become a political nationality test.

RULE-45 — Local Allocation by Host Position

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-116.6–116.9

45.1 Protected Local inventory should be allocated in a manner that provides real access to the communities surrounding WUFO Championship Cup Host Positions.

RULE-46 — Smaller Host Communities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-116.6–116.9

46.1 A smaller Host community shall not lose Protected Local access merely because international demand greatly exceeds local population.

RULE-47 — Unused Protected Local Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-116.6–116.9

47.1 Where Protected Local inventory remains genuinely unsold after the applicable local sales windows, the Ticketing Procedure may provide for later release.

47.2 Such release shall occur only after the local community has received a meaningful opportunity to purchase.

RULE-48 — High Demand Does Not Eliminate Class 4

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-116.6–116.9

48.1 A sold-out or commercially attractive match shall not justify conversion of the entire Protected Local allocation to premium inventory.

PART VII — INFLATION-ONLY PRICE PROTECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-80

RULE-49 — Real Price Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.1

49.1 The real economic value of the statutory WUFO Championship Cup prices shall remain protected.

RULE-50 — Nominal Adjustment Only for Inflation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.2

50.1 Nominal WUFO Championship Cup ticket prices may change only through the approved inflation adjustment.

50.2 Where the approved world inflation measure produces cumulative deflation for an adjustment period, protected nominal prices shall decrease correspondingly. Inflation protection shall preserve real value in both directions.

RULE-51 — Same Method Across Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.7

51.1 The same inflation method shall apply consistently across Categories A through G.

RULE-52 — No Category-Specific Inflation Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80

52.1 WUFO shall not apply a higher inflation assumption to Category A merely because demand is greater.

RULE-53 — WUFO Global Ticket Price Index — WUFO-PI

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.5

53.1 The WUFO Global Ticket Price Index (WUFO-PI) shall use the World aggregate for “Inflation rate, average consumer prices — annual percent change” published in the World Economic Outlook database of the International Monetary Fund.

53.2 WUFO shall use the published World aggregate itself and shall not create a separate discretionary country-weighting formula.

53.3 For each completed four-year WUFO Championship Cup cycle, the cumulative inflation factor shall be calculated by compounding the four annual World inflation rates applicable to that cycle:

Cycle Inflation Factor = $(1 + i_1/100) \times (1 + i_2/100) \times (1 + i_3/100) \times (1 + i_4/100)$.

53.4 Each i-value shall be the applicable annual World inflation rate expressed as a percentage. The four rates should be taken from the same official database release used for that cycle’s certification wherever reasonably possible.

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53.5 For every WUFO Championship Cup after the initial bridge calculation, the protected nominal schedule shall equal the 2022 base schedule multiplied by the product of all applicable completed-cycle inflation factors since 2022, using full-precision calculations before final rounding.

53.6 The 2022 schedule is the permanent real-value anchor. For the first WUFO Championship Cup governed by this Regulation, WUFO shall incorporate cumulative World inflation from calendar year 2023 through the end of the last completed WUFO Championship Cup cycle preceding that edition.

53.7 After the protected nominal schedule for a WUFO Championship Cup edition is formally published, it shall be frozen for that edition and shall not change because of later inflation, demand, scarcity, participating teams or market conditions.

53.8 If the identified World inflation series is discontinued or materially replaced, WUFO may use the official successor series or a demonstrably equivalent independently published world consumer-price measure, provided that the substitution is publicly explained and independently certified before application.

53.9 No employee, Host, ticket operator, commercial partner or WUFO officer shall invent, alter or selectively apply an unofficial inflation formula.

RULE-54 — Publication Before Application

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.6

54.1 Every approved inflation adjustment shall be publicly disclosed.

RULE-55 — Adjustment Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80

55.1 The published adjustment shall identify:

a. base 2022 real-value price;

b. applicable inflation measure;

c. reference period;

d. cumulative adjustment;

e. calculation method;

f. resulting nominal price; and

g. effective WUFO Championship Cup edition.

RULE-56 — Rounding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80

56.1 After the inflation calculation is completed at full precision, protected nominal prices of US$10 or more shall be rounded to the nearest whole United States dollar, and protected nominal prices below US$10 shall be rounded to the nearest US$0.10.

56.2 Ordinary mathematical rounding shall apply. Rounding shall not be directed systematically upward and shall not be used to create a real-price increase.

RULE-57 — No Hidden Real-Price Increase

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80

57.1 A change described as an inflation adjustment shall not produce a deliberate real increase above the protected 2022 real value.

PART VII — PROHIBITION OF DYNAMIC DEMAND PRICING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-80.3–80.4; STA / ART-115

RULE-58 - Absolute Prohibition of Dynamic Pricing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.3-80.4; STA / ART-115

58.1 Dynamic, surge, demand-based, algorithmic or artificial-scarcity pricing is prohibited for all official WUFO Championship Cup tickets. No ticket class, sales window, purchaser profile, inventory condition or timing rule may be used to circumvent this prohibition.

RULE-59 — Demand Does Not Change Price

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.3–80.4; STA / ART-115

59.1 The protected price shall not increase because:

a. demand is high;

b. few tickets remain;

c. a famous team qualifies;

d. a traditional rivalry occurs;

e. a Host team advances;

f. the match is expected to sell out; or

g. the market appears willing to pay more.

RULE-60 — No Algorithmic Circumvention

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.3–80.4; STA / ART-115

60.1 A ticketing algorithm shall not perform indirectly what WUFO law prohibits directly.

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RULE-61 — No Last-Minute Price Surge

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.3–80.4; STA / ART-115

61.1 An ordinary ticket shall not become more expensive merely because the match date approaches.

RULE-62 — Lower Prices Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-80.3–80.4; STA / ART-115

62.1 A lawful promotional reduction may occur where authorised.

62.2 A reduction shall not alter the protected maximum price.

PART IX — FEES, TAXES AND PRICE TRANSPARENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114.4; STA / ART-114.5–114.6

RULE-63 — Clear Total Price

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

63.1 A supporter shall be shown the material total amount payable before completing the transaction.

RULE-64 — No Hidden Mandatory Charges

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.5

64.1 Mandatory hidden charges shall not be used to defeat a protected WUFO Championship Cup price.

RULE-65 — Mandatory Booking Fee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

65.1 A mandatory booking or transaction fee shall be disclosed before purchase.

65.2 A fee shall not be artificially created merely to raise an ordinary protected ticket above its lawful economic ceiling.

RULE-66 — Compliance Calculation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

66.1 For WUFO Championship Cup protected-price purposes, mandatory commercial charges imposed by the ticket seller shall be considered when determining whether the protected price has been defeated.

RULE-67 — Mandatory Government Tax

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

67.1 A tax or legally mandatory public levy shall be separately and transparently identified where applicable.

67.2 A football body shall not disguise its own commercial charge as a government tax.

RULE-68 — Currency Conversion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

68.1 Where tickets are sold in local currency, the conversion method shall be transparent.

68.2 Currency conversion shall not be used to create a hidden price increase.

PART X — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP TICKET ALLOCATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116

RULE-69 - Allocation Plan

69.1 Every Category Host shall operate an approved WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Allocation Plan.
69.2 The Host retains 100% of ticket revenue; WUFO receives 0% of gate revenue.
69.3 From 2038 onward WUFO receives 60 institutional tickets at every match. They are inventory only and create no revenue share.

RULE-70 — Allocation Interests

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116

70.1 The Plan shall reasonably account for:

a. Host community supporters;

b. participating-team supporters;

c. general international supporters;

d. accessibility requirements;

e. legitimate competition partners;

f. operational holds;

g. hospitality inventory; and

h. safety requirements.

RULE-71 — Ordinary Supporters Cannot Be Eliminated

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116

71.1 Commercial inventory shall not consume the stadium to such an extent that ordinary supporter access becomes illusory.

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RULE-72 — No Artificial Scarcity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.10

72.1 A competition organiser shall not intentionally create unreasonable ordinary-ticket scarcity principally to increase revenue.

RULE-73 — Capacity Holds

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116

73.1 Reasonable ticket holds may exist for:

a. safety;

b. segregation;

c. accessibility;

d. competition operations;

e. later-known teams;

f. participating-team allocations; or

g. legitimate contractual inventory.

73.2 Holds shall not be abused to manufacture scarcity.

RULE-74 — Release of Unneeded Holds

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79.5–79.7; STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116

74.1 Tickets held for operational purposes should be released to supporters when the underlying need no longer exists.

PART XI — PARTICIPATING-TEAM SUPPORTER ACCESS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116.6

RULE-75 — Team Supporter Opportunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116.6

75.1 Supporters of participating teams shall receive a reasonable opportunity to obtain tickets for their team’s matches.

RULE-76 — Team Allocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116.6

76.1 Each match may include designated participating-team supporter inventory.

76.2 The exact allocation may depend on:

a. stadium design;

b. safety;

c. expected demand;

d. competition stage; and

e. operational requirements.

RULE-77 — Equal Basic Treatment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116.6

77.1 A small Member Association shall not receive a deliberately inferior supporter opportunity merely because its supporters are expected to spend less money.

RULE-78 — Late Qualification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116.6

78.1 Ticketing shall preserve reasonable sales opportunities for supporters whose team or match becomes known only after an earlier competition stage.

RULE-79 — Knockout Inventory Holdback

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116.6

79.1 WUFO may reserve appropriate ticket inventory for supporters of teams that qualify later for knockout matches.

79.2 Such inventory shall not be prematurely exhausted solely through early speculative sales.

RULE-80 — Eliminated Team Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10(i); STA / ART-116.6

80.1 Inventory no longer required for an eliminated team may be returned to the ordinary official sales system.

PART XII — SALES WINDOWS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-115.10

RULE-81 — Multiple Sales Windows

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10

81.1 WUFO Championship Cup ticket sales may be organised through multiple transparent sales windows.

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RULE-82 — Early General Sale

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10

82.1 Early sales may occur before every participating team or match pairing is known.

RULE-83 — Team-Specific Sale

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10

83.1 Additional sales windows shall be preserved where reasonably necessary for supporters of known participating teams.

RULE-84 — Protected Local Window

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10

84.1 Protected Local inventory shall receive one or more genuine local sales windows.

RULE-85 — Knockout Sales

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10

85.1 Knockout-stage sales shall account for supporters whose participating team becomes known only after the previous round.

RULE-86 — Returned Ticket Sales

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10

86.1 Returned tickets may be reintroduced through the official sales system.

RULE-87 — Clear Deadlines

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.10

87.1 Each sales window shall clearly identify:

a. opening;

b. closing where applicable;

c. eligible purchasers;

d. ticket Classes available;

e. purchase restrictions; and

f. allocation method.

PART XIII — HIGH-DEMAND SALES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114.7–114.10

RULE-88 — Fair Allocation Method

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

88.1 Where legitimate demand exceeds available inventory, WUFO may use a fair allocation method.

RULE-89 - Permitted Non-Random Methods

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

89.1 A high-demand allocation may use: a. an orderly queue system; b. recognised participating-team supporter allocation; c. a local protected process; d. transparent previously published sales windows; or e. another transparent non-random method compatible with WUFO law.

89.2 A random ballot, lottery or other game-of-chance mechanism shall not determine the ordinary opportunity to purchase WUFO Championship Cup tickets.

RULE-90 — No Secret Preference for Wealth

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

90.1 Ordinary tickets shall not be secretly allocated according to which purchaser appears wealthiest.

RULE-91 — No Ticketing Auction for Protected Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

91.1 Protected ordinary WUFO Championship Cup inventory shall not be sold by auction to the highest bidder.

PART XIV — PURCHASE LIMITS AND IDENTITY CONTROLS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-114.7–114.8

RULE-92 - Purchase Limits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-114.7-114.8

92.1 Ordinary WUFO Championship Cup purchases are limited to a maximum of ten (10) tickets per match under one registered purchaser name.

92.2 The limit applies per match. Splitting a purchase across multiple transactions, accounts or sales windows shall not increase the maximum for the same purchaser. A different match has its own maximum of ten tickets for that purchaser.

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RULE-93 — Purpose of Purchase Limits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-114.7–114.8

93.1 Purchase limits shall seek to prevent:

a. mass speculative acquisition;

b. reseller concentration;

c. bot purchasing; and

d. unfair depletion of supporter inventory.

RULE-94 — Identity Verification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-114.7–114.8

94.1 WUFO may use proportionate identity verification where reasonably necessary for:

a. ticket security;

b. local eligibility;

c. anti-fraud;

d. transfer administration; and

e. stadium safety.

RULE-95 — No Unnecessary Personal Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-114.7–114.8

95.1 Ticket security shall not justify collection of personal information unrelated to a legitimate ticketing purpose.

RULE-96 — Household and Guest Tickets

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-114.7–114.8

96.1 The ticketing system may allow a primary purchaser to acquire authorised tickets for accompanying guests.

96.2 Guest administration shall remain subject to anti-resale and identity rules.

PART XV — ZERO RESALE PROFIT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-81; STA / ART-115

RULE-97 — WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Is Not an Investment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.1

97.1 A WUFO Championship Cup ticket is an admission right to attend football.

97.2 It shall not be treated as a speculative financial asset.

RULE-98 — No Private Resale Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.2

98.1 No supporter shall make a profit from reselling a WUFO Championship Cup ticket.

RULE-99 — No Mark-Up

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81; STA / ART-115

99.1 A ticket holder shall not lawfully demand a resale amount above the official authorised value.

RULE-100 — No Indirect Resale Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81; STA / ART-115

100.1 A person shall not evade the zero-profit rule through:

a. compulsory merchandise;

b. fake consultancy fees;

c. unrelated mandatory payments;

d. artificial membership fees;

e. bundled private benefits; or

f. another disguised surcharge.

RULE-101 — External Resale Restrictions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.8

101.1 WUFO may restrict or prohibit external WUFO Championship Cup ticket resale to the extent permitted by applicable law.

PART XVI — OFFICIAL RETURN SYSTEM

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-81.3–81.7; STA / ART-115

RULE-102 — Official Return System Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3–81.7; STA / ART-115

102.1 WUFO shall maintain an Official Return System for WUFO Championship Cup tickets.

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RULE-103 — Supporter Unable to Attend

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3–81.7; STA / ART-115

103.1 A supporter who cannot attend may return the ticket through the official system subject to the published return conditions.

RULE-104 — Ticket Re-Enters Official Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.5

104.1 A returned ticket may be offered again through the official system.

RULE-105 — Same Protected Price

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.5–81.7

105.1 A returned ticket shall not be reintroduced at a higher demand-based price.

105.2 It shall remain subject to its applicable protected official price.

RULE-106 — No WUFO Resale Arbitrage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3–81.7; STA / ART-115

106.1 WUFO shall not exploit a returned ticket by raising its price merely because the match has become more desirable.

RULE-107 — Original Holder Receives No Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3–81.7; STA / ART-115

107.1 The original ticket holder shall receive no resale profit.

RULE-108 — Return Conditions Published

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3–81.7; STA / ART-115

108.1 The Official Return Procedure shall clearly identify:

a. return deadline;

b. refund conditions;

c. payment timing;

d. authorised charges, if any;

e. treatment where the returned ticket is not resold, if relevant; and

f. exceptional circumstances.

108.2 These procedural details shall not defeat the zero-profit principle.

PART XVII — AUTHORISED TICKET TRANSFER

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-81.1; STA / ART-115.9–115.10

RULE-109 — Authorised Transfers Through Official System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

109.1 Any authorised WUFO Championship Cup ticket transfer shall use the official system.

RULE-110 — No Profit on Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

110.1 An authorised transfer shall not create private resale profit.

RULE-111 — Legitimate Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

111.1 A transfer may be permitted for legitimate reasons including change of intended attendee.

RULE-112 — Identity Update

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

112.1 Where tickets are nominative, the official system shall update the ticket-holder identity when an authorised transfer occurs.

RULE-113 — No Informal Credential Sale

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

113.1 Transfer of a digital account, identity credential or access code for profit shall not circumvent the resale rules.

PART XVIII — ANTI-BOT AND ANTI- SPECULATION CONTROLS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-81.1–81.3; STA / ART-114.8; STA / ART-115

RULE-114 — Anti-Bot Systems

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.1–81.3; STA / ART-114.8; STA / ART-115

114.1 WUFO shall use reasonable technical measures to reduce automated mass ticket acquisition.

RULE-115 — Mass Speculative Buying

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.1–81.3; STA / ART-114.8; STA / ART-115

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115.1 WUFO may cancel ticket acquisitions proven to result from prohibited mass speculative purchasing.

RULE-116 — Technical Controls

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.1–81.3; STA / ART-114.8; STA / ART-115

116.1 Controls may include:

a. rate limits;

b. account verification;

c. purchase limits;

d. bot-detection systems;

e. waiting-room systems;

f. suspicious-purchase review; and

g. other proportionate technical measures.

RULE-117 — Technology May Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-115.11–115.12

117.1 WUFO law protects the anti-speculation principle.

117.2 It does not permanently require one specific technology.

RULE-118 — False Tickets

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.1–81.3; STA / ART-114.8; STA / ART-115

118.1 WUFO shall maintain reasonable systems to detect and reduce counterfeit or duplicated tickets.

PART XIX — SECURE DIGITAL TICKETING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-81.1–81.3

RULE-119 — Digital Tickets Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

119.1 WUFO may use secure digital ticketing.

RULE-120 — Alternative Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

120.1 Reasonable alternative access arrangements should exist for supporters who genuinely cannot use the ordinary digital method where operationally feasible.

RULE-121 — Ticket Authentication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

121.1 Stadium entry systems shall verify ticket validity through a secure method.

RULE-122 — Duplicate Credential

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

122.1 A duplicated digital credential shall not create multiple rights of entry.

RULE-123 — System Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81

123.1 Ticketing systems shall contain procedures for material technical failure.

123.2 A supporter holding a valid ticket should not be arbitrarily denied entry solely because the organiser’s technical system temporarily fails where the ticket can otherwise reasonably be verified.

PART XX — REFUNDS, CANCELLATIONS AND MATERIAL CHANGES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114.4(i); STA / ART-114.9; STA / ART-115.10

RULE-124 — Clear Refund Conditions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(i); STA / ART-114.9; STA / ART-115.10

124.1 Refund and cancellation conditions shall be published before sale.

RULE-125 — Cancelled Match

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(i); STA / ART-114.9; STA / ART-115.10

125.1 Where a match is permanently cancelled and the ticket no longer provides admission to an equivalent rescheduled match, the holder shall be entitled to the applicable refund under the official policy.

RULE-126 — Rescheduled Match

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(i); STA / ART-114.9; STA / ART-115.10

126.1 Where a match is rescheduled, ticket holders shall receive clear information concerning:

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a. new date;
b. new time;
c. venue if changed; and
d. available return or refund rights.

RULE-127 — Material Venue Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(i); STA / ART-114.9; STA / ART-115.10

127.1 A material venue change shall be communicated as soon as reasonably possible.

RULE-128 — No Hidden Waiver of Fundamental Refund Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(i); STA / ART-114.9; STA / ART-115.10

128.1 Ticket conditions shall not conceal or unlawfully remove rights required by applicable consumer law.

RULE-129 — Force Majeure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(i); STA / ART-114.9; STA / ART-115.10

129.1 The official ticket terms may regulate force majeure consistently with applicable law.

129.2 Force majeure shall not be used as a general excuse for unfair treatment.

PART XXI — SUPPORTER INFORMATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114.9

RULE-130 — Information Before Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

130.1 Supporters shall receive reasonable information concerning:

a. match location;
b. match date;
c. match time;
d. stadium entry;
e. ticket restrictions;
f. known travel restrictions;
g. supporter segregation where applicable;
h. accessibility; and
i. material changes affecting attendance.

RULE-131 — Information Channels

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

131.1 Material supporter information shall be communicated through reasonable official channels.

RULE-132 — Language

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

132.1 Important international supporter information should be available in languages reasonably appropriate to the tournament and participating supporter groups where practicable.

RULE-133 — Emergency Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

133.1 Urgent match-day changes shall be communicated promptly through available official channels.

PART XXII — STADIUM ENTRY AND SUPPORTER SAFETY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

RULE-134 — Safe Stadium Entry

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

134.1 Ticket holders shall receive reasonable and safe stadium-entry arrangements.

RULE-135 — Proportionate Security

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.12

135.1 Supporter security measures shall be proportionate.

RULE-136 — Segregation Where Necessary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.13

136.1 Supporter segregation may be used where reasonably required for safety.

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RULE-137 — Safety Is Not Premium Inventory Policy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.14

137.1 Safety rules shall not be used principally as an excuse to remove ordinary supporters and replace them with higher-priced customers.

RULE-138 — Entry Conditions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

138.1 Stadium-entry conditions shall be:

a. clear;

b. published;

c. lawful;

d. reasonably necessary; and

e. applied without arbitrary discrimination.

RULE-139 — Refusal of Entry

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

139.1 A valid ticket may be refused where a genuine lawful reason exists, including:

a. serious safety risk;

b. prohibited violent conduct;

c. fraudulent ticket;

d. binding sanction;

e. unlawful prohibited item; or

f. another legitimate entry restriction.

RULE-140 — Written or Recorded Basis

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

140.1 Significant systematic entry restrictions should be capable of objective verification.

PART XXIII — ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114.4(g)

RULE-141 — Accessible Ticketing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

141.1 WUFO competitions shall provide reasonable accessible ticketing arrangements.

RULE-142 — Accessible Seating

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

142.1 Certified venues shall maintain suitable accessible seating locations consistent with applicable law and stadium design.

RULE-143 — Companion or Support Person

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

143.1 Where reasonably required, ticketing systems shall provide for an accompanying support person in accordance with applicable accessibility policy.

RULE-144 — No Disability Premium

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

144.1 A supporter shall not be charged an additional premium merely because accessible seating is required.

RULE-145 — Accessible Purchase Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

145.1 The ticket-purchase process should itself be reasonably accessible.

RULE-146 — Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

146.1 Supporters requiring accessibility arrangements shall receive clear information about:

a. entry routes;

b. seating;

c. transport;

d. accessible facilities; and

e. assistance procedures.

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PART XXIV — NON-DISCRIMINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114.4(h); STA / ART-116.10–116.11

RULE-147 — Equal Supporter Treatment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(h); STA / ART-116.10–116.11

147.1 Supporters shall not be discriminated against because of:

a. nationality;

b. race;

c. ethnicity;

d. sex; or

e. another status protected by applicable law or WUFO rules.

RULE-148 — Team Support Is Not Prohibited Discrimination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(h); STA / ART-116.10–116.11

148.1 Legitimate participating-team allocations shall not constitute unlawful discrimination merely because they reserve inventory for supporters of a particular team.

RULE-149 — Safety Restrictions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(h); STA / ART-116.10–116.11

149.1 Genuine safety restrictions may apply where proportionate.

RULE-150 — Sanctions and Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114.4(h); STA / ART-116.10–116.11

150.1 Binding legal or sporting sanctions may restrict attendance where lawfully applicable.

PART XXV — SUPPORTER DATA AND PRIVACY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-115.10(j)

RULE-151 — Applicable Privacy Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-115.10(j)

151.1 Ticketing systems shall comply with applicable privacy and data-protection law.

RULE-152 — Data Minimisation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-115.10(j)

152.1 WUFO and authorised ticket operators shall collect only personal information reasonably necessary for legitimate ticketing purposes.

RULE-153 — Permitted Purposes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-115.10(j)

153.1 Personal data may be processed as lawfully necessary for:

a. ticket fulfilment;

b. identity verification;

c. fraud prevention;

d. anti-bot enforcement;

e. Protected Local verification;

f. security;

g. authorised transfer;

h. refunds; and

i. customer service.

RULE-154 — No Secret Commercial Sale of Identity Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-115.10(j)

154.1 Supporter identity information collected because it is necessary to obtain a ticket shall not be secretly converted into an unrelated commercial asset contrary to applicable privacy rules.

RULE-155 — Security

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-115.10(j)

155.1 Reasonable technical and organisational safeguards shall protect supporter information.

RULE-156 — Retention

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-81.3; STA / ART-115.10(j)

156.1 Personal data shall not be retained longer than reasonably necessary or legally required for its legitimate purpose.

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PART XXVI — WORLD LEAGUE TICKETING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-96; STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

RULE-157 — Host Member Normally Controls Ticketing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96.5

157.1 The Host Member Association shall normally control ordinary local World League ticketing.

RULE-158 — WUFO Championship Cup Pyramid Does Not Apply

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96; STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

158.1 The permanent A–G WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Price Pyramid shall not apply to the World League.

RULE-159 — Twenty Percent Affordable Allocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96.6

159.1 At least twenty percent (20%) of World League stadium capacity shall be offered at a price no higher than the cheapest normal local league ticket used at the venue.

RULE-160 — Local Reference Price

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96; STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

160.1 The Host Member shall identify the ordinary local-league ticket price used as the reference.

160.2 The reference shall be genuine and not artificially selected to inflate the World League affordable price.

RULE-161 — No Normal League Reference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96.7

161.1 Where the venue has no normal local-league reference, a comparable major nearby football club may be used.

RULE-162 — Comparable Reference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96; STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

162.1 The selected comparable club should reflect reasonably similar local market conditions.

RULE-163 — Twenty Percent Is a Floor

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96; STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

163.1 The Host may offer more than twenty percent at or below the protected affordable price.

RULE-164 — No Premium Conversion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96.10

164.1 The twenty-percent affordable allocation shall not be artificially converted into premium inventory.

RULE-165 — General Supporter Protections Apply

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96; STA / ART-114; STA / ART-116

165.1 World League ticketing remains subject to:

a. price transparency;
b. safety;
c. accessibility;
d. anti-fraud;
e. non-discrimination;
f. clear conditions; and
g. fair supporter treatment.

PART XXVII — WORLD LEAGUE VISITING SUPPORTERS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-96.8–96.9; STA / ART-116

RULE-166 — Fair Visiting Allocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96.8

166.1 Visiting supporters shall receive a fair World League ticket allocation.

RULE-167 — Visiting Allocation Factors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96.9; STA / ART-116.3

167.1 The allocation shall take account of:

a. stadium capacity;
b. stadium design;
c. safety;
d. visiting demand; and
e. reasonable international practice.

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RULE-168 — Exact World League Visiting Percentage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96.9

168.1 The exact minimum or standard World League visiting-supporter percentage shall be established under REG-19 — World League Travel, Match Operations, Stadiums, Officials & Venue Safety.

168.2 Until that parameter is lawfully adopted, no lower ticketing instrument shall invent a permanent worldwide percentage.

RULE-169 — No Elimination for Premium Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-116.2

169.1 Visiting-supporter access shall not be eliminated merely to sell more premium tickets.

RULE-170 — Safety Adjustment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96.8–96.9; STA / ART-116

170.1 A visiting allocation may be adjusted for genuine safety or stadium-design reasons.

170.2 Any substantial restriction shall be based on a real operational reason rather than commercial preference.

PART XXVIII — CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TICKETING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-108.4–108.7; STA / ART-115.13

RULE-171 — Separate Premium Event

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.4–108.7; STA / ART-115.13

171.1 The Champion of Champions shall use a separate ticketing model.

RULE-172 — Host Controls Ticketing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.4

172.1 Champion of Champions ticketing shall be controlled by the Host under the applicable Host Agreement.

RULE-173 — Host Price Discretion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.5

173.1 The Host shall have one hundred percent (100%) discretion over ordinary Champion of Champions ticket prices, subject to:

a. applicable law; and

b. basic supporter-protection rules.

RULE-174 — WUFO Championship Cup Pyramid Does Not Apply

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.6; STA / ART-115.13

174.1 The WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Price Pyramid shall not apply to the Champion of Champions.

RULE-175 — Premium Pricing Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.6

175.1 The Champion of Champions may operate as a premium event.

RULE-176 — Host Ticket Revenue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.6

176.1 The Host shall retain the local ticketing revenue allocated to it under the Host Agreement.

RULE-177 — Basic Protections Still Apply

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.4–108.7; STA / ART-115.13

177.1 Premium-event status shall not eliminate:

a. clear pricing;

b. clear conditions;

c. accessibility;

d. anti-fraud protections;

e. safe entry;

f. non-discrimination; or

g. applicable consumer law.

RULE-178 — No False Application of Protected WUFO Championship Cup Prices

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.4–108.7; STA / ART-115.13

178.1 A supporter shall not claim Category A–G statutory prices for Champion of Champions tickets.

PART XXIX — OTHER WUFO COMPETITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114–116

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RULE-179 — General Supporter Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

179.1 WUFO competitions not subject to a special statutory ticket-price system shall nevertheless comply with general supporter-protection principles.

RULE-180 — Competition-Specific Pricing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

180.1 A competent competition authority may establish its own lawful ticket model where no higher WUFO price rule applies.

RULE-181 — No Hidden Fees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

181.1 Competition-specific pricing shall remain transparent.

RULE-182 — Visiting Supporters

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

182.1 Reasonable visiting access shall be protected where applicable.

RULE-183 — Supporter Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

183.1 The general information protections in this Regulation shall apply where relevant.

PART XXX — TICKET OPERATORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114–115

RULE-184 — Authorised Ticket Operator

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115

184.1 WUFO or a Host may appoint an authorised ticketing service provider.

RULE-185 — Delegation Does Not Remove Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115

185.1 Appointment of a private operator shall not permit WUFO or the Host to evade binding ticketing obligations.

RULE-186 — Operator Compliance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115

186.1 An authorised operator shall comply with:

a. protected prices;

b. sales windows;

c. allocation rules;

d. anti-bot controls;

e. Official Return System requirements;

f. data-protection requirements; and

g. applicable supporter protections.

RULE-187 — No Operator Dynamic Pricing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115

187.1 A ticketing contractor shall not introduce dynamic WUFO Championship Cup pricing merely because its normal commercial platform uses that model.

RULE-188 — Operator Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115

188.1 Compensation of a ticket operator shall not create incentives that require violation of protected supporter prices.

RULE-189 — Audit and Verification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115

189.1 WUFO may require information reasonably necessary to verify ticket-system compliance.

PART XXXI — SUPPORTER COMPLAINTS AND CORRECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114

RULE-190 — Supporter Complaint Channel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

190.1 WUFO competitions shall maintain an appropriate supporter ticketing complaint channel.

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RULE-191 — Matters That May Be Raised

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

191.1 A supporter may raise issues concerning:

a. incorrect charge;

b. duplicate charge;

c. ticket delivery;

d. authorised refund;

e. accessibility;

f. transfer error;

g. identity error;

h. Protected Local verification;

i. technical failure; or

j. another material ticketing problem.

RULE-192 — Reasonable Response

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

192.1 Material complaints should receive a reasonable response within the operational time available before the match.

RULE-193 — Urgent Match-Day Problem

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

193.1 WUFO and Hosts should maintain a procedure for urgent problems where delay would make the ticket unusable.

RULE-194 — Correction Before Punishment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

194.1 An obvious supporter or administrative error capable of correction should ordinarily be corrected rather than treated immediately as fraud.

RULE-195 — Fraud Remains Distinct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114

195.1 Deliberate ticket fraud shall not receive protection merely by being described as an administrative error.

PART XXXII — COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114–115; STA / ART-111

RULE-196 — No Artificial Scarcity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115; STA / ART-111

196.1 A Football Body shall not intentionally suppress ordinary supply merely to force supporters into more expensive products.

RULE-197 — No Mandatory Hospitality Upgrade

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115; STA / ART-111

197.1 A supporter shall not be forced to purchase unrelated hospitality merely to obtain ordinary protected WUFO Championship Cup access where ordinary inventory is represented as available.

RULE-198 — No Sponsor Priority Over Protected Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115; STA / ART-111

198.1 Commercial partner allocations shall not extinguish:

a. Protected Local access;

b. participating-team supporter access; or

c. other binding supporter protections.

RULE-199 — Sponsors Do Not Control Ticket Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–115; STA / ART-111

199.1 A sponsor shall not determine:

a. protected ticket prices;

b. local eligibility;

c. supporter segregation;

d. refund rights; or

e. visiting allocations

merely because it provides commercial revenue.

PART XXXIII — COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

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RULE-200 — Ticketing Compliance Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

200.1 WUFO may review compliance with this Regulation.

RULE-201 — Correctable Breach

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

201.1 Where a ticketing breach can reasonably be corrected before material supporter harm occurs, WUFO should first seek prompt correction.

RULE-202 — Examples of Corrective Action

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

202.1 Corrective action may include:

a. refunding an improper charge;

b. restoring Protected Local inventory;

c. reopening a fair sales window;

d. correcting a fee disclosure;

e. cancelling an unlawful price increase;

f. restoring participating-team allocation; or

g. correcting a ticketing-system defect.

RULE-203 — Serious Deliberate Evasion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

203.1 Deliberate systemic circumvention may be referred for disciplinary action under

REG-22.

RULE-204 — No Financial Benefit from Deliberate Breach

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

204.1 A Football Body shall not retain an improper financial benefit produced by deliberate violation of protected WUFO Championship Cup ticket prices where lawful corrective recovery is available.

PART XXXIV — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

RULE-205 — Coordination with REG-12

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

205.1 REG-12 shall govern the special 2030 WUFO Championship Cup framework.

205.2 REG-16 shall provide general supporter and ticketing protections to the extent compatible with the event-specific 2030 structure.

205.3 The Category A–G ticket-price table shall not be artificially applied to a 2030 WUFO Championship Cup that does not use Categories A–G.

RULE-206 — Coordination with REG-13

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

206.1 REG-13 shall govern the 2034 WUFO Championship Cup.

206.2 Where 2034 ticketing belongs to the Host Economy, REG-16 shall govern the applicable supporter protections.

206.3 The Category A–G table shall not be artificially mapped onto the traditional forty-eightteam 2034 competition.

RULE-207 — Coordination with REG-14

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

207.1 REG-14 shall determine:

a. WUFO Championship Cup Category;

b. competition stage; and

c. sporting progression.

207.2 Those sporting facts determine which protected WUFO Championship Cup ticket row applies from the 2035–2038 permanent cycle onward.

RULE-208 — Coordination with REG-15

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

208.1 REG-15 shall govern:

a. Host Clusters;

b. stadium certification;

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c. infrastructure;

d. Host Positions; and

e. Host operations.

208.2 REG-16 shall govern supporter access to those certified venues.

RULE-209 — Coordination with REG-17

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

209.1 REG-17 shall govern:

a. audiovisual;

b. sponsorship;

c. hospitality inventory;

d. global and local commercial rights; and

e. commercial allocation.

209.2 Commercial inventory shall not defeat protected ticket rights.

RULE-210 — Coordination with REG-18 and REG-19

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

210.1 REG-18 shall govern the World League sporting competition.

210.2 REG-19 shall govern World League stadiums, match operations, venue safety and the final visiting-supporter allocation parameter.

210.3 REG-16 shall govern the general World League supporter and ticketing protections.

RULE-211 — Coordination with REG-21

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

211.1 REG-21 shall govern the Champion of Champions sporting and Host model.

211.2 REG-16 shall govern its ticketing supporter protections while preserving Host pricing discretion.

RULE-212 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

212.1 REG-22 shall govern:

a. supporter misconduct;

b. racism;

c. violence;

d. serious institutional abuse;

e. disciplinary sanctions; and

f. integrity matters.

212.2 REG-16 shall not create a parallel disciplinary code.

RULE-213 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

213.1 REG-24 shall govern:

a. ticketing financial accounting;

b. audit;

c. transparency; and

d. treatment of WUFO central revenues.

RULE-214 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

214.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. ticketing instrument codes;

b. version control;

c. publication;

d. official price schedules; and

e. historical records.

PART XXXV — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

RULE-215 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

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215.1 Implementation of REG-16 may use lower instruments including:

a. MAN — WUFO Championship Cup Ticketing;

b. SCH — WUFO Championship Cup Protected Ticket Price Schedule;

c. PRO — WUFO Championship Cup Inflation Adjustment;

d. PRO — Protected Local Eligibility;

e. SCH — WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Allocation Plan;

f. PRO — Participating-Team Supporter Allocation;

g. PRO — WUFO Championship Cup Ticket Sales Windows;

h. PRO — Official Ticket Return & Exchange;

i. PRO — Authorised Ticket Transfer;

j. PRT — Ticket Security & Anti-Bot Controls;

k. PRO — Ticket Refund & Match Change;

l. MAN — Supporter Accessibility;

m. PRO — Ticketing Data Protection;

n. PRO — Supporter Ticketing Complaints;

o. SCH — World League Affordable Ticket Allocation;

p. PRO — World League Visiting Supporter Allocation;

q. MAN — Champion of Champions Ticketing; and

r. other instruments lawfully authorised by WUFO.

RULE-216 — Lower Instrument Cannot Increase Protected Prices

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

216.1 No lower instrument shall increase the real WUFO Championship Cup ticket prices above the protected statutory values.

RULE-217 — Lower Instrument Cannot Introduce Dynamic Pricing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

217.1 A ticketing Manual or service-provider contract shall not authorise prohibited ordinary WUFO Championship Cup dynamic pricing.

RULE-218 — Lower Instrument Cannot Permit Resale Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

218.1 No ticketing Procedure or platform rule shall permit private WUFO Championship Cup resale profit.

PART XXXVI — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

RULE-219 — Four Classes Remain

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

219.1 The permanent WUFO Championship Cup shall retain:

a. Premium;

b. Intermediate;

c. Economic International; and

d. Protected Local.

RULE-220 — Protected Local Cannot Disappear

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

220.1 Commercial demand shall not eliminate Class 4.

RULE-221 — Protected Prices Are Real-Value Protections

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

221.1 Nominal inflation adjustment shall preserve, not increase, the real 2022 protected values.

RULE-222 — Famous Teams Do Not Cost More

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

222.1 The identity of the teams shall not increase an ordinary protected WUFO Championship Cup ticket price.

RULE-223 — Finals Do Not Escape the System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

223.1 WUFO Championship Cup Finals remain subject to the protected statutory price applicable to their Category.

RULE-224 — No Ordinary Dynamic Pricing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

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224.1 Dynamic demand pricing shall remain prohibited for ordinary WUFO Championship Cup tickets.

RULE-225 — Zero Resale Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

225.1 A WUFO Championship Cup ticket shall not become a private speculative asset.

RULE-226 — Returned Ticket Returns at Official Price

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

226.1 WUFO shall not profit from supporter inability to attend by repricing the returned seat according to demand.

RULE-227 — Anti-Bot Protection Remains

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

227.1 Technical methods may change.

227.2 Protection against mass speculative acquisition shall remain.

RULE-228 — Host Community Has a Real Place

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

228.1 A WUFO Championship Cup Host community shall receive a genuine opportunity to attend football played in its own area.

RULE-229 — Participating-Team Supporters Have a Real Place

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

229.1 Ticket sales shall preserve reasonable access for supporters who follow participating teams.

RULE-230 — World League Twenty Percent Is Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

230.1 The World League affordable allocation shall be at least twenty percent of stadium capacity under the statutory reference-price rule.

RULE-231 — World League Visiting Supporters Are Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

231.1 Visiting supporters shall receive a fair allocation.

231.2 The exact permanent percentage shall be separately adopted under REG-19.

RULE-232 — Champion of Champions Remains Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

232.1 The Champion of Champions may remain a premium event.

232.2 Its ticket prices shall not be governed by the WUFO Championship Cup A–G pyramid.

RULE-233 — Premium Event Does Not Mean No Supporter Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

233.1 Clear pricing, safety, accessibility and fair treatment shall continue to apply to the Champion of Champions.

RULE-234 — Safety Cannot Become Commercial Exclusion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

234.1 Legitimate safety measures are permitted.

234.2 They shall not be manipulated principally to remove lower-paying supporters.

RULE-235 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-114–116

235.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. affordability;

b. access;

c. supporters of participating teams;

d. Host communities;

e. transparent prices;

f. accessibility;

g. safe stadium attendance;

h. zero resale profit;

i. privacy;

j. competition-specific commercial autonomy where expressly preserved; and

k. the long-term relationship between football and the people who attend it.

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RULE-236 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-79–81; STA / ART-96; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-114–116

236.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

Supporters are part of football, not merely customers from whom the highest possible price should be extracted.

WUFO Championship Cup ticket prices are protected permanently in real 2022 value.

Four Classes exist: Premium, Intermediate, Economic International and Protected Local.

The Category matters. The stage matters. The fame of the teams does not.

The number may change with inflation. The real price does not.

The WUFO-PI uses an independently published World inflation aggregate and a fixed compound formula; it cannot be invented or altered administratively.

No ordinary WUFO Championship Cup dynamic pricing.

No famous-team premium.

No rivalry premium.

No sell-out premium.

No last-minute scarcity premium.

Mandatory hidden charges cannot defeat a protected price.

Protected Local means genuine local access, not a symbolic handful of tickets.

Local eligibility is about genuine residence, not political nationality.

A Host community must be able to participate in the WUFO Championship Cup played in its own area.

Participating-team supporters must receive a reasonable opportunity to follow their team.

Ticket inventory must be preserved for teams whose knockout participation becomes known later.

A WUFO Championship Cup ticket is for attending the match, not for making money from another supporter.

Zero resale profit.

A supporter who cannot attend can use the Official Return System.

A returned ticket comes back at the official protected price.

WUFO does not turn a returned seat into a demand-priced ticket.

Authorised transfers occur through the official system and create no private profit.

Bots and mass speculative purchasing are actively restricted.

Ticketing technology may evolve. Supporter protection remains.

Safety is necessary. Safety is not an excuse to replace ordinary supporters with premium inventory.

Accessibility is part of supporter access.

Supporter data is collected for legitimate purposes, not as a hidden commercial prize.

The World League has its own ticket model.

At least 20% of World League stadium capacity remains tied to the protected affordable local-price principle.

World League visiting supporters receive fair access.

Champion of Champions is different: the Host controls ticketing and may price it as a premium event.

The WUFO Championship Cup permanent price pyramid does not apply to Champion of Champions.

Different competitions may have different commercial models. Basic supporter dignity does not change.

Football needs revenue. It also needs supporters who can still afford and enjoy the game.

REG-16 — TICKETING & SUPPORTER PROTECTION REGULATIONS

REG-16 CONSOLIDATED SUPPORTER-BUNDLE AND CAPACITY PROTOCOL

RULE-ADD-1 Country Supporter Bundle

The ordinary group-stage supporter product may be a nominative Country Supporter Bundle covering the three group matches of one representative team. It is identity-linked, non-commercially-resalable and may be returned, transferred or reallocated only through the official system at the protected official value. The design principle is supporter continuity over visitor turnover. For planning only, a 15,000-seat stadium hosting six group matches provides 90,000 seat-attendances, equivalent to approximately 30,000 three-match supporter

bundles before local and institutional allocations; this is a planning ceiling, not an entitlement or compulsory inventory.

RULE-ADD-2 Capacity-Constrained Host Territory Protocol

A low-capacity Host Territory may lawfully coordinate, with its competent public authorities, sustainable visitor ceilings and entry-management measures permitted by local law, including proof of match bundle/ticket, accommodation, event permit or onward travel. Immigration and border decisions remain solely governmental powers. Citizens, residents, workers, family, teams, accredited media and essential service providers may receive lawful exceptions as appropriate. The protocol shall not be administered through

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arbitrary discrimination. The Host retains the ticketing upside allocated to it and bears ordinary unsold-inventory or voluntary visitor-limit risk. WUFO does not compensate empty seats merely because a Host responsibly limits visitors and no Host is required to exceed sustainable visitor capacity to maximise sales.

REG-17 — AUDIOVISUAL, SPONSORSHIP, COMMERCIAL RIGHTS & INVENTORY REGULATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-12; STA / ART-63–66; STA / ART-95; STA / ART-97; STA / ART-104–105; STA / ART-108; STA / ART-110; STA / ART-126–132

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND COMMERCIAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO framework governing:

a. audiovisual-right ownership;

b. audiovisual production;

c. World Feed administration;

d. worldwide audiovisual exploitation;

e. WUFO Championship Cup Universal Free Access;

f. WUFO Championship Cup global commercial inventory;

g. WUFO Championship Cup Host local commercial inventory;

h. World League audiovisual rights;

i. World League sponsorship and naming rights;

j. Historical Confederation competition commercial autonomy;

k. domestic audiovisual rights;

l. sponsorships;

m. naming rights;

n. advertising;

o. licensing;

p. commercial inventory;

q. Representative-Team front-of-shirt sponsorship;

r. bundled commercial contracts;

s. fair-value allocation;

t. sponsor independence from sporting authority;

u. commercial transparency;

v. conflicts between global and local rights; and

w. commercial-rights records.

RULE-2 — Commercial Rights Follow Legal Allocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.1; STA / ART-111.1–111.4

2.1 A commercial right shall belong to the WUFO body, Historical Confederation, Member Association, league, club, Host or other lawful rights holder to which that right is assigned.

2.2 Participation in WUFO football shall not automatically transfer all commercial rights to WUFO Central.

RULE-3 — WUFO Does Not Own Everything

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.1–109.7; STA / ART-111.1–111.4

3.1 WUFO Central shall commercialise only rights that:

a. belong to WUFO under the Statutes;

b. are validly assigned to WUFO; or

c. are lawfully licensed to WUFO.

3.2 WUFO shall not assume ownership merely because it is the world governing organisation.

RULE-4 — Production Is Not Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.8–109.9

4.1 Technical production of a match signal shall not by itself create ownership of audiovisual rights.

4.2 A Host may produce a signal while WUFO owns or controls the worldwide rights.

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RULE-5 — Commercial Partners Do Not Govern Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.5–111.15

5.1 Commercial partners may support football financially.

5.2 Commercial partners shall not govern football.

RULE-6 — No Sporting Authority Through Money

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.7

6.1 No sponsor, broadcaster, advertiser, licensee or commercial partner shall acquire authority over:

a. Laws of the Game;

b. competition format;

c. rankings;

d. promotion;

e. relegation;

f. Member admission;

g. player eligibility;

h. referee appointments;

i. discipline;

j. integrity investigations;

k. Host allocation; or

l. another sporting or constitutional decision.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

RULE-7 — Audiovisual Right

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

7.1 An Audiovisual Right is the right to record, transmit, distribute, stream, communicate or otherwise commercially exploit audiovisual coverage of a football competition or match.

RULE-8 — World Feed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

8.1 The World Feed is the official international audiovisual signal produced according to WUFO technical standards for worldwide distribution.

RULE-9 — Global Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

9.1 Global Inventory means commercial rights reserved for worldwide or multinational exploitation by WUFO.

RULE-10 — Local Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

10.1 Local Inventory means commercial rights allocated to a Host, Host Cluster, Host City, Member Association or Local Organising Committee for local or territorially limited exploitation.

RULE-11 — Regional Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

11.1 Regional Inventory means commercial rights belonging to a Historical Confederation in connection with its competitions or institutional activities.

RULE-12 — Domestic Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

12.1 Domestic Rights are rights belonging to a Member Association, league, club or other domestic rights holder under applicable football rules and law.

RULE-13 — Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

13.1 Sponsorship is a commercial relationship under which a person or entity receives authorised association with a football body, competition, team or commercial property in exchange for money, goods, services or another material benefit.

RULE-14 — Naming Right

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

14.1 A Naming Right is the authorised commercial association of a sponsor’s name with:

a. a competition;

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b. a Division;

c. a stadium;

d. a venue;

e. an event; or

f. another authorised football property.

RULE-15 — Commercial Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

15.1 Commercial Inventory means the set of commercial rights available for sale, licence or authorised use.

RULE-16 — Fair Value

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

16.1 Fair Value means a reasonable commercial value assigned to a right according to objective market and transactional evidence.

RULE-17 — Bundled Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

17.1 A Bundled Agreement is a single commercial agreement containing two or more distinct commercial rights or properties.

PART III — AUDIOVISUAL RIGHTS OWNERSHIP MATRIX

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-109

RULE-18 — WUFO Championship Cup Worldwide Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.3

18.1 Worldwide audiovisual rights of the WUFO Championship Cup shall belong to or be controlled by WUFO, subject to the Host arrangements established by the Statutes.

RULE-19 — World League Worldwide Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.4; STA / ART-97.1–97.3

19.1 Worldwide audiovisual rights of the World League shall belong to or be controlled centrally by WUFO.

RULE-20 — Historical Confederation Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.5; STA / ART-12.5–12.8; STA / ART-104

20.1 Each Historical Confederation shall retain audiovisual rights of its own competitions unless:

a. the Statutes expressly establish a WUFO-wide right; or

b. the Historical Confederation voluntarily agrees otherwise.

RULE-21 — Domestic Audiovisual Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.6–109.7

21.1 Domestic audiovisual rights shall normally remain with the lawful domestic rights holder.

21.2 Such rights shall not become WUFO property merely because the competition operates within WUFO football.

RULE-22 — No Sale of Another Body’s Right

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.11

22.1 No WUFO body shall sell, license or transfer an audiovisual right belonging to another body.

RULE-23 — Shared Rights Must Be Defined

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.12

23.1 Shared or overlapping audiovisual inventory shall be identified before commercial sale.

RULE-24 — Rights Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109

24.1 WUFO shall maintain or recognise an official Audiovisual Rights Matrix identifying principal rights ownership for major WUFO competitions.

PART IV — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP WORLD FEED

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109

RULE-25 — Host Produces the Signal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.1–83.3

25.1 The WUFO Championship Cup Host shall provide or arrange technical production of WUFO Championship Cup matches.

RULE-26 — WUFO Technical Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.2

26.1 Production shall satisfy WUFO technical standards.

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RULE-27 — Signal Delivered to WUFO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.3

27.1 The completed official signal shall be delivered to WUFO.

RULE-28 — Worldwide Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.4; STA / ART-109.3

28.1 WUFO shall control worldwide World Feed exploitation.

RULE-29 — Host Production Does Not Transfer Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.8–109.9

29.1 A Host does not acquire worldwide rights merely because it produces the World Feed.

RULE-30 — Production Contractor Does Not Acquire Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109

30.1 A technical production contractor shall not obtain WUFO Championship Cup audiovisual ownership merely by performing production services.

RULE-31 — Technical Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109

31.1 World Feed production shall not be manipulated to favour:

a. a Host team;

b. one sponsor;

c. one broadcaster; or

d. one political authority.

PART V — WORLD FEED TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109

RULE-32 — Production Manual

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109

32.1 WUFO shall maintain a World Feed Production Manual.

RULE-33 — Production Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109

33.1 The Manual may govern:

a. video quality;

b. audio quality;

c. camera positions;

d. replay systems;

e. graphics interfaces;

f. commentary feeds;

g. accessibility feeds;

h. transmission;

i. redundancy;

j. communications;

k. signal integrity; and

l. archive delivery.

RULE-34 — Technology Neutrality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109

34.1 The Regulation shall not permanently require one private broadcast technology.

34.2 WUFO may update technical standards as technology evolves.

RULE-35 — Redundancy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109

35.1 Major WUFO Championship Cup production systems shall contain reasonable redundancy sufficient to reduce avoidable loss of the international signal.

RULE-36 — Official Match Reality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83; STA / ART-109

36.1 Broadcast production shall not deliberately falsify the sporting reality of a match.

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PART VI — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP UNIVERSAL FREE ACCESS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-83.4–83.5; STA / ART-110

RULE-37 — Universal Access Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110.1

37.1 WUFO shall protect universal public access to the WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-38 — Free-Access Path in Every Distributed Territory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110.2

38.1 Every territory in which WUFO Championship Cup audiovisual rights are distributed shall have at least one lawful and reasonably accessible method for supporters to follow the protected free-access match package without a mandatory paid subscription.

RULE-39 — Permitted Free-Access Methods

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110.3

39.1 Free access may be provided through:

a. free-to-air television;

b. free digital streaming;

c. another widely accessible lawful free platform; or

d. a combination of those methods.

39.2 A protected free-access path shall not require a subscription fee, pay-per-view payment, mandatory purchase of a commercial bundle, or mandatory purchase of another audiovisual product or service as a condition of viewing the protected match.

39.3 Ordinary household costs of receiving equipment, broadcast reception or general internet connectivity shall not by themselves convert an otherwise free WUFO access path into a paid audiovisual product.

RULE-40 — Free Does Not Mean Commercially Worthless

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110.4–110.5

40.1 WUFO may sell valuable WUFO Championship Cup audiovisual rights.

40.2 Universal Free Access does not require WUFO to give away the commercial value of the competition.

RULE-41 — Paid Rights May Coexist with Free Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.4–83.5; STA / ART-110

41.1 A territory may contain:

a. subscription coverage;

b. premium coverage;

c. paid digital coverage; and

d. a protected free-access path

at the same time.

RULE-42 — Commercial Agreement Cannot Remove Free Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110.6

42.1 No audiovisual contract shall eliminate the statutory free-access protection.

PART VII — UNIVERSAL FREE ACCESS TECHNICAL FRAMEWORK

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-110.7

RULE-43 — Technical Standard Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110

43.1 WUFO shall establish measurable WUFO Championship Cup Universal Free Access requirements before the first permanent WUFO Championship Cup under this system.

RULE-44 — Measurable Universal Free Access Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110.7

44.1 In each territory in which WUFO Championship Cup audiovisual rights are distributed, the protected free-access path or combination of free-access paths shall provide reasonable technical reach to at least ninety percent (90%) of the resident population.

44.2 The ninety-percent (90%) requirement may be satisfied by one platform or by the combined practical reach of multiple lawful free platforms, including free-to-air television and free digital streaming.

44.3 No broadcaster or rights distributor shall be required to use one particular technology where another lawful free platform or combination of platforms satisfies the same protected reach.

44.4 The protected live free-access match package in every rights territory shall include:

a. every WUFO Championship Cup match played by the WUFO Member Association representing that territory;

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b. the WUFO Championship Cup Opening Match;

c. the Final of each of Categories A, B, C, D, E, F and G; and

d. both Category A Semifinals.

44.5 Where the Member Association representing the territory advances to a later WUFO Championship Cup round, each later match of that Member Association shall automatically remain within that territory's protected free-access package.

44.6 Where a rights territory does not correspond to the home sporting territory of a participating WUFO Member Association, the minimum worldwide protected package in

RULE-44.4(b)–(d) shall still apply.

44.7 The protected matches shall be available live. Delayed, highlights-only or excerpted coverage shall not satisfy the live free-access obligation unless a match cannot lawfully or technically be transmitted live because of a genuine force-majeure event.

44.8 Once a compliant free-access structure for an edition has been approved, a paid broadcaster or premium platform may carry additional or enhanced coverage without reducing the protected free-access package.

44.9 WUFO audiovisual agreements shall reserve or require the rights necessary to implement this Rule. A commercial agreement shall not waive, buy out or contract around the protected package.

44.10 Compliance with the ninety-percent (90%) reach requirement shall be measured and documented before the relevant WUFO Championship Cup using reasonable current population and platform-reach evidence for the rights territory.

RULE-45 — Principles Governing the Technical Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110

45.1 The Universal Free Access technical standard shall remain:

a. measurable;

b. technologically neutral;

c. realistic across rich and poor markets;

d. compatible with legitimate commercial rights sales;

e. capable of digital compliance where conventional broadcasting is limited; and

f. sufficiently broad to constitute genuine public access.

RULE-46 — Internet-Only Territory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110

46.1 WUFO may recognise free digital streaming as the principal access path where conventional free-to-air television is not a practical means of broad population access.

RULE-47 — Television-First Territory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110

47.1 Free-to-air television may serve as the principal access method where it provides broad practical coverage.

RULE-48 — Combination Model

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110

48.1 A combination of television and free digital access may satisfy the final technical standard.

RULE-49 — Accessibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-110

49.1 Each protected free-access service shall provide a reasonably usable language option for the relevant territory through commentary, subtitles, captions or another appropriate presentation method, taking account of the languages widely used by supporters in that territory.

49.2 Protected free-access services shall comply with applicable local accessibility requirements.

49.3 Captions, subtitles or equivalent accessibility support shall be provided where the platform and production infrastructure reasonably support them.

49.4 WUFO may require additional accessibility feeds or presentation standards through the World Feed Production Manual where technically practicable and proportionate.

PART VIII — WORLD LEAGUE AUDIOVISUAL RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-95; STA / ART-97; STA / ART-109.4

RULE-50 — Central Worldwide Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97.1–97.3

50.1 WUFO shall centrally own or control worldwide World League audiovisual rights.

RULE-51 — One Worldwide Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97.2

51.1 Central ownership shall permit the World League to be sold and distributed as one worldwide competition.

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RULE-52 — Host Member Produces the Match Signal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95.5–95.7

52.1 The Host Member Association shall arrange or provide the required match television production.

RULE-53 — WUFO Production Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95; STA / ART-97; STA / ART-109.4

53.1 Host production shall satisfy WUFO technical standards.

RULE-54 — Signal Delivered to WUFO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95.7

54.1 The required World League match signal shall be delivered to WUFO.

RULE-55 — Host Cannot Sell Reserved Worldwide Right

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97.3

55.1 A Host Member Association shall not separately sell a worldwide World League audiovisual right reserved to WUFO.

RULE-56 — Domestic Ancillary Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95; STA / ART-97; STA / ART-109.4

56.1 A Host Member may retain ordinary local rights not reserved to WUFO where expressly permitted under the applicable World League Commercial Inventory.

PART IX — WORLD LEAGUE BROADCAST MODEL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-97.6; STA / ART-110.8

RULE-57 — No Universal FTA Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97.6; STA / ART-110.8

57.1 The World League shall not be subject to the WUFO Championship Cup Universal Free Access rule.

RULE-58 — Permitted Models

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97.6

58.1 World League distribution may use:

a. free-to-air television;

b. subscription television;

c. streaming;

d. digital platforms; or

e. a combination.

RULE-59 — Accessibility and Sustainability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97.6

59.1 World League distribution shall seek a reasonable balance between:

a. supporter accessibility; and

b. commercial sustainability.

RULE-60 — No Sporting Influence from Broadcaster

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97.6; STA / ART-110.8

60.1 A World League broadcaster shall not control:

a. promotion;

b. relegation;

c. ranking;

d. referee appointments; or

e. match results.

PART X — WORLD LEAGUE SPONSORSHIP AND NAMING RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-95

RULE-61 — Division Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95.1

61.1 Each World League Division may have its own commercial sponsor.

RULE-62 — Division Naming Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95.2

62.1 Each World League Division may have its own naming-rights partner.

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RULE-63 — Operating Divisions May Have Different Sponsors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95

63.1 WUFO shall not require all operating Divisions to use one identical sponsor.

RULE-64 — Central Coordination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95

64.1 WUFO may centrally coordinate World League Division sponsorship to:

a. prevent conflicting rights sales;

b. preserve global commercial value;

c. comply with Restricted Commercial Category rules; and

d. create clear inventory.

RULE-65 — No Sponsor Sporting Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95.3–95.4

65.1 A Division sponsor shall have no sporting authority.

RULE-66 — Naming Right Does Not Rename the Legal Competition Structure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95

66.1 Commercial naming rights shall not change the legal designation:

World League Division 1, Division 2 … through the lowest operating Division

for regulatory purposes.

PART XI — WORLD LEAGUE AUDIOVISUAL REVENUE INTERFACE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-97

RULE-67 — Revenue Distribution Belongs to REG-18 and REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97

67.1 REG-17 governs ownership and exploitation of World League audiovisual rights.

67.2 The sporting ranking-based distribution formula shall be governed principally by

REG-18.

67.3 Accounting and financial implementation shall be governed by REG-24.

RULE-68 — Protected 85/15 Split

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97.4

68.1 Net central World League audiovisual revenue shall be distributed:

a. eighty-five percent (85%) to the six Historical Confederations; and

b. fifteen percent (15%) to WUFO Central.

RULE-69 — No Equal 20% Presumption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97.3–97.4

69.1 The 85% Historical Confederation share shall not automatically be divided into six equal portions.

69.2 The exact ranking-based formula is a separate sporting-financial matter.

PART XII — HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION COMMERCIAL AUTONOMY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-12; STA / ART-104–105; STA / ART-109.5; STA / ART-111.2

RULE-70 — Historical Confederations Are Commercially Autonomous

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-12; STA / ART-104–105; STA / ART-109.5; STA / ART-111.2

70.1 Historical Confederations shall retain commercial authority over their own competitions within the Statutes.

RULE-71 — One Hundred Percent Regional Competition Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-12.5; STA / ART-104.3

71.1 Each Historical Confederation shall retain one hundred percent (100%) of the commercial rights and revenues of its own championships and competitions except where:

a. the Statutes expressly create a WUFO-wide right; or

b. the Historical Confederation voluntarily agrees otherwise.

RULE-72 — No Mandatory Six-Confederation Commercial Bundle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-12.7; STA / ART-104.4

72.1 WUFO shall not impose a mandatory commercial package combining all six Historical Confederation championships.

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RULE-73 — WUFO May Assist

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-12.6–12.8; STA / ART-105.1–105.3

73.1 WUFO may assist Historical Confederations with:

a. international distribution;

b. broadcaster relationships;

c. promotion;

d. digital visibility; and

e. commercial advice.

RULE-74 — Assistance Does Not Create Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-12; STA / ART-104–105; STA / ART-109.5; STA / ART-111.2

74.1 WUFO shall not acquire ownership of a Historical Confederation competition merely because it provides distribution or promotional assistance.

RULE-75 — Voluntary Distribution Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-12; STA / ART-104–105; STA / ART-109.5; STA / ART-111.2

75.1 A Historical Confederation may voluntarily authorise WUFO to distribute or commercialise specified Regional rights.

75.2 The agreement shall identify:

a. rights granted;

b. territory;

c. duration;

d. revenue treatment;

e. expenses where applicable; and

f. retained Regional rights.

RULE-76 — Historical Confederation Can Reorganise Its Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-12; STA / ART-104–105; STA / ART-109.5; STA / ART-111.2

76.1 Regional commercial autonomy shall remain compatible with STA / ART-12 competition continuity.

PART XIII — DOMESTIC RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-109.6–109.7; STA / ART-111.3–111.4

RULE-77 — Domestic Rights Remain Domestic

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.6–109.7; STA / ART-111.3–111.4

77.1 Domestic rights shall normally remain with the competent domestic rights holder.

RULE-78 — Participation in WUFO Does Not Transfer Domestic Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.6–109.7; STA / ART-111.3–111.4

78.1 WUFO membership shall not automatically give WUFO Central ownership of:

a. domestic leagues;

b. domestic cups;

c. club competitions;

d. club media rights; or

e. other domestic commercial inventory.

RULE-79 — Express Assignment Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.6–109.7; STA / ART-111.3–111.4

79.1 A domestic right shall transfer to WUFO or another body only through valid legal authority or agreement.

PART XIV — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP HOST LOCAL ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-82

RULE-80 — Host Economic Benefit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82.1

80.1 WUFO Championship Cup Hosts shall be entitled to reasonable economic benefit from hosting.

RULE-81 — Authorised Local Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82.2

81.1 Authorised Host rights may include:

a. local sponsorship;

b. tourism promotion;

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c. cultural programmes;
d. festivals;
e. food and beverage;
f. local commerce;
g. local hospitality where allocated;
h. Fan Zones; and
i. other rights assigned by the Host Agreement.

RULE-82 — Local Sponsorship Revenue Remains Local

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82.3–82.4

82.1 Revenue from an authorised Host City or Host Cluster sponsorship programme shall remain with the relevant Host or LOC.

82.2 WUFO shall receive no percentage unless a different arrangement is voluntarily agreed.

RULE-83 — No Automatic WUFO Tax on Local Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82

83.1 WUFO shall not impose a general central levy merely because a local Host sponsorship becomes highly profitable.

RULE-84 — Host Commercial Freedom Is Not Unlimited

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82

84.1 Local Host rights remain subject to:

a. applicable law;
b. REG-11;
c. integrity rules;
d. defined Global WUFO Inventory; and
e. Host Agreement conflict rules.

PART XV — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP GLOBAL AND LOCAL INVENTORY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-85

RULE-85 — Two Principal Inventories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85.1

85.1 WUFO Championship Cup commercial inventory shall be divided principally between:

a. WUFO Global Inventory; and
b. Host Local Inventory.

RULE-86 — WUFO Global Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85.2

86.1 WUFO Global Inventory may include:

a. worldwide competition sponsorship;
b. field-of-play advertising;
c. global broadcast advertising inventory;
d. worldwide licensing;
e. official WUFO competition marks; and
f. other global rights expressly reserved to WUFO.

RULE-87 — Host Local Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85.3

87.1 Host Local Inventory may include:

a. authorised local sponsors;
b. tourism partners;
c. cultural partners;
d. Fan Zones;
e. local commerce; and
f. other rights assigned to the Host.

RULE-88 — Neither Side Sells the Other’s Right

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85.4

88.1 WUFO shall not sell Host Local Inventory.

88.2 A Host shall not sell WUFO Global Inventory.

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RULE-89 — Overlap Defined Before Sale

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85.4

89.1 Areas of commercial overlap shall be identified before material sales begin.

RULE-90 — Commercial Inventory Matrix

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85

90.1 Every permanent WUFO Championship Cup shall use a formal:

WUFO Championship Cup Commercial Inventory Matrix.

RULE-91 — Matrix Contents

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85

91.1 The Matrix shall identify:

a. Global WUFO rights;

b. Host local rights;

c. shared rights;

d. reserved rights;

e. excluded rights;

f. geographic scope;

g. permitted activation areas; and

h. conflict procedures.

PART XVI — EXISTING STADIUM NAMING RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-82.3–82.5; STA / ART-111.9–111.12

RULE-92 — Existing Lawful Naming Rights Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82.3–82.5; STA / ART-111.9–111.12

92.1 Existing lawful stadium naming-rights agreements shall be respected.

RULE-93 — Competing Sponsor Does Not Automatically Remove Stadium Name

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82.3

93.1 A stadium shall not be required to remove its lawful commercial name merely because the naming-rights partner competes with a WUFO global sponsor.

RULE-94 — Competition Presentation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82.3–82.5; STA / ART-111.9–111.12

94.1 WUFO and the Host may establish neutral operational naming conventions where genuinely necessary for:

a. competition graphics;

b. tournament navigation;

c. legal requirements; or

d. rights clarity.

94.2 Such conventions shall not extinguish the underlying lawful naming-rights agreement.

RULE-95 — No Forced Buyout

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82.3–82.5; STA / ART-111.9–111.12

95.1 WUFO shall not automatically require a Host to buy out a lawful stadium naming-rights contract solely to protect one WUFO sponsor.

PART XVII — SPONSORSHIP GENERAL RULES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-111

RULE-96 — Sponsorship Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111

96.1 WUFO, Historical Confederations, Member Associations and other rights holders may enter lawful sponsorships concerning rights they own.

RULE-97 — No Automatic Central Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111

97.1 WUFO shall not acquire a Member Association sponsorship right merely because the Member participates in a WUFO competition.

RULE-98 — Sponsorship Must Identify Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111

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98.1 Material sponsorship agreements shall identify the commercial rights granted.

RULE-99 — No Undefined Unlimited Sponsor Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111

99.1 A sponsorship agreement shall not create an unlimited claim over all football inventory merely through broad language such as “exclusive global football partner” where WUFO does not own the underlying rights.

RULE-100 — Sponsor Category Exclusivity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111

100.1 Commercial category exclusivity may be granted within inventory owned by the contracting rights holder.

100.2 Such exclusivity shall not automatically prohibit lawful inventory belonging to another football body.

RULE-101 — Sponsor Cannot Control Sport

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111

101.1 Sponsorship consideration shall not purchase sporting authority.

PART XVIII — RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL CATEGORIES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-112.14

RULE-102 — REG-11 Controls Restricted Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-112.14

102.1 Betting, Covered Cryptoasset Activities and Covered Arms-Industry Activities shall be governed by REG-11.

RULE-103 — Commercial Inventory Cannot Circumvent

REG-11

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-112.14

103.1 A rights holder shall not use:

a. stadium inventory;

b. shirt inventory;

c. digital inventory;

d. World Feed inventory;

e. licensing; or

f. another commercial property

to evade REG-11.

RULE-104 — Host Local Rights Also Subject to REG-11

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-63–64; STA / ART-112.14

104.1 Local commercial autonomy shall not create an exception to applicable Restricted Commercial Category rules.

PART XIX — REPRESENTATIVE-TEAM FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-112

RULE-105 — Optional Right

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112.1–112.3

105.1 A Member Association may use authorised front-of-shirt sponsorship on a Representative Team where permitted.

105.2 The sponsorship shall remain optional.

105.3 No Member Association shall be required to use one.

RULE-106 — Member Controls Decision to Use Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

106.1 The Member Association shall decide whether its Representative Team carries authorised front-of-shirt sponsorship, subject to WUFO rules.

PART XX — MEN’S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE-TEAM FRONT-OF- SHIRT SPONSORSHIP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-112.4–112.6

RULE-107 — Protected 80/10/10 Distribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

107.1 Where front-of-shirt sponsorship is used on the Men’s Senior Association Football Representative Team, the fair commercial value attributable specifically to that right shall be distributed:

a. eighty percent (80%) to the Member Association;

b. ten percent (10%) to its Historical Confederation; and

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c. ten percent (10%) to WUFO.

RULE-108 — Member Remains Principal Beneficiary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

108.1 The Member Association shall remain the principal beneficiary.

RULE-109 — Revenue Share Does Not Create Team Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112.6

109.1 Receipt of 10% by WUFO or the Historical Confederation shall not give either body control over the Representative Team.

RULE-110 — Direct Contract

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

110.1 A Member Association may contract the shirt sponsor directly subject to applicable commercial and transparency rules.

RULE-111 — Collection Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

111.1 The agreement shall permit reliable calculation and payment of the protected 80/10/10 distribution.

PART XXI — WOMEN'S FOOTBALL FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-112.7–112.8

RULE-112 — One Hundred Percent to Member Association

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

112.1 Front-of-shirt sponsorship revenue attributable to a Women's Football Representative Team shall belong one hundred percent (100%) to the Member Association.

RULE-113 — No Mandatory WUFO Share

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

113.1 WUFO shall receive no mandatory percentage.

RULE-114 — No Mandatory Historical Confederation Share

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

114.1 The Historical Confederation shall receive no mandatory percentage.

RULE-115 — Women's Financial Ring-Fence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112; STA / ART-128

115.1 Women's sponsorship revenue shall also remain subject to applicable Women's Football financial protections under STA / ART-128 and REG-24.

PART XXII — FUTSAL AND BEACH FOOTBALL FRONT-OF-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-112.9–112.12

RULE-116 — Futsal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

116.1 Front-of-shirt sponsorship revenue attributable to a Representative Futsal Team shall belong one hundred percent (100%) to the Member Association.

RULE-117 — Beach Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

117.1 Front-of-shirt sponsorship revenue attributable to a Representative Beach Football Team shall belong one hundred percent (100%) to the Member Association.

RULE-118 — No Central Mandatory Share

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

118.1 No mandatory WUFO or Historical Confederation percentage shall apply to such Futsal or Beach Football rights.

PART XXIII — REPRESENTATIVE- TEAM SHIRT TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-112.15

RULE-119 — Placement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

119.1 The authorised front-of-shirt commercial mark shall be placed according to the Representative-Team Commercial Kit Manual.

RULE-120 — Size

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

120.1 WUFO may establish reasonable maximum dimensions necessary to preserve:

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a. team identity;
b. competition marks;
c. numbers;
d. manufacturer marks; and
e. visual clarity.

RULE-121 — Team Identity Remains Primary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

121.1 Commercial branding shall not overwhelm the Representative Team’s:

a. name;
b. crest;
c. national or territorial sporting colours; or
d. competition identity.

RULE-122 — No Multiple Front Sponsors by Circumvention

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

122.1 A Member Association shall not multiply principal front-of-shirt sponsor positions merely to evade the applicable distribution rule.

RULE-123 — Other Shirt Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-112

123.1 Sleeve, training-kit, warm-up or other commercial inventory shall be classified separately from the front-of-shirt right.

PART XXIV — SPONSORSHIP AND SPORTING INDEPENDENCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-111.5–111.15; STA / ART-112.13

RULE-124 — No Player Selection Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.5–111.15; STA / ART-112.13

124.1 A sponsor shall not influence Representative-Team player selection.

RULE-125 — No Coaching Appointment Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.5–111.15; STA / ART-112.13

125.1 A sponsor shall not control coaching appointments.

RULE-126 — No Competition Participation Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.5–111.15; STA / ART-112.13

126.1 A sponsor shall not determine whether a team participates in a competition.

RULE-127 — No Eligibility Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.5–111.15; STA / ART-112.13

127.1 Sponsorship shall not affect player eligibility.

RULE-128 — No Referee Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.5–111.15; STA / ART-112.13

128.1 Sponsorship shall not affect referee appointments.

RULE-129 — No Integrity Veto

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.5–111.15; STA / ART-112.13

129.1 A sponsor shall not prevent, delay or control an integrity investigation.

PART XXV — BUNDLED SPONSORSHIP CONTRACTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-113

RULE-130 — Bundling Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113.1

130.1 WUFO, Historical Confederations and Member Associations may sell multiple commercial rights in one agreement.

RULE-131 — Bundling Shall Not Hide Value

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113.2

131.1 Bundling shall not be used to conceal the real commercial value of a material right.

RULE-132 — Different Revenue Rules Require Allocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113.3

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132.1 Where a bundle contains rights subject to different revenue-sharing rules, a reasonable value shall be assigned to each material right.

RULE-133 — Fair Commercial Value

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113.4

133.1 Allocation shall reflect fair commercial value.

RULE-134 — No Artificial Undervaluation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113.5

134.1 A party shall not artificially undervalue a right to avoid a payment owed to another football body.

RULE-135 — No Artificial Overvaluation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113.6

135.1 A party shall not artificially overvalue a right to obtain an unfair payment from another body.

PART XXVI — BUNDLED RIGHTS EXAMPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-113.7

RULE-136 — Permitted Bundle Components

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

136.1 A commercial bundle may include:

a. Men’s Senior front-of-shirt sponsorship;

b. Women’s Football sponsorship;

c. Futsal sponsorship;

d. Beach Football sponsorship;

e. training-kit rights;

f. digital rights;

g. stadium advertising;

h. social-media rights;

i. licensing; and

j. other lawful commercial properties.

RULE-137 — Different Rights Remain Legally Distinct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

137.1 Packaging multiple rights together shall not merge their legal ownership or revenue rules.

PART XXVII — FAIR-VALUE ALLOCATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-113.3–113.10

RULE-138 — Fair-Value Assessment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

138.1 A fair-value allocation shall use reasonable commercial evidence.

RULE-139 — Relevant Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

139.1 Evidence may include:

a. comparable sponsorship agreements;

b. historic contract values;

c. audience reach;

d. inventory prominence;

e. territorial reach;

f. duration;

g. category exclusivity;

h. activation rights;

i. digital reach; and

j. independently verified market data.

RULE-140 — No Single Factor Automatically Controls

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

140.1 Audience alone shall not automatically determine value.

140.2 Contract allocation shall consider the commercial property actually being sold.

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RULE-141 — Men’s Senior Shirt Value Must Be Identifiable

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

141.1 Where a bundle contains the Men’s Senior Representative-Team front-of-shirt right, its fair value shall be separately identifiable for the statutory 80/10/10 distribution.

RULE-142 — Women’s Right Must Not Be Artificially Used to Avoid 80/10/10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

142.1 A Member Association shall not shift an artificial portion of Men’s Senior shirt value into Women’s Football merely to avoid the statutory Men’s distribution.

RULE-143 — Women’s Rights Must Not Be Artificially Undervalued

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

143.1 Women’s Football commercial rights shall not be deliberately undervalued to inflate another rights category.

PART XXVIII — INDEPENDENT FAIR- VALUE ASSESSMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-113.8–113.10

RULE-144 — Independent Assessment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

144.1 Where material parties cannot reasonably agree upon the allocation of a right, an independent fair-value assessment may be required.

RULE-145 — Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

145.1 The assessor shall not have a financial interest in artificially increasing or decreasing the disputed allocation.

RULE-146 — Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

146.1 The assessor may request information reasonably necessary to assess value.

RULE-147 — Written Determination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

147.1 A material fair-value determination shall identify:

a. right assessed;

b. evidence considered;

c. valuation method;

d. resulting fair value; and

e. principal reasoning.

RULE-148 — Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-113

148.1 Legitimate commercial confidentiality may be protected.

148.2 Confidentiality shall not prevent verification of a payment legally owed to another WUFO body.

PART XXIX — COMMERCIAL RIGHTS INVENTORY CONTROL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

RULE-149 — Inventory Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

149.1 Major WUFO competitions shall maintain a Commercial Rights Inventory Register.

RULE-150 — Inventory Identification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

150.1 Each material inventory item should identify:

a. rights holder;

b. geographic scope;

c. competition;

d. commercial category;

e. duration;

f. exclusivity status; and

g. known conflicts.

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RULE-151 — Rights Clearance Before Sale

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

151.1 A rights holder should verify that it possesses the right before contracting it.

RULE-152 — No Double Sale

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

152.1 The same exclusive commercial right shall not knowingly be sold to two conflicting parties.

RULE-153 — Conflict Resolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

153.1 A commercial conflict shall be resolved principally by determining:

a. who owns the right;

b. scope of the right;

c. territory;

d. duration;

e. existing lawful contracts; and

f. hierarchy of the applicable legal instruments.

PART XXX — LICENSING AND OFFICIAL MARKS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66.14; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

RULE-154 — WUFO Marks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

154.1 WUFO shall control official marks belonging to WUFO.

RULE-155 — WUFO Championship Cup Marks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

155.1 Official WUFO Championship Cup competition marks shall constitute Global WUFO Competition Assets unless a particular right is lawfully allocated otherwise.

RULE-156 — Host Licence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

156.1 A WUFO Championship Cup Host may receive an appropriate licence to use official competition marks for:

a. event operation;

b. Host promotion;

c. tourism;

d. local communications; and

e. other authorised purposes.

RULE-157 — Licence Does Not Transfer Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

157.1 A Host licence shall not transfer permanent ownership.

RULE-158 — Regional Marks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

158.1 WUFO shall not automatically own Historical Confederation marks.

RULE-159 — Member Association Marks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66.14; STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111

159.1 WUFO shall not automatically own a Member Association’s crest, marks or other lawful commercial identity.

PART XXXI — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP HOST DESTINATION PROMOTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-83.5; STA / ART-66.18–66.19

RULE-160 — Host Destination Promotion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.5; STA / ART-66.18–66.19

160.1 WUFO Championship Cup Hosts may receive agreed destination-promotion opportunities in international broadcasts.

RULE-161 — Destination Promotion Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.5; STA / ART-66.18–66.19

161.1 Such opportunities may promote:

a. Host Cities;

b. tourism;

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c. culture;
d. heritage;
e. landscapes;
f. public attractions; and
g. destination identity.

RULE-162 — Not Ordinary Sponsor Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.5; STA / ART-66.18–66.19

162.1 Destination Promotion shall not automatically become ordinary WUFO global sponsorship inventory.

RULE-163 — Political Neutrality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-83.5; STA / ART-66.18–66.19

163.1 Destination Promotion shall not be converted principally into partisan political or territorial propaganda.

PART XXXII — 2030 TRANSITIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INTERFACE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-65; STA / ART-109–113

RULE-164 — REG-12 Controls Special 2030 Allocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65; STA / ART-109–113

164.1 REG-12 shall govern the special WUFO Championship Cup 2030 transitional rights structure.

RULE-165 — 2030 Founding Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65; STA / ART-109–113

165.1 Commercial rights for Scenario A, B or C shall follow the applicable 2030 Founding Agreement and REG-12.

RULE-166 — REG-17 Applies Where Compatible

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-65; STA / ART-109–113

166.1 General principles of:
a. rights ownership;
b. sporting independence;
c. transparency;
d. no sale of another body’s rights; and
e. Restricted Commercial Categories
shall apply to 2030 where compatible with the event-specific framework.

PART XXXIII — 2034 TRANSITIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INTERFACE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-66

RULE-167 — REG-13 Controls the 2034 Economic Allocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66

167.1 REG-13 shall govern the special 2034 separation between:
a. Host Economy; and
b. Global WUFO Competition Assets.

RULE-168 — Host Economy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66

168.1 Rights allocated to the 2034 Host Economy shall remain Host rights.

RULE-169 — Global WUFOssets

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66

169.1 Rights reserved globally to WUFO shall remain WUFO rights.

RULE-170 — No Second General Profit Split

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-66

170.1 REG-17 shall not be interpreted to create a second general 2034 profit-sharing calculation prohibited by REG-13 and STA / ART-66.20.

PART XXXIV — PERMANENT WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP 2035+ COMMERCIAL INTERFACE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

RULE-171 — Host Local Economic Freedom Continues

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

171.1 The permanent Host Cluster system shall preserve lawful Host local commercial opportunity.

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RULE-172 — Global Competition Rights Remain WUFO Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

172.1 WUFO shall retain the Global WUFO Championship Cup rights reserved by the Statutes.

RULE-173 — Seven Categories Do Not Create Seven Different Owners

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

173.1 Assignment of Category A–G to separate Host Clusters shall not transfer worldwide competition ownership to those Hosts.

RULE-174 — Category Host Produces — WUFO Exploits Globally

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

174.1 Each Category Host shall produce or arrange the required World Feed.

174.2 WUFO shall control worldwide audiovisual exploitation.

RULE-175 — Category Does Not Change Commercial Legal Hierarchy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

175.1 Hosting Category A shall not give a Cluster greater legal ownership than hosting Category G.

PART XXXV — CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-108

RULE-176 — Central WUFO Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.6

176.1 WUFO shall retain its assigned central:

a. audiovisual;

b. sponsorship; and

c. competition rights

for the Champion of Champions.

RULE-177 — Host Ticketing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108

177.1 Champion of Champions Host ticketing shall be governed by REG-16 and the Host Agreement.

RULE-178 — Local Host Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108

178.1 The Host may receive local commercial rights under the Champion of Champions Host Agreement.

RULE-179 — Twenty Percent Prize Pool Interface

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108.1–108.3

179.1 Twenty percent of WUFO-controlled central Champion of Champions event revenue shall form the competition prize pool.

179.2 REG-17 shall not redefine that protected statutory percentage.

PART XXXVI — COMMERCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-111.14; STA / ART-132

RULE-180 — Material Commercial Agreements

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.14; STA / ART-132

180.1 Material WUFO commercial agreements shall be recorded and subject to appropriate internal control.

RULE-181 — Auditability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.14; STA / ART-132

181.1 Commercial records shall be sufficient to verify:

a. rights ownership;

b. revenue-sharing obligations;

c. fair-value allocations;

d. payments; and

e. material conflicts.

RULE-182 — Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.14; STA / ART-132

182.1 Legitimate commercial confidentiality may be protected.

RULE-183 — Confidentiality Does Not Hide Corruption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-132.8

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183.1 Confidentiality shall not hide:

a. corruption;

b. secret commissions;

c. undisclosed beneficiaries;

d. unauthorised rights transfers;

e. artificial valuations; or

f. improper personal benefits.

RULE-184 — Related-Party Transactions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.14; STA / ART-132

184.1 Material related-party commercial transactions shall be disclosed to the competent WUFO control structure where required.

PART XXXVII — NO PERSONAL COMMERCIAL COMMISSIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133.12–133.13; STA / ART-135.20

RULE-185 — No WUFO Officer Commission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.13; STA / ART-135.20

185.1 A WUFO employee or officer shall not receive a personal commission calculated as a percentage of:

a. sponsorship;

b. broadcast rights;

c. licensing;

d. Host Agreement; or

e. another material WUFO commercial transaction.

RULE-186 — Professional Service Fees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.13; STA / ART-135.20

186.1 RULE-185 shall not prohibit lawful fixed or professionally determined compensation for legitimate services where permitted under applicable employment or procurement rules.

RULE-187 — No Hidden Success Fee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.13; STA / ART-135.20

187.1 A prohibited personal commission shall not be disguised as:

a. consulting fee;

b. introduction fee;

c. bonus;

d. gift;

e. affiliate payment; or

f. another hidden benefit.

PART XXXVIII — BROADCASTER AND SPONSOR CONDUCT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-109.13–109.15; STA / ART-111

RULE-188 — Broadcaster Consultation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.13–109.15; STA / ART-111

188.1 WUFO may consult broadcasters concerning:

a. scheduling;

b. production;

c. technical standards;

d. distribution; and

e. audience accessibility.

RULE-189 — Consultation Is Not Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.13–109.15; STA / ART-111

189.1 Broadcaster consultation shall not become sporting decision-making power.

RULE-190 — Sponsor Activation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.13–109.15; STA / ART-111

190.1 Sponsors may activate lawful commercial rights within the inventory purchased.

RULE-191 — Activation Must Remain Within Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.13–109.15; STA / ART-111

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191.1 A sponsor shall not use one right to claim another right not purchased or owned by the contracting party.

RULE-192 — No Ambush by Contract

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109.13–109.15; STA / ART-111

192.1 A commercial contract shall not purport to extinguish lawful inventory belonging to another football body that was not party to the agreement.

PART XXXIX — COMMERCIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111–113

RULE-193 — Initial Rights Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111–113

193.1 A commercial-rights dispute shall first identify:

a. competing rights holders;

b. underlying legal instruments;

c. territory;

d. duration;

e. exclusivity;

f. prior contracts; and

g. applicable statutory allocation.

RULE-194 — Practical Resolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111–113

194.1 Where possible, WUFO shall seek a practical inventory solution that preserves legitimate rights of both parties.

RULE-195 — Existing Local Rights Should Not Be Destroyed Unnecessarily

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-111.9–111.12

195.1 Commercial conflict shall be addressed through clear inventory rather than unnecessary destruction of lawful local rights.

RULE-196 — Independent Valuation Disputes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-85; STA / ART-111–113

196.1 Fair-value disputes may be referred to independent valuation under Part XXVIII.

PART XL — COMMERCIAL RECORDS AND PUBLICATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-109–113; STA / ART-132

RULE-197 — Commercial Rights Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113; STA / ART-132

197.1 WUFO shall maintain a Commercial Rights Register for material rights owned or centrally controlled by WUFO.

RULE-198 — Register Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113; STA / ART-132

198.1 The Register may identify:

a. competition;

b. rights category;

c. territorial scope;

d. contract period;

e. rights holder;

f. principal commercial partner; and

g. status.

RULE-199 — Confidential Financial Terms

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113; STA / ART-132

199.1 WUFO need not publish every commercially sensitive financial term.

RULE-200 — Public Accountability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113; STA / ART-132

200.1 Public information shall be sufficient to permit reasonable understanding of WUFO’s principal commercial-rights system.

PART XLI — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

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RULE-201 — Coordination with REG-11

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

201.1 REG-11 shall determine whether a commercial partner or activity falls within a Restricted Commercial Category.

201.2 REG-17 shall determine the commercial inventory and rights relationship in which that restriction operates.

RULE-202 — Coordination with REG-12

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

202.1 REG-12 shall govern the special 2030 transitional championship rights framework.

RULE-203 — Coordination with REG-13

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

203.1 REG-13 shall govern the special 2034 Host Economy / Global WUFO Competition Asset allocation.

RULE-204 — Coordination with REG-15

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

204.1 REG-15 shall govern:

a. permanent WUFO Championship Cup Host Clusters;

b. Local Organising Committees;

c. Host responsibilities; and

d. Host Agreements.

204.2 REG-17 shall govern commercial inventory allocated within that Host structure.

RULE-205 — Coordination with REG-16

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

205.1 REG-16 shall govern ticketing and supporter protection.

205.2 Allocation of ticketing or hospitality to a Host shall not override binding supporter protections.

RULE-206 — Coordination with REG-18

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

206.1 REG-18 shall govern the World League sporting system and ranking-based Historical Confederation revenue distribution formula.

206.2 REG-17 shall govern World League audiovisual ownership, exploitation, sponsorship and naming inventory.

RULE-207 — Coordination with REG-19

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

207.1 REG-19 shall govern Host match production obligations and technical match operations for the World League.

RULE-208 — Coordination with REG-21

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

208.1 REG-21 shall govern the Regional Championships and Champion of Champions sporting structure.

208.2 REG-17 shall preserve Historical Confederation commercial autonomy and Champion of Champions commercial-right allocation.

RULE-209 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

209.1 REG-22 shall govern:

a. corruption;

b. match manipulation;

c. integrity investigations;

d. improper sponsor influence; and

e. serious commercial misconduct.

RULE-210 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

210.1 REG-24 shall govern:

a. accounting;

b. WUFO Championship Cup development distributions;

c. financial audit;

d. transparency; and

e. protected revenue formulas.

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RULE-211 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

211.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. document coding;

b. publication;

c. Commercial Rights Matrix versioning;

d. rights-register preservation; and

e. historical traceability.

PART XLII — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

RULE-212 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

212.1 Implementation of REG-17 may use lower instruments including:

a. SCH — Audiovisual Rights Matrix;

b. SCH — WUFO Championship Cup Commercial Inventory Matrix;

c. SCH — World League Commercial Inventory Matrix;

d. MAN — World Feed Production Standards;

e. PRO — World Feed Delivery;

f. PRO — WUFO Championship Cup Universal Free Access;

g. MAN — Commercial Rights;

h. MAN — Representative-Team Commercial Kit;

i. FOR — Sponsorship Rights Disclosure;

j. FOR — Representative-Team Front-of-Shirt Sponsorship Record;

k. PRO — Fair-Value Allocation;

l. FOR — Bundled Commercial Rights Allocation;

m. PRO — Independent Commercial Valuation;

n. PRO — Commercial Inventory Conflict Resolution;

o. MAN — Commercial Rights Register;

p. PRO — Host Destination Promotion; and

q. other lower instruments lawfully authorised by WUFO.

RULE-213 — Lower Instruments Cannot Transfer Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

213.1 A Manual, Schedule, Procedure or commercial template shall not transfer rights contrary to the Statutes or this Regulation.

RULE-214 — Lower Instruments Cannot Remove Regional Autonomy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

214.1 A lower WUFO instrument shall not centralise Historical Confederation commercial rights contrary to the Statutes.

RULE-215 — Lower Instruments Cannot Remove Universal Free Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

215.1 No broadcast contract or technical Procedure shall eliminate the WUFO Championship Cup Universal Free Access principle.

PART XLIII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

RULE-216 — WUFO Championship Cup Global Rights Remain Global

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

216.1 WUFO shall retain the worldwide WUFO Championship Cup rights allocated to it.

RULE-217 — World League Rights Remain Central

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

217.1 WUFO shall retain worldwide World League audiovisual rights.

RULE-218 — Regional Rights Remain Regional

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

218.1 Historical Confederation competition rights shall remain with the relevant Historical Confederation unless lawfully reassigned.

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RULE-219 — Domestic Rights Remain Domestic

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

219.1 Domestic rights shall not become WUFO rights merely because WUFO exists.

RULE-220 — Production Does Not Equal Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

220.1 A Host or Member producing a signal does not acquire worldwide rights merely by production.

RULE-221 — Host Local Rights Are Real Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

221.1 Host local commercial inventory shall not be treated as symbolic.

RULE-222 — WUFO Does Not Automatically Take a Percentage of Host Local Sponsorship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

222.1 Authorised local Host sponsorship revenue shall remain with the Host unless a different arrangement is voluntarily agreed.

RULE-223 — Existing Stadium Naming Rights Remain Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

223.1 A WUFO global sponsor shall not automatically erase a lawful local stadium namingrights agreement.

RULE-224 — No Mandatory Six-Confederation Commercial Bundle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

224.1 The six Historical Confederation championships shall not be centrally bundled without the required voluntary agreements or statutory authority.

RULE-225 — WUFO Championship Cup Universal Free Access Remains Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

225.1 Every WUFO Championship Cup shall preserve a genuine lawful free-access path.

RULE-226 — World League Is Different

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

226.1 The World League shall not automatically be subject to Universal Free Access.

RULE-227 — Representative-Team Shirt Sponsorship Remains Optional

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

227.1 No Member Association shall be forced to place a sponsor on a Representative Team shirt.

RULE-228 — Men’s Senior 80/10/10 Is Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

228.1 The fair value attributable to Men’s Senior Representative-Team front-of-shirt sponsorship shall remain:

80% Member Association / 10% Historical Confederation / 10% WUFO.

RULE-229 — Women’s Football 100% Member

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

229.1 Women’s Representative-Team front-of-shirt sponsorship revenue shall remain:

100% Member Association.

RULE-230 — Futsal 100% Member

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

230.1 Futsal Representative-Team front-of-shirt sponsorship revenue shall remain:

100% Member Association.

RULE-231 — Beach Football 100% Member

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

231.1 Beach Football Representative-Team front-of-shirt sponsorship revenue shall remain:

100% Member Association.

RULE-232 — Bundling Cannot Hide Value

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

232.1 A bundled contract shall not be used to defeat a statutory revenue allocation.

RULE-233 — Fair Value Must Be Real

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

233.1 A valuation shall reflect commercial reality rather than a desired accounting result.

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RULE-234 — No Sponsor Buys Sporting Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

234.1 No amount of sponsorship money shall purchase:

a. qualification;

b. seeding;

c. player eligibility;

d. referee influence;

e. Host allocation; or

f. integrity protection.

RULE-235 — No Broadcaster Buys Sporting Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

235.1 No audiovisual contract shall give a broadcaster control over sporting outcomes.

RULE-236 — No Secret Rights Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

236.1 A confidential contract shall not secretly transfer a commercial right belonging to another WUFO body.

RULE-237 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

237.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. clear rights ownership;

b. Historical Confederation autonomy;

c. Member Association commercial rights;

d. WUFO Championship Cup global coherence;

e. World League global coherence;

f. legitimate Host economic opportunity;

g. Universal WUFO Championship Cup access;

h. commercial transparency;

i. fair valuation;

j. competition independence; and

k. the principle that commercial revenue serves football rather than governs it.

RULE-238 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-82–85; STA / ART-109–113

238.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

WUFO does not automatically own every commercial or audiovisual right in football.

Rights belong to the body to which they are lawfully assigned.

Central rights remain central.

Regional rights remain regional.

Domestic rights remain domestic.

Production does not create ownership.

The WUFO Championship Cup Host produces the signal. WUFO controls the worldwide World Feed.

The World League Host Member produces the signal. WUFO controls the worldwide World League audiovisual rights.

The WUFO Championship Cup must remain universally accessible.

Free public access and valuable commercial rights can coexist.

The Universal Free Access technical coverage standard is established by PART VII and shall be measured, documented and contractually protected for every WUFO Championship Cup.

The World League may use free, subscription, streaming or mixed distribution.

Historical Confederation championships remain commercially autonomous.

WUFO may help a Historical Confederation distribute its competition without thereby owning it.

The Host must benefit economically from hosting.

WUFO controls its global WUFO Championship Cup inventory.

The Host controls the local inventory lawfully allocated to it.

Neither side sells a right belonging to the other.

Existing lawful stadium naming rights are respected.

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A global sponsor does not automatically erase a lawful local sponsor.

Commercial conflicts are solved through clear inventory, not unnecessary destruction of legitimate rights.

World League Divisions may have their own sponsors and naming-rights partners.

Representative-Team front-of-shirt sponsorship is optional.

Men’s Senior Association Football: 80% Member Association / 10% Historical Confederation / 10% WUFO.

Women’s Football: 100% Member Association.

Futsal: 100% Member Association.

Beach Football: 100% Member Association.

Bundling is permitted. Hiding value is not.

Fair-value allocation follows commercial reality.

No sponsor controls player selection.

No broadcaster controls referees.

No commercial partner controls eligibility, discipline or integrity.

Commercial partners may support football. They do not govern football.

REG-17 — AUDIOVISUAL, SPONSORSHIP, COMMERCIAL RIGHTS & INVENTORY REGULATIONS

REG-17 CONSOLIDATED UNIVERSAL FREE ACCESS CONTROL

RULE-ADD-1 Protected Free Package

For every WUFO Championship Cup rights territory, the protected free-access path shall provide reasonable technical reach to at least 90% of the resident population, individually or through combined lawful free platforms. The protected live package includes the local Member Association’s Championship Cup matches, the Opening Match, all seven Category Finals and both Category A Semifinals. The Free Streaming Backstop under REG-24 is used only when required to fulfil this standard after commercially sustainable free-access options have been pursued.

REG-18 — WORLD LEAGUE COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-90–98.

PART I — UNIVERSAL LEAGUE ARCHITECTURE

RULE-1 — Universal Sporting Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-90

1.1 Every eligible Member Association has a place in the World League subject to lawful entry rules. A World League Cycle is four (4) years. Promotion and relegation take effect only after the full cycle is completed and certified.

1.2 The full 241-Member reference architecture is Divisions 1–29 with eight teams each and Division 30 with nine teams.

1.3 An eight-team division contains 56 matches and each team plays 14. The initial nine-team Division 30 contains 72 matches and each team plays 16. Full 241 reference total: 1,696 World League matches per cycle.

RULE-2 — Entry Cut-Off and New Members

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-90

2.1 The World League entry cut-off is 31 December of the final year of the preceding World League Cycle.

2.2 A Member admitted after a cycle begins waits until the next cycle and enters the lowest operating Division. No new Member receives a higher direct entry because of sporting reputation, wealth, population, television value or historical status.

RULE-3 — Expansion Below Division 30

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-90

3.1 The World League may create Division 31, Division 32 and further lower Divisions as membership grows.

3.2 A new bottom Division should be created when bottom restructuring can form at least two viable six-team divisions. Bottom teams and new entrants may be redistributed for that purpose, then normalised progressively toward eight-team divisions.

PART II — INAUGURAL PLACEMENT

Official WUFO Ranking Initial World League Division 1–8 Division 1 9–16 Division 2 17–24 Division 3 25–32 Division 4 33–40 Division 5 41–48 Division 6 49–56 Division 7 57–64 Division 8 65–72 Division 9 73–80 Division 10 81–88 Division 11 89–96 Division 12 97–104 Division 13 105–112 Division 14 113–120 Division 15 121–128 Division 16 129–136 Division 17 137–144 Division 18 145–152 Division 19 153–160 Division 20 161–168 Division 21 169–176 Division 22 177–184 Division 23 185–192 Division 24 193–200 Division 25 201–208 Division 26

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RULE-4 — Placement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-91

4.1 The inaugural World League uses the published Official WUFO Ranking and sporting criteria established for the first cycle. Thereafter promotion and relegation determine Divisional status.

PART III — SPORTING MOVEMENT

RULE-5 — Standard Eight-Team Intermediate Division

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-91

5.1 In an eight-team Division with both a Division above and below: positions 1–3 promote; positions 4–5 remain; positions 6–8 relegate.

RULE-6 — Division 1

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-91

6.1 In Division 1, positions 1–5 remain and positions 6–8 relegate. There is no promotion above Division 1.

RULE-7 — Lowest Operating Division

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92

7.1 The lowest operating division promotes its top three. No team relegates below a division that does not yet exist.

7.2 Under the initial full 241 architecture, Division 30 has nine teams: top three promote to Division 29 and the remaining six stay while no Division 31 exists.

RULE-8 — Transitional Six-Team Divisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-92

8.1 A six-team intermediate division with a division above and below uses three promoted / three relegated: either you go up or you go down.

8.2 A lowest six-team division promotes its top three and the bottom three stay if no lower division exists. Six-team divisions are transitional, not the permanent target.

8.3 Sporting movement is applied only after the complete cycle is played and certified. A new lower division does not retroactively alter movement already earned above it.

PART IV — MATCH FORMAT AND CALENDAR

RULE-9 — Double Round Robin

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-93

9.1 World League divisions use home-and-away double round robin unless an expressly authorised emergency format is required.

9.2 Ordinary scoring is three points for a win, one for a draw and zero for a loss. Tie-breakers shall be published before the cycle and applied uniformly.

RULE-10 — One Match per Representative-Team Window

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-93

10.1 The ordinary rule is a maximum of one World League match per Member in each designated international representative-team window.

10.2 Scheduling shall reasonably alternate home and away fixtures and avoid unnecessarily long home-only or awayonly sequences.

PART V — HOME FOOTBALL AND RELOCATION

RULE-11 — Home Territory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97

11.1 A home World League fixture is ordinarily played within the football territory represented by the Home Member. A fixture shall not be relocated merely for a larger crowd, higher revenue, promoter, broadcaster, sponsor or diaspora market.

11.2 Temporary alternate or neutral venue use requires genuine sporting, legal, safety or operational impossibility, including war/security, epidemic/public health, binding law, unavailable certified infrastructure, natural disaster, serious civil disorder, transport or border disruption or comparable circumstance.

11.3 Commercial opportunity is not force majeure. A temporary alternative creates no future commercial or hometerritory right.

PART VI — AUDIOVISUAL DISTRIBUTION AND RANKING

RULE-12 — Central Audiovisual Revenue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-98

12.1 Net central World League audiovisual revenue is allocated 85% to the six Historical Confederations and 15% to WUFO Central.
12.2 The 85% Confederation share is not automatically divided equally. Its published distribution formula reflects the sporting position of each Confederation's Members.
12.3 Member Weight is a calculation unit attributable to the Member's Historical Confederation; it does not by itself create a direct payment entitlement for the Member Association.

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RULE-13 — Official World League Ranking

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-90; STA / ART-91

13.1 The Official World League Ranking is based only on World League matches. Confederation championships and the Champion of Champions do not add or remove World League Ranking points.

13.2 The World League Ranking is not used to eliminate a Confederation champion from the Champion of Champions.

REG-19 — WORLD LEAGUE TRAVEL, PARTICIPATION SUPPORT, MATCH OPERATIONS & VENUE SAFETY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-93–96.

PART I — PARTICIPATION SUPPORT

RULE-1 — Equitable, Case-Specific Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-93

1.1 WUFO shall finance or centrally arrange approved essential participation costs required for a Member to fulfil World League obligations. Equal sporting access does not require equal nominal spending.

1.2 Support is determined case by case according to reasonable documented participation cost, including distance, remoteness, insularity, flight complexity, actual fare, accommodation, authorised delegation size, visas/transit, exceptional maritime/air/ground transport, safety requirements, necessary travel time, recovery and other objective costs.

1.3 A geographically remote Member may therefore lawfully receive substantially more support than a Member whose delegation can assemble and travel at materially lower cost.

RULE-2 — Eligible WUFO Participation Costs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-93

2.1 WUFO participation support includes approved international travel, official accommodation, meals, authorised daily subsistence/per diem and necessary delegation transport during the authorised World League match period.

2.2 WUFO may arrange services directly, use negotiated airline/hotel contracts, reimburse verified expenditure or use another controlled mechanism. Support is not an unrestricted cash entitlement.

RULE-3 — Home-Team Accommodation and Meals

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-93

3.1 Official team accommodation and meals during the authorised World League match period are WUFO participation costs whether the team is playing home or away.

3.2 Where a Member uses an approved residential national-team training facility instead of a commercial hotel, WUFO covers only reasonable eligible costs actually incurred; no fictitious hotel amount is payable.

RULE-4 — Ordinary Domestic Assembly

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-94

4.1 The Member Association pays ordinary domestic costs of assembling its own locally based players and staff to the national-team camp, training base or ordinary home-match operation.

4.2 Extraordinary domestic travel does not automatically become a WUFO cost merely because a territory is large. Where a WUFO relocation, neutral-venue decision or other exceptional competition decision creates substantial additional domestic travel that would not ordinarily have existed, WUFO may assume or share the verified exceptional cost.

PART II — REFEREES AND HOME MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

RULE-5 — Referees and Central Officials

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-94

5.1 WUFO appoints required international referees and central competition officials and pays their approved fees, travel, accommodation and authorised central competition expenses. These costs are accounted separately from team logistics.

RULE-6 — Home Member Operation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-95

6.1 The designated Home Member finances, provides and operates ordinary local home-match responsibilities: certified stadium, local security, ambulances/local medical services, workforce, playing surface, lighting, utilities, local technical operation and other ordinary home-match duties.

6.2 A cost assigned to WUFO shall not be charged again to the Member, and a cost assigned to the Home Member shall not be charged again to WUFO, except under an expressly approved cost-sharing arrangement.

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PART III — STADIUM, SAFETY AND NEUTRAL VENUES

RULE-7 — Stadium Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96

7.1 World League stadium requirements shall be professional, safe and reasonable for the Division and local football conditions. Detailed pitch, lighting, medical, security and technology specifications may be set in the Match Operations Manual.

RULE-8 — Alternative and Neutral Venue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-96

8.1 No team is required to play at a location WUFO determines is not reasonably safe. Where the ordinary home location cannot host, the Home Member should first propose another suitable location in its football territory.

8.2 A neutral venue may be approved where no safe/certified domestic location exists, direct travel is legally impossible, serious conflict prevents safe participation, border restrictions prevent the fixture or another serious safety/legal condition exists.

8.3 Neutral venue use does not change the designated Home Member and has no political-recognition effect.

PART IV — LOCAL TICKETING

RULE-9 — Ordinary Home Match Ticketing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-97

9.1 The Home Member normally controls ordinary World League local match ticketing subject to WUFO supporterprotection rules.

9.2 At least 20% of stadium capacity shall be offered at a price no higher than the cheapest normal local league ticket used at the venue, or a comparable nearby major-club reference where no normal local league reference exists.

9.3 Visiting supporters shall receive a fair allocation taking account of safety, stadium design, demand and reasonable international practice. Ticket rules shall not be used merely to replace ordinary supporters with premium customers.

RULE-10 — Governing Allocation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-98

10.1 WUFO finances international and exceptional participation. The Member finances ordinary domestic assembly. WUFO finances official accommodation and meals during the authorised match period. The Home Member operates the home match.

REG-20 — WOMEN’S, YOUTH, FUTSAL & BEACH WORLD COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-99–103

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-14–19; STA / ART-28; STA / ART-42–51; STA / ART-62; STA / ART-109–116; STA / ART-119–120; STA / ART-127–132

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND COMPETITION FAMILY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-99–103

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO framework governing the following official world competitions:

a. Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup;

b. Women’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup;

c. Women’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup;

d. Men’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup;

e. Men’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup;

f. Men’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup;

g. Women’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup;

h. Men’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup; and

i. a future Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup when the statutory activation conditions are satisfied.

1.2 It also governs:

a. the Exceptional Women’s Representation Mechanism;

b. competition governance;

c. qualification principles;

d. competition formats;

e. edition-specific Schedules;

f. age eligibility;

g. player registration;

h. player welfare;

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i. safeguarding;
j. hosting;
k. refereeing;
l. discipline and integrity;
m. anti-doping;
n. commercial and audiovisual interfaces;
o. finance;
p. official titles and records; and
q. competition development.

RULE-2 — Separate Competition Family

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

2.1 The competitions governed by REG-20 shall remain distinct from:

a. the Men’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup governed by REG-12, REG-13, REG-14 and REG-15, as applicable;
b. the World League governed by REG-18 and REG-19; and
c. the Champion of Champions governed by REG-21.

RULE-3 — No Automatic Copying of Men’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup Structure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

3.1 A competition governed by REG-20 shall not automatically use:

a. the Seven-Category system;
b. the thirty-five Host Cluster system;
c. the permanent Men’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup ticket pyramid;
d. the Men’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup promotion and relegation system; or
e. another Men’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup mechanism

unless WUFO law expressly extends that mechanism to the relevant competition.

RULE-4 — Sporting Merit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43

4.1 Sporting places shall be determined principally through sporting merit.

4.2 Commercial value shall not purchase participation.

4.3 A larger television market shall not automatically receive a place over a team that earned the place through the applicable competition pathway.

RULE-5 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

5.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

5.2 No lower instrument shall:

a. abolish a competition required by STA / ART-99–103;
b. create a founding Men’s global U-15 megaevent contrary to Article 101;
c. convert Exceptional Women’s Representation into a permanent preferential right;
d. create separate technical Laws for men and women in the same discipline without a genuine authorised reason;
e. create a symbolic Women’s Beach WUFO Championship Cup without a credible development base; or
f. use commercial value as the principal basis for participation.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-99–103

RULE-6 — World Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

6.1 A World Competition means an official WUFO competition governed by this Regulation.

RULE-7 — Edition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

7.1 An Edition means one occurrence of a World Competition.

RULE-8 — Competition Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

8.1 A Competition Schedule means the edition-specific instrument establishing, as applicable:

a. number of participating teams;

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b. qualification structure;

c. group structure;

d. match format;

e. knockout stages;

f. dates;

g. venues;

h. draw procedure; and

i. other edition-specific sporting details.

RULE-9 — Youth Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

9.1 A Youth Competition means:

a. Women’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup;

b. Women’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup;

c. Men’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup; or

d. Men’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-10 — Exceptional Women’s Representation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

10.1 Exceptional Women’s Representation means a temporary additional or alternative representation mechanism authorised under STA / ART-100.3–100.6 where ordinary women’s football development remains seriously unequal.

RULE-11 — Age Cut-Off

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

11.1 An Age Cut-Off is the published date determining whether a player satisfies the applicable U-20 or U-17 age category for an Edition.

RULE-12 — Activation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

12.1 Activation, in relation to the Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup, means the formal WUFO decision that participation, development and financial viability are sufficient for a credible world competition.

PART III — SPORTING BRANCH GOVERNANCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-13–19; STA / ART-99–103

RULE-13 — Women’s Football Branch

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-13–19; STA / ART-99–103

13.1 The following competitions shall belong to the Women’s Football Branch:

a. Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup;

b. Women’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup;

c. Women’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup;

d. Women’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup; and

e. Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup when activated.

RULE-14 — Men’s Football Branch

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-13–19; STA / ART-99–103

14.1 The following competitions shall belong to the Men’s Football Branch:

a. Men’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup;

b. Men’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup;

c. Men’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup; and

d. Men’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-15 — Branch Sporting Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-13–19; STA / ART-99–103

15.1 Sporting decisions belonging exclusively to a women’s competition shall be made through the Women’s Football governance structure.

15.2 Sporting decisions belonging exclusively to a men’s competition shall be made through the Men’s Football governance structure.

RULE-16 — Councils Recommend — Competent Authority Decides

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-19

16.1 The Men’s Football Council and Women’s Football Council may:

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a. study;
b. consult;
c. develop;
d. propose; and
e. recommend
changes concerning competitions within their respective fields.

16.2 A Council recommendation shall not by itself amend a binding competition structure.

RULE-17 — No Cross-Branch Sporting Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-13–19; STA / ART-99–103

17.1 The Men’s Football Branch shall not govern a Women’s World Competition.

17.2 The Women’s Football Branch shall not govern a Men’s World Competition.

PART IV — COMMON WORLD- COMPETITION PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-99–103

RULE-18 — Official WUFO Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-99–103

18.1 Every competition established by this Regulation shall be an official WUFO world competition.

RULE-19 — Genuine Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-99–103

19.1 A World Competition shall be organised as a genuine sporting event.

19.2 It shall not be created solely for:

a. publicity;
b. symbolism;
c. political appearance; or
d. commercial inventory.

RULE-20 — Written Competition Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-99–103

20.1 Every Edition shall have written Competition Rules and an approved Competition Schedule.

RULE-21 — Rules Before Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-99–103

21.1 Material sporting rules shall be published before the competition pathway begins.

RULE-22 — No Surprise Format Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-99–103

22.1 WUFO shall not materially change qualification or tournament structure after teams have substantially relied upon the published system except where genuine necessity requires lawful amendment.

RULE-23 — Worldwide Sporting Opportunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-99–103

23.1 WUFO shall seek meaningful worldwide sporting opportunity.

23.2 Worldwide representation shall not require artificial equal sporting strength.

RULE-24 — No Market Invitations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-99–103

24.1 A team shall not enter a World Competition merely because:

a. it attracts television audiences;
b. it has famous players;
c. its country has greater sponsorship value; or
d. a Host prefers it.

PART V — WOMEN’S SENIOR WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-99

RULE-25 — Official Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99.1

25.1 WUFO shall organise an official:

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WOMEN’S SENIOR WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

RULE-26 — Women’s Football Branch

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99.2–99.3

26.1 The Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup shall belong to the Women’s Football Branch.

26.2 Sporting decisions shall be made through the Women’s Football governance structure.

RULE-27 — Own Sporting Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99.4

27.1 The Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup shall have its own sporting plan.

27.2 It shall not be required to copy the Men’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup format.

RULE-28 — Own Financial Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99.4

28.1 Each Edition shall have an appropriate financial plan.

28.2 The financial plan shall comply with Women’s Football financial sovereignty and ringfence protections.

RULE-29 — Broad Worldwide Representation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99.5

29.1 The competition shall seek broad worldwide representation.

29.2 Broad representation shall be pursued through legitimate sporting pathways and, where lawfully activated, Exceptional Women’s Representation.

RULE-30 — Competition Size

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99

30.1 The exact number of participating teams may be established for each competitive cycle through the approved Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule.

30.2 The number shall be selected according to:

a. sporting depth;

b. worldwide development;

c. competition quality;

d. calendar;

e. player welfare;

f. hosting feasibility; and

g. financial sustainability.

30.3 Commercial value alone shall not determine the field size.

RULE-31 — Qualification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99

31.1 Ordinary participation shall be based principally on sporting qualification.

31.2 Historical Confederation competition may form part of the qualification pathway.

RULE-32 — No Permanent Regional Commercial Quota

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99

32.1 A Historical Confederation shall not receive a permanent additional place merely because it is commercially stronger.

PART VI — WOMEN’S U-20 WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-100

RULE-33 — Official Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

33.1 WUFO shall organise an official:

WOMEN’S U-20 WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

RULE-34 — Development Pathway

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100.2

34.1 The Women’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup shall form part of the long-term women’s development pathway.

RULE-35 — Sporting Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

35.1 Its principal purposes shall include:

a. international youth competition;

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b. player development;
c. transition toward senior football;
d. coaching development;
e. refereeing development; and
f. strengthening women’s football systems.

RULE-36 — Edition Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

36.1 The exact number of teams and competition format shall be established through the approved Edition Schedule.

36.2 The format shall be appropriate to the actual worldwide competitive base.

PART VII — WOMEN’S U-17 WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-100

RULE-37 — Official Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

37.1 WUFO shall organise an official:

WOMEN’S U-17 WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

RULE-38 — Development Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

38.1 The Women’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup shall support early elite international development without treating minors as adult professional products.

RULE-39 — Age-Appropriate Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

39.1 Competition planning shall account for:

a. age;
b. education;
c. recovery;
d. safeguarding;
e. travel;
f. medical needs; and
g. long-term player development.

RULE-40 — Edition Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

40.1 The Edition Schedule shall establish the number of participants and competition format according to the available worldwide sporting base.

PART VIII — EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN’S REPRESENTATION MECHANISM

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-100.3–100.6

RULE-41 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100.3–100.6

41.1 WUFO may use Exceptional Women’s Representation where ordinary women’s football development remains seriously unequal.

RULE-42 — Exceptional — Not Ordinary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

42.1 Exceptional Women’s Representation shall not replace ordinary sporting qualification where a credible sporting pathway exists.

RULE-43 — Transparent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100.4(a)

43.1 Any Exceptional Representation mechanism shall be publicly defined before application.

RULE-44 — Temporary Where Possible

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100.4(b)

44.1 Exceptional Representation shall be temporary where possible.

RULE-45 — Sporting and Development Reasons

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100.4(c)

45.1 Exceptional Representation shall require genuine sporting or development reasons.

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RULE-46 — No Permanent Preferential Right

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100.5

46.1 Use of Exceptional Representation in one Edition shall not create a permanent right to future exceptional places.

RULE-47 — Progressive Replacement by Sporting Qualification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100.6

47.1 As ordinary competitive pathways become viable, sporting qualification shall progressively replace exceptional measures.

RULE-48 — Mechanism May Apply to Women’s Youth Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

48.1 Exceptional Representation may be used for:

a. Women’s U-20; and

b. Women’s U-17

where the statutory conditions exist.

RULE-49 — Senior Women’s Interface

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

49.1 A similar temporary representation solution may be adopted for the Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup where broad worldwide representation and serious development imbalance make it reasonably necessary, subject to Women’s Football Branch approval.

RULE-50 — No Commercial Wild Card

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

50.1 Exceptional Representation shall not become a commercial wild-card system.

RULE-51 — No Host Wild Card by Default

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

51.1 Hosting alone shall not automatically create an Exceptional Representation place unless the competent competition rules expressly provide a legitimate sporting host placement.

RULE-52 — Criteria

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

52.1 An Exceptional Representation decision may consider matters such as:

a. lack of a mature ordinary pathway;

b. demonstrated football development effort;

c. competitive opportunity;

d. genuine regional underrepresentation caused by developmental inequality;

e. youth development needs; and

f. ability to participate safely and credibly.

52.2 No one factor shall automatically create entitlement.

RULE-53 — Written Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

53.1 Every exceptional place shall have a recorded sporting or development basis.

RULE-54 — Review Every Cycle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

54.1 Exceptional Representation shall be reconsidered for every relevant cycle.

54.2 Previous use shall not create automatic renewal.

PART IX — MEN’S U-20 WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-101

RULE-55 — Official Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

55.1 WUFO shall organise an official:

MEN’S U-20 WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

RULE-56 — Development Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101.2

56.1 The competition shall support player development.

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RULE-57 — Transition to Senior Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

57.1 The U-20 competition should provide meaningful high-level international competition during the transition toward senior football.

RULE-58 — Sporting Qualification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

58.1 Participation shall be based principally on sporting qualification under the approved competition pathway.

RULE-59 — Edition Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

59.1 The number of teams and competition format shall be established in the applicable Edition Schedule.

PART X — MEN’S U-17 WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-101

RULE-60 — Official Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

60.1 WUFO shall organise an official:

MEN’S U-17 WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

RULE-61 — Development Function

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

61.1 The competition shall support age-appropriate development.

RULE-62 — Protection of Minors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

62.1 Sporting and commercial administration shall recognise that the participants may be minors.

RULE-63 — Competition Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

63.1 The number of participating teams and competition format shall be established through the applicable Edition Schedule.

PART XI — NO FOUNDING GLOBAL U-15 MEGAEVENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-101.3-10.6

RULE-64 — No Founding Men’s Global U-15 WUFO Championship Cup

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101.3

64.1 WUFO shall not establish a worldwide Men’s U-15 megaevent during the Founding Period.

RULE-65 — Younger Development Remains Decentralised

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101.4

65.1 Younger players shall instead be developed principally through:

a. domestic football;

b. Historical Confederation football;

c. recognised subregional football where appropriate;

d. development programmes; and

e. age-appropriate competition.

RULE-66 — No Commercial Pressure for U-15

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101.6

66.1 Commercial or marketing value alone shall not justify creation of a future global U-15 competition.

RULE-67 — Future Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101.5

67.1 Any future proposal for a global U-15 competition shall require separate:

a. sporting review;

b. medical review; and

c. financial review.

RULE-68 — Child Protection Comes First

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101

68.1 Any future proposal shall place:

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a. player development;
b. education;
c. safeguarding;
d. health; and
e. age-appropriate competition
before commercial expansion.

PART XII — MEN’S FUTSAL WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

RULE-69 — Official Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

69.1 WUFO shall organise an official:

MEN’S FUTSAL WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

RULE-70 — Men’s Football Branch

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

70.1 The Men’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup shall belong to the Men’s Football Branch.

RULE-71 — Common Futsal Laws

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-50

71.1 The competition shall use the common WUFO Futsal Laws structure.

RULE-72 — Competition Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

72.1 The number of participating teams, groups and knockout stages shall be established through the applicable Competition Schedule.

RULE-73 — Genuine World Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

73.1 Participation shall be based on genuine futsal sporting pathways.

PART XIII — WOMEN’S FUTSAL WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

RULE-74 — Official Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

74.1 WUFO shall organise an official:

WOMEN’S FUTSAL WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

RULE-75 — Women’s Football Branch

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

75.1 The competition shall belong to the Women’s Football Branch.

RULE-76 — Same Technical Futsal Game

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-102.5

76.1 The Women’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup shall use the same common technical Futsal Laws structure as the Men’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-77 — No Separate Laws Merely Because Competition Is Women’s

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

77.1 WUFO shall not create different technical Futsal Laws merely because the competition belongs to the Women’s Football Branch.

RULE-78 — Competition Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-102; STA / ART-50

78.1 The number of participating teams and the competition format shall be established through the Women’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule.

PART XIV — MEN’S BEACH FOOTBALL WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-103; STA / ART-51

RULE-79 — Official Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103; STA / ART-51

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79.1 WUFO shall organise an official:

MEN’S BEACH FOOTBALL WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

RULE-80 — Men’s Football Branch

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103; STA / ART-51

80.1 The competition shall belong to the Men’s Football Branch.

RULE-81 — Common Beach Football Laws

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103; STA / ART-51

81.1 The competition shall use the common historical founding materialseach Football technical Laws structure.

RULE-82 — Competition Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103; STA / ART-51

82.1 The number of participating teams and competition structure shall be established in the applicable Competition Schedule.

PART XV — WOMEN’S BEACH FOOTBALL WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-103.2–103.5

RULE-83 — Progressive Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103

83.1 WUFO shall support progressive development of a Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-84 — Not Automatically Immediate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103

84.1 The statutory obligation is to develop toward a credible competition.

84.2 WUFO shall not create a nominal tournament merely to claim that a Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup exists.

RULE-85 — Activation Conditions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103.3

85.1 The competition shall be introduced when:

a. participation;

b. player development; and

c. financial viability

are sufficient for a credible world competition.

RULE-86 — Real Development Base

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103.4

86.1 The Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup shall not be created merely as a symbolic event without a realistic development base.

RULE-87 — Activation Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103

87.1 Before activation, WUFO shall conduct a Women’s Beach Football World Competition Readiness Review.

RULE-88 — Readiness Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103

88.1 The Review shall consider:

a. number and stability of active national programmes;

b. Historical Confederation competitive activity;

c. available player pool;

d. coaching and refereeing base;

e. reasonable host capacity;

f. calendar feasibility;

g. financial plan; and

h. likelihood of sustainable future editions.

RULE-89 — Activation Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103

89.1 Activation shall be approved through the competent Women’s Football governance process.

RULE-90 — Once Activated

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103

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90.1 Once credibly activated, the Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup shall become an official WUFO world competition.

90.2 Later temporary operational difficulty shall not automatically erase the competition from WUFO’s sporting structure.

PART XVI — ONE DISCIPLINE — ONE TECHNICAL LAWS STRUCTURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-49–51

RULE-91 — Association Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-49–51

91.1 Men’s and Women’s Association Football World Competitions shall normally use the same technical Laws of Association Football.

RULE-92 — Futsal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-49–51

92.1 Men’s and Women’s Futsal shall use one common technical Futsal Laws structure.

RULE-93 — Beach Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-49–51

93.1 Men’s and Women’s Beach Football shall use one common technical Beach Football Laws structure.

RULE-94 — Governance Remains Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-49–51

94.1 Common technical Laws shall not merge the Men’s and Women’s Football governance branches.

RULE-95 — Genuine Technical Difference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-49.5–49.6

95.1 A specific technical difference may exist where justified by a genuine:

a. sporting;

b. medical;

c. safety; or

d. competition-format reason.

95.2 Any difference shall be expressly identified.

RULE-96 — Technical Committees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-49–51

96.1 Technical Laws matters shall be governed through the common technical structures established under REG-5.

PART XVII — QUALIFICATION AND WORLD REPRESENTATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-99–103

RULE-97 — Qualification Framework

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-99–103

97.1 Each World Competition shall have an approved qualification framework where qualification is required.

RULE-98 — Historical Confederation Pathways

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-99–103

98.1 Historical Confederation championships or qualifiers may provide sporting pathways to the relevant World Competition.

RULE-99 — No Automatic Commercial Places

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-99–103

99.1 A place shall not be assigned principally because:

a. a broadcaster requests a team;

b. a sponsor requests a market;

c. a Host wants a commercially attractive opponent; or

d. the team has famous players.

RULE-100 — Host Participation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-99–103

100.1 A Host team may receive a host participation place only where the competition framework expressly provides for that place before qualification begins.

100.2 Host participation shall not be invented after qualification merely because the Host failed to qualify.

RULE-101 — Worldwide Representation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-99–103

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101.1 Geographic representation may be considered in designing qualification pathways.

101.2 It shall not eliminate sporting merit.

RULE-102 — No Permanent Preferential Market Quota

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-99–103

102.1 Commercial market size shall not create a permanent world-competition quota.

PART XVIII — COMPETITION SIZE AND FORMAT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-99–103

RULE-103 — Edition-Specific Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

103.1 Except where the Statutes expressly fix a format, the exact format shall be established for the relevant competition cycle.

RULE-104 — Matters Established by Competition Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

104.1 The Competition Schedule may establish:

a. number of teams;

b. number of groups;

c. group size;

d. match points;

e. teams advancing;

f. knockout structure;

g. tie-breakers;

h. final-stage format; and

i. match calendar.

RULE-105 — Format Must Be Sporting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

105.1 Format selection shall prioritise:

a. fair competition;

b. sufficient matches;

c. player welfare;

d. worldwide sporting opportunity;

e. operational feasibility; and

f. financial responsibility.

RULE-106 — No Unnecessary Megaevent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

106.1 A competition shall not be enlarged merely because additional matches could create additional commercial inventory.

RULE-107 — Material Format Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

107.1 A material long-term competition-format change shall follow the competent Branch approval process.

RULE-108 — Schedule Cannot Contradict Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

108.1 A Competition Schedule shall not:

a. abolish a required competition;

b. create prohibited U-15 competition;

c. eliminate branch governance; or

d. override another protected statutory principle.

PART XIX — DRAWS AND SPORTING INTEGRITY

RULE-109 — Transparent Draw

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

109.1 Where a draw is used, it shall follow a published and auditable procedure.

RULE-110 — Sporting Seeding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

110.1 Seeding may use a valid WUFO sporting ranking or competition-performance criterion.

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RULE-111 — No Commercial Seeding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

111.1 Television value shall not create a seed.

RULE-112 — No Sponsor Draw Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

112.1 A sponsor may participate ceremonially.

112.2 It shall not control the draw result.

RULE-113 — Draw Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

113.1 WUFO shall preserve the official draw record.

PART XX — YOUTH AGE ELIGIBILITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-100–101

RULE-114 — Age Category Must Be Real

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100–101

114.1 U-20 and U-17 designations shall be genuine age categories.

RULE-115 — Published Age Cut-Off

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100–101

115.1 Each Edition shall publish the applicable Age Cut-Off before player registration begins.

RULE-116 — Equal Age Rule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100–101

116.1 The same Age Cut-Off shall apply to all participating teams in the same competition.

RULE-117 — No Commercial Age Waiver

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100–101

117.1 WUFO shall not grant an age exception merely because an over-age player is famous or commercially attractive.

RULE-118 — Age Verification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100–101

118.1 WUFO may require reliable documentation sufficient to verify a player’s date of birth.

RULE-119 — Fraudulent Age Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100–101

119.1 Deliberate falsification of age documentation may result in:

a. player ineligibility;

b. competition consequences; and

c. disciplinary proceedings.

RULE-120 — Genuine Documentation Problem

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100–101

120.1 A genuine administrative difficulty obtaining documentation shall not automatically be treated as fraud.

120.2 WUFO may permit another reliable verification method where lawful and justified.

PART XXI — REPRESENTATIVE-TEAM PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-62

RULE-121 — Common Eligibility Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62

121.1 Representative-Team eligibility shall be governed by REG-10.

RULE-122 — Youth Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62

122.1 Youth participation shall require both:

a. Representative-Team eligibility; and

b. applicable age eligibility.

RULE-123 — Legionnaire Route and Youth

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62

123.1 A player shall not use the Legionnaire route to circumvent youth age or ordinary Representative-Team eligibility rules.

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123.2 The adult age requirements of the Legionnaire system shall remain controlling under

REG-10.

RULE-124 — Competition Registration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-62

124.1 Every player shall be registered through the applicable competition-registration system before participation.

PART XXII — SQUADS AND TEAM REGISTRATION

RULE-125 — Squad Size

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

125.1 Exact squad size for each competition shall be established in the Competition Schedule or Competition Manual.

RULE-126 — Competition Needs Differ

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

126.1 Association Football, Futsal and Beach Football need not use the same squad size.

RULE-127 — Final Squad

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

127.1 Every competition shall have a published procedure for:

a. provisional squad;

b. final squad;

c. replacement of injured players; and

d. match squad.

RULE-128 — Equal Squad Rule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

128.1 The same squad rules shall apply equally to participating teams in the same competition.

PART XXIII — PLAYER HEALTH AND WORKLOAD

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-47–48

RULE-129 — Player Health

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

129.1 Player health shall be considered in every World Competition.

RULE-130 — Youth Stronger Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48.15

130.1 Youth players may receive stronger workload and recovery protection because of age and development.

RULE-131 — Scheduling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

131.1 Competition schedules shall consider:

a. match frequency;

b. rest;

c. travel;

d. climate;

e. time zones; and

f. age.

RULE-132 — No Commercial Overloading

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

132.1 Additional matches shall not be inserted merely to generate revenue where player welfare would be unreasonably compromised.

RULE-133 — Medical Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-47–48

133.1 Medical decisions shall not be overridden by commercial pressure.

PART XXIV — SAFEGUARDING AND MINORS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-28.4(e); STA / ART-48.15; STA / ART-101.6

RULE-134 — Safeguarding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-28.4(e); STA / ART-48.15; STA / ART-101.6

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134.1 Youth World Competitions shall operate under appropriate safeguarding standards.

RULE-135 — Duty of Care

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-28.4(e); STA / ART-48.15; STA / ART-101.6

135.1 WUFO, Hosts and participating Members shall take reasonable steps to protect minors from:

a. abuse;

b. exploitation;

c. harassment;

d. unsafe accommodation;

e. inappropriate access; and

f. other serious safeguarding risks.

RULE-136 — Team Personnel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-28.4(e); STA / ART-48.15; STA / ART-101.6

136.1 Team personnel working directly with minors shall comply with applicable safeguarding requirements.

RULE-137 — Accommodation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-28.4(e); STA / ART-48.15; STA / ART-101.6

137.1 Youth accommodation arrangements shall account for:

a. supervision;

b. privacy;

c. security; and

d. age-appropriate conditions.

RULE-138 — Media and Commercial Activity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-28.4(e); STA / ART-48.15; STA / ART-101.6

138.1 Youth players shall not be subjected to unreasonable commercial or media activity that conflicts with:

a. education;

b. rest;

c. health; or

d. safeguarding.

RULE-139 — Safeguarding Is Not Optional Because Competition Is Elite

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-28.4(e); STA / ART-48.15; STA / ART-101.6

139.1 Elite sporting status shall not reduce safeguarding duties.

PART XXV — EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

RULE-140 — Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

140.1 Competition planning should reasonably respect educational responsibilities of youth players.

RULE-141 — Scheduling Around Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

141.1 Youth competition scheduling should avoid unnecessary disruption to education where a reasonable alternative exists.

RULE-142 — Development Before Exploitation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

142.1 Youth WUFO Championship Cups shall remain development competitions as well as elite sporting events.

142.2 Commercial expansion shall not convert minors into unlimited event inventory.

PART XXVI — HOSTING

RULE-143 — Competition-Specific Hosting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

143.1 Competitions governed by REG-20 may use competition-specific hosting arrangements.

RULE-144 — Permanent Men’s WUFO Championship Cup Host Clusters Do Not Automatically Apply

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

144.1 The permanent Host Cluster system governed by REG-15 shall not automatically determine Hosts for:

a. Women’s WUFO Championship Cups;

b. Youth WUFO Championship Cups;

c. Futsal WUFO Championship Cups; or

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d. Beach Football WUFO Championship Cups.

RULE-145 — Host Selection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

145.1 Host selection shall consider:

a. required venues;

b. accommodation;

c. transport;

d. training facilities;

e. medical capacity;

f. security;

g. competition-development value;

h. financial feasibility; and

i. operational readiness.

RULE-146 — No Commercial Auction Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

146.1 WUFO shall not be required to select the Host offering the greatest financial payment.

RULE-147 — Development Hosting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

147.1 Where operationally credible, hosting may be used to support development of the relevant discipline or branch.

RULE-148 — No Symbolic Unsafe Host

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

148.1 Development value shall not justify an unsafe or non-viable Host.

RULE-149 — Host Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

149.1 Each major World Competition shall operate under an appropriate Host Agreement or equivalent binding Host instrument.

PART XXVII — ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL VENUES

RULE-150 — Suitable Stadium

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

150.1 Women’s Senior and Youth Association Football WUFO Championship Cups shall use venues appropriate to professional international football and the scale of the competition.

RULE-151 — Proportionate Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

151.1 WUFO shall not impose unnecessary stadium capacity solely for prestige.

RULE-152 — Playing Surface

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

152.1 Playing surfaces shall satisfy applicable WUFO safety and technical requirements.

RULE-153 — Practical Infrastructure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

153.1 Temporary infrastructure may be used where safe and operationally appropriate.

PART XXVIII — FUTSAL VENUES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-50; STA / ART-102

RULE-154 — Futsal Venue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-50; STA / ART-102

154.1 Futsal WUFO Championship Cups shall use indoor or other officially approved venues meeting the applicable Futsal Laws and competition standards.

RULE-155 — Futsal Surface

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-50; STA / ART-102

155.1 The playing surface shall comply with applicable Futsal technical requirements.

RULE-156 — Venue Scale

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-50; STA / ART-102

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156.1 Venue requirements shall be proportionate to Futsal competition needs.

PART XXIX — BEACH FOOTBALL VENUES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-51; STA / ART-103

RULE-157 — Beach Football Venue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-51; STA / ART-103

157.1 Beach Football WUFO Championship Cups shall use venues meeting the applicable Beach Football Laws and safety requirements.

RULE-158 — Playing Surface

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-51; STA / ART-103

158.1 The sand surface shall satisfy WUFO technical and player-safety standards.

RULE-159 — Temporary Venue Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-51; STA / ART-103

159.1 A temporary Beach Football stadium may be used where safely designed and operated.

RULE-160 — No Permanent White Elephant

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-51; STA / ART-103

160.1 WUFO shall not require permanent beach-football infrastructure where a temporary event facility is the responsible option.

PART XXX — REFEREEING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-50–51

RULE-161 — Independent Refereeing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-50–51

161.1 Refereeing shall remain independent in every World Competition.

RULE-162 — Applicable Referee Discipline

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-50–51

162.1 Association Football referees shall operate under the applicable Association Football refereeing structure.

162.2 Futsal referees shall operate under the Futsal technical structure.

162.3 Beach Football referees shall operate under the Beach Football technical structure.

RULE-163 — No Host Referee Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-50–51

163.1 A Host shall not control referee appointments.

RULE-164 — No Sponsor Referee Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-50–51

164.1 A sponsor shall not control referee appointments or decisions.

PART XXXI — ANTI-DOPING AND INTEGRITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119–120

RULE-165 — Anti-Doping

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119–120

165.1 Anti-doping shall be governed by REG-23.

RULE-166 — Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119–120

166.1 Match manipulation and competition integrity shall be governed by REG-22.

RULE-167 — All Competitions Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119–120

167.1 Lower commercial value shall not justify weaker integrity standards.

RULE-168 — Youth Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119–120

168.1 Integrity programmes may use age-appropriate education for youth players.

PART XXXII — DISCIPLINE, RACISM AND CONDUCT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-117–118; STA / ART-124–125

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RULE-169 — REG-22 Applies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118; STA / ART-124–125

169.1 Discipline, racism, violence and serious misconduct shall be governed principally by

REG-22.

RULE-170 — Same Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118; STA / ART-124–125

170.1 Women’s, Youth, Futsal and Beach players shall receive the same fundamental protection against:

a. racism;

b. violence;

c. corruption;

d. match manipulation; and

e. institutional abuse.

RULE-171 — No Celebrity Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118; STA / ART-124–125

171.1 Famous participants shall not receive lighter sporting integrity standards.

PART XXXIII — AUDIOVISUAL AND COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-109–113

RULE-172 — REG-17 Applies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

172.1 Audiovisual, sponsorship, licensing and commercial-right administration shall be governed principally by REG-17.

RULE-173 — Competition-Specific Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

173.1 Each World Competition may have its own commercial-rights package and revenue model.

RULE-174 — Women’s Commercial Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

174.1 Women’s Football commercial revenue shall remain subject to Women’s Football financial sovereignty and ring-fence rules.

RULE-175 — Futsal and Beach Commercial Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

175.1 Futsal and Beach Football may develop separate commercial identities appropriate to their disciplines.

RULE-176 — Sponsors Do Not Govern Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

176.1 Commercial partners shall have no authority over:

a. qualification;

b. player selection;

c. age eligibility;

d. referees;

e. discipline;

f. integrity; or

g. competition results.

PART XXXIV — TICKETING AND SUPPORTERS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114–116

RULE-177 — General Supporter Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

177.1 Ticketing shall comply with the general supporter protections of REG-16.

RULE-178 — Men’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup Price Pyramid Does Not Automatically Apply

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

178.1 The permanent Category A–G ticket price pyramid shall not automatically apply to competitions governed by REG-20.

RULE-179 — Competition-Specific Ticketing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

179.1 Ticket prices may be established according to:

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a. competition;
b. local market;
c. development objectives;
d. affordability; and
e. Host conditions.

RULE-180 — Ordinary Supporter Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–116

180.1 Ticketing should preserve reasonable ordinary supporter access.

PART XXXV — FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-127–129

RULE-181 — Credible Financial Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-127–129

181.1 Every World Competition shall have a credible financial plan.

RULE-182 — Financial Plan Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-127–129

182.1 The plan shall identify principal expected:

a. operating costs;
b. Host costs;
c. travel costs;
d. team-support costs;
e. production costs;
f. prize obligations where applicable;
g. revenue;
h. funding source; and
i. financial risk.

RULE-183 — Profit Not Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-129.9–129.10

183.1 A World Competition shall not be required to generate a commercial profit.

183.2 Sporting, development and social value may justify an appropriately funded competition.

RULE-184 — Uncontrolled Deficit Not Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-127–129

184.1 WUFO shall nevertheless understand how the competition will be financed.

RULE-185 — Branch Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-127–129

185.1 A Branch shall not create a competition that depends upon an unauthorised permanent transfer from the other Branch.

PART XXXVI — WOMEN'S FOOTBALL FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-127–129

RULE-186 — Women's Football Ring-Fence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-127–129

186.1 Money expressly allocated to a Women's World Competition shall remain protected for Women's Football.

RULE-187 — No Men's Deficit Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-127–129

187.1 Women's competition revenue shall not be redirected to cover a Men's Football deficit merely because the Men's competition is commercially larger.

RULE-188 — Own Growth

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-127–129

188.1 The Women's Football Branch shall determine its competition growth through a credible financial plan.

RULE-189 — Startup Investment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-127–129

189.1 Lawfully approved startup investment may support development of a Women's competition.

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PART XXXVII — COMPETITION PRIZE MONEY

RULE-190 — Prize Money Where Adopted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

190.1 A World Competition may establish prize money where financially appropriate.

RULE-191 — Prize Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

191.1 Where prize money exists, the applicable Competition Financial Schedule shall establish:

a. amount;

b. distribution;

c. payment conditions; and

d. financial controls.

RULE-192 — No Hidden Commercial Selection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

192.1 Prize value shall not be used to determine qualification.

PART XXXVIII — TEAM TRAVEL AND PARTICIPATION SUPPORT

RULE-193 — Competition-Specific Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

193.1 Each World Competition shall define the team travel and participation-support responsibilities applicable to that competition.

RULE-194 — Equal Treatment Within Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

194.1 Participating teams in the same competition shall receive equal basic treatment under the applicable participation framework.

RULE-195 — Remote Geography

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

195.1 A remote team shall not be excluded merely because travel is more expensive where a reasonable participation solution exists.

RULE-196 — Youth Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

196.1 Youth travel planning shall give additional attention to:

a. journey length;

b. education;

c. sleep;

d. safeguarding; and

e. recovery.

PART XXXIX — COMPETITION RECORDS AND TITLES

RULE-197 — Official Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

197.1 WUFO shall preserve official records for every World Competition.

RULE-198 — Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

198.1 Records shall include, as applicable:

a. participants;

b. fixtures;

c. results;

d. standings;

e. champions;

f. runners-up;

g. qualification;

h. Host;

i. disciplinary sporting outcomes; and

j. competition statistics.

RULE-199 — Women’s Senior Champion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

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199.1 The winner of the Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup shall be the official:

WUFO WOMEN’S WORLD CHAMPION.

RULE-200 — Youth Champions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

200.1 Winners of the U-20 and U-17 WUFO Championship Cups shall be official WUFO world champions of their respective age category.

RULE-201 — Futsal Champions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

201.1 Winners of the Men’s and Women’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cups shall be official WUFO Futsal World Champions of the relevant Branch.

RULE-202 — Beach Football Champions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

202.1 Winners of the Men’s and, once activated, Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cups shall be official historical founding materialseach Football World Champions of the relevant Branch.

RULE-203 — Title Continuity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

203.1 Later changes to competition format shall not erase historic championship titles.

PART XL — POSTPONEMENT, ABANDONMENT AND FORCE MAJEURE

RULE-204 — Match Completion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

204.1 Matches should ordinarily be decided through sporting competition.

RULE-205 — Postponement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

205.1 A match may be postponed for genuine reasons involving:

a. safety;

b. weather;

c. venue failure;

d. force majeure;

e. medical emergency;

f. legal impossibility; or

g. other serious operational conditions.

RULE-206 — Commercial Preference Insufficient

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

206.1 A match shall not be postponed merely for a more profitable television window.

RULE-207 — Abandonment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

207.1 An abandoned match shall be resolved under the applicable Competition Rules and disciplinary framework.

RULE-208 — Youth Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

208.1 In youth competitions, player and child safety shall receive particular weight in postponement or abandonment decisions.

PART XLI — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

RULE-209 — Coordination with REG-5

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

209.1 REG-5 shall govern:

a. Association Football Laws;

b. Futsal technical Laws;

c. Beach Football technical Laws; and

d. approved experiments.

RULE-210 — Coordination with REG-6

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

210.1 REG-6 shall govern refereeing principles, integrity and review where applicable.

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RULE-211 — Coordination with REG-7

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

211.1 REG-7 shall govern:

a. international calendar;

b. rest;

c. workload;

d. travel recovery;

e. climate; and

f. player health.

RULE-212 — Coordination with REG-10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

212.1 REG-10 shall govern Representative-Team player eligibility.

RULE-213 — Coordination with REG-16

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

213.1 REG-16 shall govern general ticketing and supporter protection.

RULE-214 — Coordination with REG-17

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

214.1 REG-17 shall govern:

a. audiovisual rights;

b. sponsorship;

c. licensing;

d. commercial inventory; and

e. Representative-Team commercial rights.

RULE-215 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

215.1 REG-22 shall govern:

a. discipline;

b. racism;

c. conduct;

d. match manipulation;

e. institutional responsibility; and

f. integrity.

RULE-216 — Coordination with REG-23

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

216.1 REG-23 shall govern anti-doping.

RULE-217 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

217.1 REG-24 shall govern:

a. Branch financial sovereignty;

b. Women’s Football ring-fence;

c. competition finance;

d. audit; and

e. transparency.

RULE-218 — Coordination with REG-25

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

218.1 REG-25 shall govern football development programmes.

218.2 Development activity may support competitive readiness for competitions governed by **REG-20**.

RULE-219 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

219.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. document coding;

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b. Competition Schedule versioning;
c. publication;
d. official results records; and
e. historical preservation.

PART XLII — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

RULE-220 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

220.1 Implementation of REG-20 may use lower instruments including:
a. SCH — Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule;
b. SCH — Women’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule;
c. SCH — Women’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule;
d. PRO — Exceptional Women’s Representation;
e. FOR — Exceptional Women’s Representation Decision;
f. SCH — Men’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule;
g. SCH — Men’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule;
h. SCH — Men’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule;
i. SCH — Women’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule;
j. SCH — Men’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule;
k. FOR — Women’s Beach Football World Competition Readiness Review;
l. SCH — Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup Competition Schedule, after activation;
m. PRO — Youth Age Eligibility;
n. FOR — Player Age Verification;
o. MAN — Youth World Competition Safeguarding;
p. MAN — World Competition Host Operations;
q. MAN — Futsal World Competition Operations;
r. MAN — Beach Football World Competition Operations;
s. SCH — Competition Financial Plan; and
t. other instruments lawfully authorised by WUFO.

RULE-221 — Lower Instruments Cannot Create Prohibited U-15 Event

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

221.1 No lower instrument shall create a founding global Men’s U-15 megaevent.

RULE-222 — Lower Instruments Cannot Make Exceptional Representation Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

222.1 No Schedule or Procedure shall transform temporary Exceptional Women’s Representation into a permanent preferential entitlement.

RULE-223 — Lower Instruments Cannot Divide Technical Laws by Sex Without Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

223.1 A Competition Manual shall not create separate men’s and women’s technical Laws for the same discipline without a genuine authorised reason.

PART XLIII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

RULE-224 — Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup Is Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

224.1 WUFO shall maintain an official Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-225 — Women’s U-20 Is Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

225.1 WUFO shall maintain a Women’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-226 — Women’s U-17 Is Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

226.1 WUFO shall maintain a Women’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-227 — Men’s U-20 Is Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

227.1 WUFO shall maintain a Men’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup.

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RULE-228 — Men's U-17 Is Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

228.1 WUFO shall maintain a Men's U-17 WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-229 — Men's Futsal WUFO Championship Cup Is Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

229.1 WUFO shall maintain an official Men's Futsal WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-230 — Women's Futsal WUFO Championship Cup Is Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

230.1 WUFO shall maintain an official Women's Futsal WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-231 — Men's Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup Is Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

231.1 WUFO shall maintain an official Men's Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup.

RULE-232 — Women's Beach Football Must Be Credible Before Activation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

232.1 WUFO shall develop toward a Women's Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup.

232.2 It shall not create one merely for symbolic equality where the underlying worldwide sporting base is not yet credible.

RULE-233 — Exceptional Women's Representation Remains Exceptional

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

233.1 Exceptional Representation shall exist to help bridge serious developmental inequality.

233.2 It shall not become a permanent substitute for sporting qualification.

RULE-234 — Sporting Qualification Progressively Takes Over

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

234.1 As women's football development improves, ordinary sporting qualification shall progressively replace exceptional mechanisms.

RULE-235 — No Men's Founding Global U-15 Megaevent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

235.1 WUFO shall protect younger-player development from unnecessary worldwide event expansion during the Founding Period.

RULE-236 — Future U-15 Requires Real Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

236.1 A future proposal shall require sporting, medical and financial justification.

236.2 Marketing opportunity alone is insufficient.

RULE-237 — One Discipline — One Technical Laws Structure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

237.1 Association Football remains one technical game.

237.2 Futsal remains one technical game.

237.3 Beach Football remains one technical game.

237.4 Men's and Women's competition governance remains separate.

RULE-238 — No Commercial Wild Cards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

238.1 A World Competition place shall not be sold.

RULE-239 — Youth Players Are Not Unlimited Resources

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

239.1 Youth competition expansion shall remain subject to age-appropriate health, safeguarding and development.

RULE-240 — Women's Competition Revenue Is Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

240.1 Money expressly allocated to Women's World Competitions shall remain subject to the Women's Football financial ring-fence.

RULE-241 — Lower Commercial Value Does Not Mean Lower Sporting Dignity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

241.1 A Futsal, Beach Football, Women's or Youth World Competition shall not receive inferior integrity or safety protection merely because it generates less revenue than Men's Senior Association Football.

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RULE-242 — No Forced Identical Competition Format

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

242.1 Equality of sporting dignity does not require every WUFO World Competition to contain the same number of teams, matches or venues.

RULE-243 — Competition Size Must Follow Reality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

243.1 Competition size shall reflect:

a. sporting participation;

b. competitive depth;

c. development;

d. player welfare;

e. hosting capacity; and

f. financial sustainability.

RULE-244 — No Prestige-Driven Oversizing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

244.1 WUFO shall not create unnecessarily large tournaments solely to make a competition appear important.

RULE-245 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103

245.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. Women’s Football autonomy;

b. youth development;

c. minors;

d. Futsal identity;

e. Beach Football identity;

f. worldwide sporting opportunity;

g. genuine competition;

h. sporting merit;

i. financial sustainability;

j. competition integrity;

k. branch financial sovereignty; and

l. long-term development rather than symbolic expansion.

RULE-246 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-49–51

246.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

WUFO organises an official Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup.

The Women’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup belongs to the Women’s Football Branch.

It has its own sporting plan and its own financial plan.

It seeks broad worldwide representation.

Women’s Football does not have to copy the Men’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup simply to prove equality.

WUFO organises a Women’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup and a Women’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup.

Those competitions form part of the long-term Women’s Football development pathway.

Where development remains seriously unequal, WUFO may temporarily use Exceptional Women’s Representation.

Exceptional Representation is transparent.

Exceptional Representation is based on sporting and development reasons.

Exceptional Representation creates no permanent preferential right.

As normal competitive pathways become viable, sporting qualification progressively replaces exceptional measures.

WUFO organises a Men’s U-20 WUFO Championship Cup and a Men’s U-17 WUFO Championship Cup.

WUFO does not create a founding global Men’s U-15 megaevent.

Young players develop principally through domestic, regional and age-appropriate football.

Any future global U-15 proposal requires separate sporting, medical and financial review.

Commercial value alone does not justify putting younger children into another worldwide megaevent.

WUFO organises an official Men’s Futsal WUFO Championship Cup.

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Men’s and Women’s Futsal use one common technical Futsal Laws structure.

WUFO organises an official Men’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup.

WUFO develops toward a Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup.

The Women’s Beach Football WUFO Championship Cup begins when participation, player development and financial viability create a credible world competition.

It is not created merely as a symbolic tournament without a real sporting base.

Men’s and Women’s Beach Football use one common technical Laws structure.

Governance is separate by Branch. Technical expertise and common Laws remain open and unified by discipline.

The exact size of a competition is not invented merely to look impressive.

Competition formats follow the real sporting base of the discipline and the Edition.

No broadcaster buys a place.

No sponsor buys a place.

No famous market receives a WUFO Championship Cup invitation merely because it is commercially useful.

Youth age categories are genuine age categories.

Age fraud is not tolerated. Genuine documentation difficulties are not automatically treated as fraud.

Youth players receive stronger protection where their age requires it.

Safeguarding applies because elite football does not make a child less of a child.

The permanent Men’s Senior WUFO Championship Cup Host Cluster system does not automatically control Women’s, Youth, Futsal or Beach hosting.

Each competition may use a Host model appropriate to its sporting and operational reality.

Temporary and proportionate infrastructure is legitimate where appropriate.

A Women’s, Youth, Futsal or Beach WUFO Championship Cup is not a lesser legal competition merely because it generates less revenue.

Sporting dignity is equal. Competition structures may be different.

Women’s Football money remains protected for Women’s Football.

Growth must be credible, funded and sustainable.

Sport comes first. Development comes before symbolism. Children come before commercial expansion.

REG-20 — WOMEN’S, YOUTH, FUTSAL & BEACH WORLD COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

REG-21 — HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS & CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-104–108.

PART I — SIX HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULE-1 — Confederation Autonomy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-106

1.1 CONMEBOL, Concacaf, UEFA, CAF, AFC and OFC may each organise their senior representative-team championship within their constitutional authority.

1.2 Each Historical Confederation retains 100% of its own championship commercial rights and revenue except for a WUFO-wide right expressly established by law or a voluntary agreement.

1.3 WUFO shall not require a single commercial package for all six Confederation championships. Existing names, histories and traditions may continue or be adapted.

RULE-2 — Calendar Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-106

2.1 Year 2 of the WUFO four-year cycle is protected principally for the Historical Confederations’ senior representative-team championships and Cups.

2.2 Each Confederation retains appropriate freedom to choose the season or dates suitable to its football region, subject to the International Calendar, player rest and workload protection. Governing principle: WUFO requires the Champion, not the season.

PART II — CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS QUALIFICATION

RULE-3 — Four Permanent Pathways

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-106

3.1 Champion of Champions contains exactly four representative teams produced through four pathways: (a) Pan- America / PAFU — 1; (b) UEFA — 1; (c) CAF — 1; (d) Asia-Pacific, jointly AFC + OFC — 1.

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3.2 There is no fifth champion eliminated by World League Ranking and no Champion of Champions qualification Ranking Snapshot.

RULE-4 — Pan-American Pathway

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-107

4.1 CONMEBOL and Concacaf shall produce one Pan-American representative through PAFU after PAFU's post-2030 activation. PAFU remains an inter-confederation union and not a seventh Confederation.

RULE-5 — Asia-Pacific Pathway

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-107

5.1 AFC and OFC shall jointly determine one Asia-Pacific representative. Their agreed process may use a match, short playoff, rotating mechanism or another sporting procedure consistent with player welfare and the International Calendar.

5.2 If AFC and OFC do not adopt an agreed pathway in time, WUFO shall apply a neutral fallback procedure established and published in advance. The fallback shall not permanently privilege either Confederation.

PART III — EVENT FORMAT AND CALENDAR

RULE-6 — Dedicated Year-3 Window

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-107

6.1 Champion of Champions is staged in Year 3 in a dedicated Special Late-Winter / Spring representative-team window fixed sufficiently in advance by the WUFO International Calendar.

6.2 A Member participating in Champion of Champions does not play a World League match in the same special window.

RULE-7 — Four Teams, Three Matches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108

7.1 The event consists of two Semifinals and one Final. There is no third-place match.

7.2 The competition should ordinarily be completed within approximately one week.

RULE-8 — Separate Host Model

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108

8.1 Champion of Champions uses its own compact Host Model and does not require the 35-Cluster Championship Cup hosting system.

8.2 The Host may design a distinctive physical trophy for its edition subject to WUFO approval; the official title and historical record remain continuous.

PART IV — REVENUE, PRIZE MONEY AND TICKETING

RULE-9 — Prize Pool

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108

9.1 Twenty percent (20%) of WUFO-controlled central Champion of Champions event revenue forms the prize pool.

9.2 Distribution: Champion 55%; Runner-up 25%; losing Semifinalist 10% each. These four percentages equal 100% of the prize pool.

RULE-10 — Central Operating Provision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-105; STA / ART-107

10.1 The Financial Schedule may provide a separate reference central operating amount for Champion of Champions. That operating provision is distinct from the 20% event-revenue prize pool.

RULE-11 — Ticketing and Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-108

11.1 The Host controls ordinary event ticketing under the Host Agreement and may operate Champion of Champions as a premium event subject to applicable law and basic supporter protection. The WUFO Championship Cup perpetual ticket-price pyramid does not automatically apply.

11.2 WUFO retains the central audiovisual, global sponsorship and competition rights assigned to it. The Host retains local ticketing revenue allocated by the Host Agreement.

REG-22 — INTEGRITY, DISCIPLINE, RACISM, CONDUCT, MATCH MANIPULATION & PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY REGULATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-117–125

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-2; STA / ART-42–48; STA / ART-62–64; STA / ART-90–108; STA / ART-109–116; STA / ART-126–135

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PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-117–125

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO framework governing:

a. sporting integrity;
b. disciplinary responsibility;
c. racism;
d. discrimination;
e. abusive conduct;
f. violence;
g. harassment;
h. threats and intimidation;
i. serious misconduct;
j. match manipulation;
k. corrupt sporting influence;
l. improper betting-related conduct;
m. misuse of confidential sporting information;
n. integrity reporting;
o. investigation;
p. disciplinary proceedings;
q. sanctions;
r. proportionality;
s. Member Association responsibility;
t. supporter misconduct;
u. government interference;
v. lawful public-authority cooperation;
w. criminal-law interface;
x. public responsibility;
y. whistleblower protection;
z. conflicts of interest;
aa. procedural fairness;
bb. publication of decisions; and
cc. institutional accountability.

RULE-2 — Scope

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

2.1 This Regulation applies, within WUFO jurisdiction, to:

a. WUFO;
b. Historical Confederations;
c. recognised subregional football bodies;
d. Member Associations;
e. clubs where WUFO law applies;
f. Representative Teams;
g. players;
h. coaches;
i. referees;
j. match officials;
k. competition officials;
l. administrators;
m. elected officials;
n. employees;
o. agents and intermediaries where applicable;
p. accredited persons;
q. persons exercising an official football function; and
r. other persons or bodies expressly subject to WUFO jurisdiction.

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RULE-3 — Fundamental Integrity Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

3.1 Football shall be determined by:

a. sporting ability;

b. lawful competition;

c. independent officiating; and

d. results earned on the field.

3.2 No person may corrupt that principle through money, coercion, deception, manipulation or improper influence.

RULE-4 — Equal Application

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

4.1 Integrity and disciplinary rules shall apply without sporting or commercial privilege.

4.2 A famous player, powerful Member, major broadcaster, wealthy Host, senior executive or global sponsor shall receive no immunity.

RULE-5 — No Celebrity Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

5.1 Fame shall not excuse misconduct.

5.2 Commercial importance shall not excuse misconduct.

5.3 Institutional importance shall not excuse misconduct.

RULE-6 — Government and Law Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

6.1 The governing principle shall be:

Government shall not govern football.

Football shall never be above the law.

RULE-7 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

7.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

7.2 No lower disciplinary instrument may:

a. create sporting immunity for a powerful person;

b. punish a person solely because of identity;

c. use collective punishment where individual or institutional responsibility can reasonably be identified;

d. convert legitimate law enforcement into prohibited government interference;

e. permit government direction of sporting decisions;

f. conceal criminal conduct from lawful authorities;

g. allow a sponsor or broadcaster to control discipline;

h. replace sporting evidence with political pressure; or

i. contradict the separate anti-doping jurisdiction established under REG-23.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-117–125

RULE-8 — Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

8.1 Integrity means the preservation of honest, independent and genuine sporting competition and football governance.

RULE-9 — Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

9.1 Misconduct means an act or omission violating WUFO law or a binding competition, disciplinary, ethical or integrity obligation.

RULE-10 — Serious Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

10.1 Serious Misconduct includes conduct materially threatening:

a. sporting integrity;

b. physical safety;

c. institutional integrity;

d. non-discrimination;

e. lawful governance; or

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f. public confidence in genuine football competition.

RULE-11 — Match Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

11.1 Match Manipulation means an intentional arrangement, act or omission intended improperly to alter:

a. a match result;

b. the course of a match;

c. a specific match event;

d. a competition standing;

e. qualification;

f. promotion;

g. relegation;

h. ranking;

i. draw consequences;

j. financial distribution tied to sporting position; or

k. another sporting outcome.

RULE-12 — Improper Sporting Influence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

12.1 Improper Sporting Influence means an attempt to affect a sporting decision through:

a. money;

b. gifts;

c. threats;

d. coercion;

e. political pressure;

f. commercial pressure;

g. secret benefit;

h. undisclosed conflict; or

i. another improper inducement.

RULE-13 — Inside Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

13.1 Inside Information means non-public information obtained through a football role and capable of materially assisting improper betting, manipulation or corrupt sporting activity.

RULE-14 — Discrimination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

14.1 Discrimination means prohibited unequal, degrading or exclusionary treatment based on a protected personal characteristic, except where a lawful sporting distinction is expressly authorised by WUFO law.

RULE-15 — Racist Conduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

15.1 Racist Conduct includes racist abuse, expression, action, symbol, gesture or organised conduct directed against a person or group.

RULE-16 — Supporter Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

16.1 Supporter Misconduct means prohibited conduct by persons attending, travelling to, gathering for or materially associating themselves with a football event as supporters.

RULE-17 — Competent Disciplinary Body

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

17.1 Competent Disciplinary Body means WUFO, a Historical Confederation, a recognised subregional football body or another lawfully authorised body having jurisdiction over the matter.

RULE-18 — Integrity Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

18.1 Integrity Authority means the function or body lawfully charged with independent integrity assessment, investigation or referral.

RULE-19 — Provisional Measure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

19.1 A Provisional Measure is a temporary protective measure imposed before final determination where necessary to protect:

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a. competition integrity;
b. safety;
c. evidence;
d. participants; or
e. the proper administration of proceedings.

PART III — GENERAL DUTY OF INTEGRITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-117–125

RULE-20 — Duty of Honest Participation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

20.1 Every participant shall engage honestly in football activity.

RULE-21 — Duty to Compete Genuinely

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

21.1 A team or player shall make a genuine sporting effort.

21.2 Tactical choice, player rotation or legitimate competition strategy shall not by itself constitute manipulation.

RULE-22 — No Corrupt Benefit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

22.1 A person shall not request, offer, promise, give or accept an improper benefit intended to influence football conduct.

RULE-23 — No Undisclosed Sporting Deal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

23.1 No secret agreement may determine a sporting result or event that should be determined through genuine competition.

RULE-24 — No Improper Institutional Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

24.1 An official shall not use institutional power to force:

a. team selection;
b. referee decisions;
c. match results;
d. disciplinary outcomes;
e. draw outcomes; or
f. ranking outcomes.

RULE-25 — Duty of Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

25.1 Persons subject to WUFO jurisdiction shall reasonably cooperate with lawful integrity and disciplinary investigations.

RULE-26 — No Evidence Destruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

26.1 A person shall not intentionally:

a. destroy relevant evidence;
b. falsify evidence;
c. conceal material evidence;
d. instruct another person to conceal evidence; or
e. interfere improperly with a witness.

RULE-27 — No Retaliation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

27.1 Retaliation against a person for making a good-faith integrity report is prohibited.

PART IV — CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

RULE-28 — Duty to Avoid Improper Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

28.1 A football official shall not allow a personal interest to improperly influence an official decision.

RULE-29 — Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

29.1 A material actual or reasonably apparent conflict shall be disclosed through the applicable governance procedure.

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RULE-30 — Recusal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

30.1 A person with a material conflict shall not participate in the relevant decision where recusal is required to preserve fairness.

RULE-31 — Related Financial Interest

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

31.1 A material undisclosed financial interest in a transaction or sporting decision may constitute misconduct.

RULE-32 — Family or Personal Relationship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

32.1 A family, personal or professional relationship does not automatically constitute misconduct.

32.2 It shall be disclosed where it creates a material conflict.

RULE-33 — Sponsor Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

33.1 A sponsor relationship shall not give an official authority to favour:

a. a sponsored team;

b. a sponsored player;

c. a broadcaster;

d. a commercial partner; or

e. a related business.

PART V — MATCH MANIPULATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-120

RULE-34 — Absolute Prohibition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

34.1 Match Manipulation is prohibited.

RULE-35 — Result Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

35.1 No person may intentionally fix or predetermine the winner, loser or score of a match.

RULE-36 — Event Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

36.1 No person may intentionally manipulate a match event for corrupt purposes, including:

a. goals;

b. cards;

c. penalties;

d. corners;

e. substitutions;

f. disciplinary incidents;

g. timing events; or

h. another betting or sporting event.

RULE-37 — Competition Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

37.1 No person may improperly manipulate:

a. promotion;

b. relegation;

c. qualification;

d. seeding;

e. World League Ranking;

f. Champion of Champions qualification;

g. WUFO Championship Cup positioning; or

h. another competition consequence.

RULE-38 — Financial Sporting Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

38.1 Manipulation intended to alter financial distributions determined by sporting position shall constitute Match Manipulation.

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RULE-39 — Deliberate Underperformance for Corrupt Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

39.1 Deliberate underperformance undertaken pursuant to an improper agreement or corrupt purpose is prohibited.

RULE-40 — Legitimate Sporting Strategy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

40.1 A lawful sporting strategy shall not constitute Match Manipulation merely because it may disadvantage another team.

40.2 Relevant circumstances may include:

a. player rest;

b. rotation;

c. tactical change;

d. qualification already secured;

e. injury management; and

f. legitimate competition priorities.

RULE-41 — Agreement Not Required to Succeed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

41.1 Attempted manipulation may constitute misconduct even if the intended manipulation fails.

RULE-42 — Solicitation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

42.1 Soliciting another person to manipulate a match is prohibited.

RULE-43 — Facilitation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

43.1 Knowingly facilitating Match Manipulation is prohibited.

RULE-44 — Failure to Report Corrupt Approach

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

44.1 A person subject to a reporting duty who receives a credible corrupt approach shall report it through the designated integrity channel without unreasonable delay.

PART VI — BETTING-RELATED SPORTING INTEGRITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-120; related commercial transition under STA / ART-63

RULE-45 — Separation from Commercial Betting Transition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120; related commercial transition under STA / ART-63

45.1 Commercial transition rules concerning betting-sector sponsorship shall be governed by

REG-11.

45.2 Those commercial transitional arrangements shall not create a right to manipulate football.

RULE-46 — No Betting on a Matter One Can Influence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120; related commercial transition under STA / ART-63

46.1 A person shall not place or direct a bet on a football matter where that person can materially influence the relevant sporting outcome through an official football role.

RULE-47 — No Proxy Betting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120; related commercial transition under STA / ART-63

47.1 A person shall not circumvent RULE-46 through:

a. another individual;

b. an associate;

c. an undisclosed account; or

d. another proxy arrangement.

RULE-48 — Inside Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120; related commercial transition under STA / ART-63

48.1 Inside Information shall not be disclosed for improper betting or manipulation purposes.

RULE-49 — No Sale of Inside Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120; related commercial transition under STA / ART-63

49.1 A person shall not sell or exchange Inside Information for a corrupt benefit.

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RULE-50 — Ordinary Public Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120; related commercial transition under STA / ART-63

50.1 Information lawfully available to the general public shall not become Inside Information merely because a football participant also knows it.

RULE-51 — Integrity Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120; related commercial transition under STA / ART-63

51.1 WUFO and the competent bodies shall provide appropriate education concerning:

a. corrupt approaches;

b. betting risks;

c. Inside Information;

d. reporting obligations; and

e. manipulation methods.

PART VII — CORRUPTION, BRIBERY AND IMPROPER BENEFITS

RULE-52 — Bribery Prohibited

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

52.1 Bribery connected with football is prohibited.

RULE-53 — Sporting Bribe

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

53.1 A person shall not offer or receive value to influence:

a. a result;

b. player selection;

c. referee action;

d. competition administration;

e. disciplinary action;

f. draw administration; or

g. qualification.

RULE-54 — Administrative Bribe

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

54.1 A person shall not offer or receive an improper benefit to alter a WUFO administrative decision.

RULE-55 — Gifts and Hospitality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

55.1 Ordinary lawful hospitality does not automatically constitute bribery.

55.2 Hospitality becomes improper where its nature, value, timing or purpose reasonably indicates an attempt to influence an official decision.

RULE-56 — Secret Commission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

56.1 An undisclosed commission intended to corrupt an official football decision is prohibited.

RULE-57 — No Commercial Defence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

57.1 Conduct shall not become lawful merely because it is described as:

a. marketing;

b. consulting;

c. sponsorship;

d. facilitation;

e. representation; or

f. hospitality.

PART VIII — RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-117–118

RULE-58 — Racism Prohibited

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

58.1 Racism is prohibited throughout WUFO football.

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RULE-59 — Discrimination Prohibited

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

59.1 Discriminatory abuse or exclusion contrary to WUFO law is prohibited.

RULE-60 — Protected Personal Characteristics

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

60.1 Prohibited discriminatory conduct may concern characteristics including:

a. race;

b. colour;

c. ethnic origin;

d. national origin;

e. religion;

f. sex;

g. disability;

h. sexual orientation; or

i. another protected personal characteristic recognised by applicable law or WUFO rules.

RULE-61 — Lawful Sporting Distinctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

61.1 RULE-60 shall not invalidate lawful sporting distinctions expressly established by WUFO law, including:

a. Men’s and Women’s governance branches;

b. age categories;

c. nationality or Representative-Team eligibility requirements;

d. sporting classification; or

e. another legitimate competition criterion.

RULE-62 — Racist Language

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

62.1 Racist slurs or abuse directed at a participant, official or supporter constitute prohibited conduct.

RULE-63 — Racist Gestures and Symbols

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

63.1 Racist gestures, banners, symbols or displays are prohibited.

RULE-64 — Organised Racist Chanting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

64.1 Organised racist chanting or coordinated discriminatory conduct is prohibited.

RULE-65 — Online Conduct Connected to Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

65.1 Serious online racist or discriminatory conduct may fall within WUFO jurisdiction where it is materially connected to a person’s football role or a WUFO competition.

RULE-66 — No Competitive Provocation Defence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

66.1 Sporting rivalry or provocation shall not excuse racist abuse.

RULE-67 — No Cultural Custom Defence for Serious Racist Abuse

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

67.1 A claim that serious racist abuse is customary shall not by itself excuse the conduct.

PART IX — MATCH RESPONSE TO RACIST OR DISCRIMINATORY CONDUCT

RULE-68 — Immediate Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

68.1 Match officials may take reasonable action where serious racist or discriminatory conduct occurs during a match.

RULE-69 — Possible Match Measures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

69.1 Appropriate measures may include:

a. reporting the conduct;

b. stadium announcement;

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c. warning;

d. temporary interruption;

e. suspension;

f. removal of responsible persons where safely possible; or

g. abandonment where continuation is no longer reasonable.

RULE-70 — Proportional Response

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

70.1 Match response shall consider:

a. seriousness;

b. persistence;

c. scale;

d. safety;

e. ability to identify perpetrators; and

f. effectiveness of corrective measures.

RULE-71 — No Automatic Reward for Provoking Abandonment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

71.1 A person or supporter group shall not obtain a sporting advantage merely by deliberately creating prohibited conduct intended to force abandonment.

RULE-72 — Post-Match Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

72.1 Matchday measures shall not prevent later disciplinary proceedings.

RULE-73 — Referee Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

73.1 A referee acting in good faith to address serious racist conduct shall not be disciplined merely because the intervention is commercially inconvenient.

PART X — VIOLENCE, THREATS AND INTIMIDATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-117–118

RULE-74 — Violence Prohibited

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

74.1 Unlawful or serious football-related violence is prohibited.

RULE-75 — Threats

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

75.1 Serious threats against:

a. players;

b. referees;

c. officials;

d. supporters;

e. journalists;

f. integrity personnel; or

g. witnesses

may constitute misconduct.

RULE-76 — Intimidation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

76.1 A person shall not use intimidation to improperly influence:

a. a match;

b. referee;

c. witness;

d. disciplinary decision;

e. election;

f. mandate; or

g. official action.

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RULE-77 — Referee Intimidation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

77.1 Threatening or coercing a referee is a serious integrity matter.

RULE-78 — Witness Intimidation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

78.1 Threatening a person because that person supplied integrity or disciplinary information is prohibited.

RULE-79 — Organised Violence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–118

79.1 Organising, directing or financing football-related violence may constitute serious misconduct.

PART XI — HARASSMENT AND ABUSIVE CONDUCT

RULE-80 — Harassment Prohibited

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

80.1 Serious harassment connected with a football role is prohibited.

RULE-81 — Abuse of Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

81.1 An official shall not use football authority to:

a. threaten;

b. exploit;

c. sexually harass;

d. coerce; or

e. retaliate against

another person.

RULE-82 — Repeated Abusive Conduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

82.1 Repeated degrading or threatening conduct may constitute misconduct even where no physical violence occurs.

RULE-83 — Legitimate Sporting Criticism

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

83.1 Strong but lawful sporting criticism shall not automatically constitute harassment.

RULE-84 — Safeguarding Interface

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

84.1 Conduct involving minors or vulnerable participants shall also be subject to applicable safeguarding rules.

PART XII — PLAYER AND TEAM CONDUCT

RULE-85 — Respect for Match Officials

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

85.1 Players and team personnel shall respect the lawful authority of match officials.

RULE-86 — Dissent Distinguished from Threat

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

86.1 Ordinary dissent may be addressed under the Laws and competition rules.

86.2 Threatening, assaulting or corruptly influencing an official is a more serious matter.

RULE-87 — Bench and Technical Area

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

87.1 Technical-area personnel remain subject to WUFO conduct rules.

RULE-88 — Mass Confrontation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

88.1 Organised or uncontrolled mass confrontation may result in disciplinary responsibility.

RULE-89 — Violent Entry onto Field

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

89.1 An unauthorised violent entry onto the field by team personnel is prohibited.

RULE-90 — Sporting Emotion Is Not Unlimited Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

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90.1 Competitive emotion may be considered as context.

90.2 It shall not excuse serious violence, racism, threats or corruption.

PART XIII — OFFICIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND GOVERNANCE CONDUCT

RULE-91 — Duty of Institutional Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

91.1 WUFO and Member officials shall exercise football authority for legitimate institutional purposes.

RULE-92 — No Retaliatory Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

92.1 Administrative powers shall not be used to punish a lawful critic merely for criticism.

RULE-93 — No Secret Sporting Order

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

93.1 An official shall not secretly order:

a. a coach to select a player;

b. a referee to favour a team;

c. a disciplinary body to reach a predetermined result; or

d. a competition official to manipulate a draw.

RULE-94 — Abuse of Confidential Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

94.1 An official shall not improperly use confidential information for personal or related-party advantage.

RULE-95 — Record Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

95.1 Official competition, financial and disciplinary records shall not be knowingly falsified.

RULE-96 — Institutional Misrepresentation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

96.1 A person shall not knowingly fabricate an official WUFO decision, mandate or approval.

PART XIV — SUPPORTER CONDUCT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-114–118

RULE-97 — Supporters Are Part of Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–118

97.1 Supporters are legitimate participants in football culture and shall not be treated collectively as offenders merely because misconduct occurs.

RULE-98 — Prohibited Supporter Conduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–118

98.1 Prohibited supporter conduct may include:

a. serious violence;

b. racist or discriminatory abuse;

c. dangerous objects;

d. unlawful pitch invasion;

e. targeted threats;

f. prohibited pyrotechnic misuse;

g. destruction of property;

h. deliberate obstruction of match safety; or

i. other serious conduct.

RULE-99 — Identification Preferred

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–118

99.1 Where reasonably possible, disciplinary and security action should identify and target responsible persons or groups.

RULE-100 — No Automatic Collective Guilt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–118

100.1 A supporter population shall not be treated as collectively guilty merely because some individuals committed misconduct.

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RULE-101 — Member Prevention Duty

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–118

101.1 A Home Member shall take reasonable measures within its authority to prevent and respond to serious supporter misconduct.

RULE-102 — Visiting Member Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–118

102.1 A Visiting Member shall reasonably cooperate concerning the conduct of its organised supporter allocation and known official supporter arrangements.

RULE-103 — Stadium Operator Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-114–118

103.1 Stadium operators and security authorities shall cooperate within their lawful functions.

PART XV — MEMBER ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-117–125

RULE-104 — Institutional Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

104.1 A Member Association may be responsible where misconduct is attributable to:

a. its officials;

b. its team personnel;

c. its authorised representatives;

d. its organisational failure; or

e. another matter within its reasonable control.

RULE-105 — Reasonable Prevention and Response

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

105.1 Institutional responsibility shall consider whether the Member:

a. knew or should reasonably have known of a material risk;

b. had reasonable ability to act;

c. took preventive measures;

d. responded appropriately;

e. cooperated with investigation; and

f. took corrective action.

RULE-106 — No Absolute Moral Attribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

106.1 Misconduct by one individual shall not automatically mean that every official, player and supporter of a Member shares that misconduct.

RULE-107 — Organised Institutional Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

107.1 Where misconduct is directed, tolerated or concealed by institutional leadership, stronger institutional sanctions may be justified.

RULE-108 — Repeat Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

108.1 Repeated failure to address known misconduct may aggravate institutional responsibility.

PART XVI — PROPORTIONALITY AND COLLECTIVE SANCTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-121–125

RULE-109 — Proportionality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

109.1 Every disciplinary sanction shall be proportionate to:

a. seriousness;

b. culpability;

c. harm;

d. intent;

e. repetition;

f. cooperation;

g. corrective action; and

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h. relevant aggravating or mitigating circumstances.

RULE-110 — Target Responsible Actors Where Possible

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

110.1 WUFO disciplinary policy shall seek to target persons and institutions actually responsible for misconduct where reasonably possible.

RULE-111 — Collective Sanctions Are Not the First Reflex

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

111.1 Broad collective sanctions should not be imposed merely because individual identification is administratively inconvenient.

RULE-112 — Collective Measure May Sometimes Be Necessary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

112.1 A collective sporting or stadium measure may be justified where:

a. misconduct is widespread;

b. institutional responsibility is established;

c. individual enforcement cannot reasonably protect safety or integrity;

d. repeated failures demonstrate ineffective control; or

e. another proportionate collective response is necessary.

RULE-113 — Narrowest Effective Measure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

113.1 Where a collective sanction is necessary, the competent body should prefer the narrowest effective measure.

RULE-114 — Innocent Persons Considered

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

114.1 The foreseeable effect on innocent players and supporters shall be considered when selecting a sanction.

RULE-115 — Sporting Integrity Considered

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

115.1 A sanction shall not create unnecessary distortion of a competition where another effective measure is reasonably available.

RULE-116 — No Political Collective Punishment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

116.1 A football sanction shall not be imposed merely to punish a population for the conduct of its government.

PART XVII — GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-121–125

RULE-117 — Football Self-Governance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

117.1 Sporting football decisions shall be made by the competent football bodies under WUFO law.

RULE-118 — Prohibited Government Direction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

118.1 A government or public authority shall not improperly direct:

a. player selection;

b. coach selection;

c. match results;

d. referee decisions;

e. football elections;

f. sporting qualification;

g. disciplinary outcomes;

h. competition draws; or

i. another matter reserved to football governance.

RULE-119 — Government Appointment of Football Leadership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

119.1 Direct compulsory governmental replacement or appointment of football leadership may constitute prohibited interference where inconsistent with WUFO law.

RULE-120 — Government Ownership of Lawful Public Responsibilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

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120.1 RULE-118 does not prevent lawful public authority in matters such as:

a. criminal law;

b. taxation;

c. labour law;

d. immigration;

e. public safety;

f. child protection;

g. anti-corruption;

h. public health;

i. court orders; or

j. another legitimate field of general law.

RULE-121 — Government Shall Not Govern Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

121.1 Government shall not use ordinary public-law authority as a disguised means to control sporting football decisions.

RULE-122 — Football Shall Never Be Above the Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

122.1 Football autonomy shall not be interpreted as:

a. criminal immunity;

b. tax immunity;

c. labour-law immunity;

d. immunity from lawful safety regulation;

e. immunity from child-protection law; or

f. a right to obstruct lawful courts or investigations.

RULE-123 — Dialogue Before Institutional Escalation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

123.1 Where appropriate and safe, WUFO should seek clarification and institutional dialogue before imposing a major sanction for suspected government interference.

RULE-124 — Emergency Exception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

124.1 Immediate action may be taken where interference creates a serious and immediate threat to:

a. competition integrity;

b. safety;

c. independent governance; or

d. lawful football operations.

PART XVIII — PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND CRIMINAL LAW

RULE-125 — Cooperation with Lawful Authorities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

125.1 WUFO bodies shall cooperate with lawful public authorities where required by law or justified by serious public-interest concerns.

RULE-126 — Internal Discipline Does Not Replace Criminal Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

126.1 A WUFO disciplinary proceeding shall not substitute for a criminal investigation where criminal law applies.

RULE-127 — Criminal Investigation Does Not Automatically Replace Sporting Jurisdiction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

127.1 The existence of a criminal investigation shall not automatically prevent a separate sporting-integrity proceeding.

RULE-128 — Different Legal Purposes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

128.1 Public criminal proceedings and sporting disciplinary proceedings may address different legal interests and standards.

RULE-129 — No Concealment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

129.1 WUFO shall not knowingly conceal serious criminal conduct merely to protect football’s reputation.

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RULE-130 — Legal Disclosure Duties

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

130.1 Confidentiality under WUFO procedures remains subject to applicable law and lawful court or regulatory obligations.

RULE-131 — No Political Recognition Effect

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

131.1 Cooperation with a public authority does not by itself constitute political recognition for WUFO sporting purposes.

PART XIX — INDEPENDENCE OF THE INTEGRITY FUNCTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-120

RULE-132 — Functional Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

132.1 Integrity assessment and investigation shall be functionally independent from improper sporting, political and commercial pressure.

RULE-133 — No Competition Executive Order to Close Case

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

133.1 A competition executive shall not order an integrity matter closed merely because investigation may embarrass:

a. WUFO;

b. a Host;

c. a Historical Confederation;

d. a major Member;

e. a sponsor; or

f. a broadcaster.

RULE-134 — No Sponsor Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

134.1 Sponsors shall have no authority over integrity investigations.

RULE-135 — No Broadcaster Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

135.1 Broadcasters shall have no authority over integrity investigations.

RULE-136 — Investigative Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

136.1 A person materially conflicted in an investigation shall be recused from decisionmaking on that matter.

RULE-137 — Investigation and Adjudication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-120

137.1 Integrity investigation and disciplinary adjudication shall be organised so that the final decision is made through the competent independent disciplinary process.

PART XX — REPORTING AND WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

RULE-138 — Integrity Reporting Channel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

138.1 WUFO shall maintain a secure method for reporting serious integrity concerns.

RULE-139 — Reports May Concern

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

139.1 Reports may concern:

a. manipulation;

b. bribery;

c. racism;

d. threats;

e. retaliation;

f. government interference;

g. institutional concealment;

h. corruption; or

i. another serious integrity matter.

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RULE-140 — Good-Faith Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

140.1 A person making a good-faith report shall not be disciplined merely because the allegation is ultimately unproven.

RULE-141 — Knowingly False Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

141.1 Knowingly fabricating a serious allegation may itself constitute misconduct.

RULE-142 — Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

142.1 WUFO shall reasonably protect the confidentiality of:

a. reporting persons;

b. witnesses;

c. sensitive evidence; and

d. ongoing investigations.

RULE-143 — Confidentiality Is Not Absolute

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

143.1 Confidentiality may be limited where necessary for:

a. procedural fairness;

b. legal obligations;

c. protection of persons;

d. disciplinary proceedings; or

e. lawful public-authority cooperation.

RULE-144 — Anti-Retaliation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

144.1 Threatening, demoting, excluding, terminating or otherwise retaliating against a person because of a good-faith integrity report is prohibited.

PART XXI — INTEGRITY INVESTIGATION

RULE-145 — Preliminary Assessment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

145.1 A credible allegation may undergo preliminary integrity assessment.

RULE-146 — Investigation May Begin

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

146.1 An investigation may begin where available information reasonably justifies further inquiry.

RULE-147 — Investigative Measures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

147.1 Lawful investigative measures may include:

a. requesting documents;

b. interviewing witnesses;

c. obtaining competition records;

d. reviewing communications lawfully available;

e. reviewing financial information lawfully obtainable;

f. analysing match data;

g. obtaining video evidence;

h. consulting technical experts; and

i. cooperating with public authorities.

RULE-148 — Legality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

148.1 WUFO investigative authority shall be exercised lawfully.

RULE-149 — Privacy and Necessity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

149.1 Information requests shall be reasonably connected to the investigation and handled with appropriate confidentiality.

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RULE-150 — Cooperation Duty

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

150.1 A person subject to WUFO jurisdiction shall comply with lawful and proportionate integrity requests.

RULE-151 — Privileged Material

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

151.1 WUFO shall respect legally recognised privilege where applicable.

RULE-152 — Investigation Does Not Equal Guilt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

152.1 Opening an investigation shall not by itself constitute a finding of misconduct.

PART XXII — PROVISIONAL MEASURES

RULE-153 — Provisional Measure Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

153.1 A competent body may impose a Provisional Measure where reasonably necessary.

RULE-154 — Possible Grounds

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

154.1 Grounds may include:

a. immediate safety risk;
b. serious threat to competition integrity;
c. substantial risk of evidence interference;
d. witness intimidation;
e. ongoing corrupt conduct; or
f. another urgent protective need.

RULE-155 — Possible Provisional Measures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

155.1 A provisional measure may include:

a. temporary suspension from an official role;
b. temporary restriction on football activity;
c. temporary venue restriction;
d. temporary accreditation withdrawal; or
e. another proportionate protective action.

RULE-156 — Not a Final Sanction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

156.1 A provisional measure shall not be represented as a final finding of guilt.

RULE-157 — Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

157.1 A provisional measure shall remain subject to reasonable review.

RULE-158 — Duration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

158.1 A provisional measure shall not continue longer than reasonably necessary without review or procedural progress.

PART XXIII — COMMENCEMENT OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

RULE-159 — Formal Charge

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

159.1 Where disciplinary proceedings are brought, the respondent shall receive notice of the alleged violation.

RULE-160 — Notice Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

160.1 Notice should identify:

a. alleged conduct;
b. applicable rule;
c. material factual basis;
d. possible disciplinary consequences; and
e. procedural rights.

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RULE-161 — Reasonable Opportunity to Respond

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

161.1 A respondent shall receive a reasonable opportunity to answer the allegations.

RULE-162 — Evidence Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

162.1 Relevant non-privileged evidence relied upon against the respondent shall be disclosed sufficiently to permit a meaningful defence, subject to lawful witness and safety protections.

RULE-163 — Representation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

163.1 A respondent may be represented by legal counsel or another authorised representative under the applicable Procedure.

RULE-164 — Hearing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

164.1 A materially contested serious disciplinary case shall permit a fair opportunity to be heard.

PART XXIV — PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS

RULE-165 — Independent Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

165.1 A person shall not adjudicate a case where that person has a material conflict.

RULE-166 — No Predetermined Result

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

166.1 A disciplinary result shall not be decided before the evidence and defence are considered.

RULE-167 — Equality of Treatment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

167.1 Similar cases should receive reasonably consistent treatment while allowing relevant factual differences.

RULE-168 — Relevant Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

168.1 A disciplinary body may consider reliable evidence relevant to the alleged misconduct.

RULE-169 — Weight of Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

169.1 Evidence shall be assessed according to:

a. reliability;

b. authenticity;

c. context;

d. corroboration; and

e. the seriousness of the allegation.

RULE-170 — Burden

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

170.1 The party bringing a disciplinary charge bears the responsibility of establishing the violation under the applicable WUFO disciplinary standard.

RULE-171 — No Automatic Guilt from Silence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

171.1 A person shall not automatically be declared guilty merely for exercising a lawful right not to provide legally privileged or self-incriminating material.

171.2 This Rule does not eliminate a separate contractual or regulatory duty to cooperate where lawful.

PART XXV — DECISIONS

RULE-172 — Written Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

172.1 A final material disciplinary decision shall be recorded in writing.

RULE-173 — Reasons

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

173.1 The decision shall state sufficient reasons to explain:

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a. findings;
b. applicable rules;
c. material evidence;
d. sanction; and
e. proportionality.

RULE-174 — Acquittal or Dismissal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

174.1 Where a charge is not established, the matter shall be dismissed as to that charge.

RULE-175 — Partial Findings

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

175.1 A respondent may be found responsible for some alleged violations and not others.

RULE-176 — Correction of Clerical Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

176.1 An obvious clerical error may be corrected without reopening the merits.

PART XXVI — SANCTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-117–125

RULE-177 — Available Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

177.1 Depending on jurisdiction and seriousness, sanctions may include:
a. warning;
b. reprimand;
c. education or corrective programme;
d. fine;
e. suspension;
f. temporary or permanent removal from a specific football function where lawfully authorised;
g. accreditation restriction;
h. stadium-sector closure;
i. partial stadium closure;
j. match without specified supporter sectors;
k. full closed-door match where proportionate;
l. venue restriction;
m. neutral-venue requirement;
n. forfeiture;
o. points deduction;
p. competition exclusion;
q. disqualification;
r. loss of sporting benefit obtained through misconduct;
s. restitution where lawfully appropriate; or
t. another sanction authorised by WUFO law.

RULE-178 — Sanction Must Match Jurisdiction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

178.1 A disciplinary body shall impose only sanctions within its lawful authority.

RULE-179 — Individual Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

179.1 Individual misconduct should ordinarily produce individual sanctions where that adequately protects football.

RULE-180 — Institutional Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

180.1 Institutional sanctions may be imposed where institutional responsibility is established.

RULE-181 — Sporting Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

181.1 A sporting sanction may be appropriate where misconduct directly compromised competition integrity.

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RULE-182 — Financial Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

182.1 A fine shall be proportionate and shall not be used primarily as a revenue-generating tool.

RULE-183 — Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

183.1 Education may accompany another sanction where corrective value exists.

PART XXVII — AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING FACTORS

RULE-184 — Aggravating Factors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

184.1 Aggravating factors may include:

a. planning;
b. leadership role;
c. repeated misconduct;
d. targeting a vulnerable person;
e. concealment;
f. retaliation;
g. corruption;
h. significant sporting harm;
i. financial gain;
j. institutional abuse of authority; or
k. failure to comply with a previous sanction.

RULE-185 — Mitigating Factors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

185.1 Mitigating factors may include:

a. prompt admission;
b. genuine cooperation;
c. voluntary corrective action;
d. prevention of further harm;
e. limited role;
f. absence of prior misconduct; or
g. another relevant circumstance.

RULE-186 — Wealth Is Not Mitigation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

186.1 Commercial importance or financial contribution to football shall not constitute mitigation.

RULE-187 — Fame Is Not Mitigation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

187.1 Fame shall not reduce a sanction.

RULE-188 — Poverty Is Not Automatic Aggravation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

188.1 A Member’s financial poverty shall not itself aggravate disciplinary responsibility.

PART XXVIII — SANCTIONS FOR RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

RULE-189 — Serious Treatment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

189.1 Racist and serious discriminatory conduct shall be treated as material disciplinary misconduct.

RULE-190 — Individual Perpetrator

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

190.1 Where an individual perpetrator can reasonably be identified, individual accountability shall be pursued.

RULE-191 — Institutional Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

191.1 A Member or club may also be sanctioned where its own acts, failures, tolerance or repeated inaction justify institutional responsibility.

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RULE-192 — Supporter Sector Measures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

192.1 Where misconduct is concentrated in an identifiable supporter sector, a targeted sector measure should be considered before broader stadium punishment where effective.

RULE-193 — Repeated Widespread Conduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

193.1 Repeated or widespread racist conduct combined with inadequate institutional response may justify stronger stadium or sporting sanctions.

RULE-194 — No Token Fine Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

194.1 A nominal fine shall not be treated as automatically sufficient for serious racist misconduct.

PART XXIX — SANCTIONS FOR MATCH MANIPULATION

RULE-195 — Serious Integrity Offence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

195.1 Proven Match Manipulation is a serious integrity offence.

RULE-196 — Sporting Consequence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

196.1 Where manipulation materially affected a sporting outcome, the competent body may impose an appropriate sporting remedy or sanction.

RULE-197 — Personal Sanction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

197.1 A player, referee, official or other person personally participating in manipulation may be suspended or otherwise sanctioned within jurisdiction.

RULE-198 — Institutional Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

198.1 Where a Member or club institutionally directed or knowingly organised Match Manipulation, significant institutional sanctions may be imposed.

RULE-199 — Financial Benefit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

199.1 Financial gain from manipulation may aggravate sanction.

RULE-200 — Attempt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

200.1 An unsuccessful manipulation attempt may still result in serious sanction.

PART XXX — SANCTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE

RULE-201 — Proportional Response

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

201.1 WUFO response to government interference shall be proportionate to:

a. nature of interference;

b. seriousness;

c. duration;

d. effect on sporting autonomy;

e. willingness to correct the interference; and

f. impact on innocent football participants.

RULE-202 — Corrective Opportunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

202.1 Where circumstances permit, WUFO may require correction before imposing the most severe institutional sanction.

RULE-203 — Targeting Responsible Actors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

203.1 Where the interference can be addressed without broadly punishing players or supporters, the narrower effective response should be preferred.

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RULE-204 — Suspension as Serious Measure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

204.1 Suspension of a Member Association shall be treated as a serious institutional measure and shall require lawful authority under the Statutes.

RULE-205 — Public-Law Compliance Is Not Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

205.1 A Member shall not claim prohibited government interference merely because it is required to obey generally applicable lawful:

a. criminal law;

b. tax law;

c. employment law;

d. safety law;

e. anti-corruption law; or

f. court order.

PART XXXI — COMPETITION CONSEQUENCES

RULE-206 — Integrity of Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

206.1 Where misconduct affects an ongoing competition, any sporting remedy shall seek to restore competition integrity as fairly as possible.

RULE-207 — Forfeit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

207.1 A forfeit may be imposed where authorised by applicable competition or disciplinary rules.

RULE-208 — Points Deduction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

208.1 A points deduction may be used where proportionate and lawfully authorised.

RULE-209 — Disqualification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

209.1 Disqualification may be imposed where continued participation would materially undermine competition integrity.

RULE-210 — No Arbitrary Sporting Benefit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

210.1 A disciplinary remedy shall not be designed to confer an unrelated commercial benefit on another team.

RULE-211 — Finality of Completed Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

211.1 The importance of finality in completed competitions shall be considered alongside the seriousness of proven integrity violations.

PART XXXII — APPEALS

RULE-212 — Right of Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

212.1 A final disciplinary decision materially affecting a person or Member shall be subject to appeal where provided by WUFO law.

RULE-213 — Appeal Body

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

213.1 Appeals shall be heard by the competent independent appeal authority.

RULE-214 — Grounds

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

214.1 An appeal may address:

a. legal error;

b. procedural unfairness;

c. material factual error;

d. disproportionate sanction; or

e. another authorised ground.

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RULE-215 — No Political Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

215.1 Political influence shall not determine an appeal.

RULE-216 — No Sponsor Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

216.1 A sponsor or broadcaster shall not possess a disciplinary appeal right merely because a decision affects commercial value.

RULE-217 — Effect of Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

217.1 Filing an appeal shall have the effect established by the applicable Disciplinary Procedure.

PART XXXIII — PUBLICATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

RULE-218 — Public Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

218.1 Material final disciplinary decisions should be published sufficiently to promote:

a. accountability;

b. consistency;

c. education; and

d. confidence in the process.

RULE-219 — Personal Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

219.1 Publication shall reasonably protect sensitive personal information where disclosure is unnecessary.

RULE-220 — Minors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

220.1 Additional privacy protection shall apply where minors are involved.

RULE-221 — Ongoing Investigation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

221.1 WUFO is not required to publicly disclose every detail of an ongoing investigation.

RULE-222 — No Secret Final Discipline for Institutional Embarrassment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

222.1 A final material institutional sanction shall not be kept secret merely to avoid reputational embarrassment.

RULE-223 — Exoneration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

223.1 Where public accusations were materially associated with an official proceeding and the person is cleared, WUFO should publish the exonerating outcome where appropriate.

PART XXXIV — MEDIA, PUBLIC COMMENT AND FREEDOM TO CRITICISE

RULE-224 — Legitimate Criticism

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

224.1 Players, officials and supporters may criticise football administration within lawful limits.

RULE-225 — Criticism Is Not Automatically Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

225.1 Criticism of:

a. refereeing;

b. WUFO administration;

c. Historical Confederations;

d. Member Associations;

e. competition formats; or

f. leadership

shall not automatically constitute disciplinary misconduct.

RULE-226 — Threats and Corrupt Pressure Remain Prohibited

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

226.1 RULE-225 does not protect:

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a. threats;
b. racist abuse;
c. witness intimidation;
d. deliberate false evidence;
e. corrupt pressure; or
f. serious harassment.

RULE-227 — No Reputation Shield

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

227.1 Disciplinary rules shall not be used merely to shield football leadership from embarrassment.

PART XXXV — PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-121–125

RULE-228 — Football Is a Public-Facing Institution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

228.1 WUFO and its Members shall recognise that football has substantial social and public responsibilities.

RULE-229 — Compliance with Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

229.1 Football bodies shall conduct their activities in accordance with applicable law.

RULE-230 — No Institutional Cover-Up

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

230.1 Institutional reputation shall not justify concealing:

a. violence;
b. corruption;
c. abuse;
d. serious discrimination;
e. manipulation; or
f. criminal conduct.

RULE-231 — Public Safety

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

231.1 Competition delivery shall reasonably protect players, officials, workers and supporters.

RULE-232 — Human Dignity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

232.1 Sporting competition shall be administered consistently with basic human dignity.

RULE-233 — Football Autonomy Has Limits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

233.1 Football autonomy protects sporting self-governance.

233.2 It does not create a parallel legal sovereignty above public law.

RULE-234 — Public Power Has Limits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-121–125

234.1 Government authority under public law shall not be converted into direct control of sporting football decisions.

PART XXXVI — PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL PRESSURE

RULE-235 — Political Views

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

235.1 A lawful personal political view shall not by itself establish football misconduct.

RULE-236 — Official Political Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

236.1 A public official shall not use government power to coerce a sporting outcome.

RULE-237 — Football Official Political Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

237.1 A football official shall not invite improper government intervention merely to defeat an internal sporting opponent.

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RULE-238 — No Sporting Recognition Through Discipline

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

238.1 A disciplinary decision involving a territory or public authority shall have no politicalrecognition effect beyond WUFO’s sporting administration.

PART XXXVII — REFEREE INTEGRITY INTERFACE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

RULE-239 — REG-6 Applies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

239.1 Referee appointment, review, independence and same-match correction mechanisms shall be governed principally by REG-6.

RULE-240 — Corrupt Referee Conduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

240.1 Alleged corrupt referee conduct may also fall within REG-22.

RULE-241 — Ordinary Referee Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

241.1 A genuine referee error shall not be treated as corruption merely because it is serious or controversial.

RULE-242 — Evidence of Corruption Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

242.1 A corruption allegation shall require evidence beyond disagreement with a referee decision.

RULE-243 — No Celebrity Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-46; STA / ART-120

243.1 A famous player, coach or club shall have no special entitlement to influence referee discipline.

PART XXXVIII — ANTI-DOPING INTERFACE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119

RULE-244 — REG-23 Governs Anti-Doping

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

244.1 Anti-doping shall be governed by REG-23.

RULE-245 — Separate Integrity Conduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

245.1 Conduct connected to an anti-doping matter may independently fall within REG-22 where it involves:

a. bribery;

b. threats;

c. evidence tampering;

d. retaliation;

e. institutional concealment; or

f. another non-doping integrity offence.

RULE-246 — No Double Characterisation Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

246.1 The existence of an anti-doping proceeding shall not prevent a genuinely separate integrity charge where different conduct is involved.

PART XXXIX — COMMERCIAL AND SPONSORSHIP INTERFACE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-109–113

RULE-247 — Commercial Partner Has No Disciplinary Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

247.1 A commercial partner shall have no authority to:

a. open a disciplinary charge;

b. terminate an investigation;

c. select a sanction;

d. appoint a disciplinary decision-maker; or

e. alter a final sporting decision.

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RULE-248 — Sponsorship Transition Does Not Reduce Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

248.1 A commercial category operating during an authorised transition under REG-11 remains subject to WUFO integrity requirements.

RULE-249 — No Integrity Waiver

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

249.1 WUFO shall not sell an integrity exemption.

RULE-250 — Broadcaster Influence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-109–113

250.1 A broadcaster shall not obtain a different disciplinary outcome because of audience or scheduling concerns.

PART XL — FINANCIAL AND AUDIT INTERFACE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-126–132

RULE-251 — Financial Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132

251.1 Financial evidence relevant to corruption or manipulation shall be preserved and examined according to applicable law and WUFO procedure.

RULE-252 — Audit Referral

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132

252.1 A material audit finding indicating possible serious misconduct may be referred to the Integrity Authority.

RULE-253 — Integrity Referral Does Not Predetermine Guilt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132

253.1 An audit referral shall not itself constitute a disciplinary conviction.

RULE-254 — Recovery

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132

254.1 Where WUFO lawfully establishes that an improper payment or benefit must be returned, financial recovery may accompany disciplinary sanctions.

PART XLI — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

RULE-255 — Coordination with REG-1

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

255.1 REG-1 shall govern membership status, accession and territorial administration.

255.2 REG-22 shall govern disciplinary misconduct falling within its scope.

RULE-256 — Coordination with REG-2

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

256.1 REG-2 shall govern Congresses, Delegates, Mandates, voting and meetings.

256.2 Fraud, coercion, intimidation or corrupt interference connected with those processes may fall within REG-22.

RULE-257 — Coordination with REG-3

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

257.1 REG-3 shall govern Councils, representation, elections, vacancies and terms.

257.2 Serious corrupt interference with those processes may fall within REG-22.

RULE-258 — Coordination with REG-4

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

258.1 REG-4 shall govern the Founding Transition, Presidential Body, Secretary General and Central Administration.

258.2 Abuse of office or serious integrity violations remain subject to REG-22.

RULE-259 — Coordination with REG-6

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

259.1 REG-6 shall govern referee independence, review and referee-specific sporting processes.

RULE-260 — Coordination with REG-7

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

260.1 REG-7 shall govern player health, rest, workload and calendar protections.

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RULE-261 — Coordination with REG-8

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

261.1 REG-8 shall govern club ownership, solvency, identity, relocation and Phoenix Continuity.

261.2 Corruption or falsification connected with those matters may fall within REG-22.

RULE-262 — Coordination with REG-9

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

262.1 REG-9 shall govern agents, international transfers and transfer integrity.

262.2 Serious corrupt conduct may also fall within REG-22 where appropriate.

RULE-263 — Coordination with REG-10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

263.1 REG-10 shall govern Representative-Team player eligibility.

263.2 Fraud, bribery or evidence manipulation connected with eligibility may also fall within

REG-22.

RULE-264 — Coordination with REG-11

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

264.1 REG-11 shall govern Commercial Transition and Restricted Commercial Categories.

264.2 REG-22 shall govern corrupt or manipulative conduct irrespective of lawful transitional commercial status.

RULE-265 — Coordination with REG-12 to REG-21

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

265.1 Competition-specific sporting rules shall be governed by the applicable Competition Regulation.

265.2 REG-22 shall provide the general integrity and disciplinary framework across those competitions.

RULE-266 — Coordination with REG-23

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

266.1 REG-23 shall govern anti-doping.

RULE-267 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

267.1 REG-24 shall govern financial controls, fiduciary administration, audit and transparency.

RULE-268 — Coordination with REG-25

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

268.1 REG-25 shall govern Football Development Programmes.

268.2 Development funds shall remain subject to integrity protections.

RULE-269 — Coordination with REG-26

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

269.1 REG-26 shall govern staff, remuneration, benefits and employment controls.

269.2 Serious employee misconduct may also fall within REG-22.

RULE-270 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

270.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. document coding;

b. disciplinary decision records;

c. version control;

d. publication;

e. integrity archive; and

f. historical preservation.

PART XLII — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

RULE-271 — Lower Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

271.1 Implementation of REG-22 may use lower instruments including:

a. CODE — WUFO Disciplinary Code;

b. CODE — WUFO Integrity Code;

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c. PRO — Integrity Reporting;
d. PRO — Integrity Investigation;
e. PRO — Match Manipulation Investigation;
f. PRO — Disciplinary Proceedings;
g. PRO — Provisional Measures;
h. PRO — Disciplinary Appeals;
i. PRT — Racism and Discrimination Match Response;
j. PRT — Supporter Misconduct;
k. PRT — Government Interference Assessment;
l. FOR — Integrity Report;
m. FOR — Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure;
n. FOR — Formal Disciplinary Charge;
o. FOR — Disciplinary Decision;
p. SCH — Disciplinary Sanction Guidance;
q. SCH — Integrity Education Programme; and
r. other lawfully authorised instruments.

RULE-272 — Lower Instruments Cannot Create Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

272.1 No Code, Schedule or Procedure shall create special disciplinary immunity for:

a. famous players;
b. major Members;
c. WUFO executives;
d. sponsors;
e. broadcasters; or
f. Hosts.

RULE-273 — Lower Instruments Cannot Eliminate Due Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

273.1 Administrative convenience shall not justify eliminating basic procedural fairness.

RULE-274 — Lower Instruments Cannot Override Proportionality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

274.1 A Sanction Schedule shall remain subordinate to the proportionality principles of

REG-22.

RULE-275 — Lower Instruments Cannot Convert Football into Government Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

275.1 No lower instrument shall transfer sporting football governance to a public authority contrary to the Statutes.

RULE-276 — Lower Instruments Cannot Place Football Above Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

276.1 No lower instrument shall claim immunity from generally applicable public law.

PART XLIII — INSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS

RULE-277 — No Interference by WUFO Leadership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

277.1 WUFO leadership shall not improperly interfere in the merits of an independent integrity investigation or disciplinary adjudication.

RULE-278 — Administrative Support Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

278.1 Providing lawful:

a. budget;
b. staff;
c. technology;
d. legal administration;
e. security; or
f. logistical support

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shall not by itself constitute interference.

RULE-279 — Integrity Budget

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

279.1 WUFO shall provide reasonable resources sufficient for credible integrity administration within its financial means.

RULE-280 — No Case Suppression for Reputation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

280.1 A credible serious case shall not be suppressed merely because public disclosure may damage WUFO’s reputation.

RULE-281 — No Case Creation for Reputation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

281.1 A disciplinary case shall not be fabricated merely to create the appearance that WUFO is acting strongly.

RULE-282 — Substance Before Public Relations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

282.1 Integrity decisions shall be based on facts and law rather than public-relations strategy.

PART XLIV — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

RULE-283 — Integrity Is Universal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

283.1 Integrity obligations apply from the highest-profile competition to the smallest WUFO competition within jurisdiction.

RULE-284 — No Famous-Team Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

284.1 A commercially important Representative Team may be disciplined where responsibility is established.

RULE-285 — No Small-Team Presumption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

285.1 A smaller Member shall not be presumed more corrupt merely because it has fewer resources.

RULE-286 — No Automatic Collective Guilt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

286.1 Individual misconduct does not automatically establish guilt of an entire football population.

RULE-287 — Target the Responsible Actor

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

287.1 Where responsibility can reasonably be identified, disciplinary action should focus on the responsible actor.

RULE-288 — Institutional Responsibility Remains Real

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

288.1 Targeted discipline does not prevent institutional sanctions where institutional responsibility is established.

RULE-289 — Proportionality Remains Mandatory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

289.1 Severity shall respond to culpability and harm, not publicity.

RULE-290 — Racism Is Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

290.1 Racism and serious discriminatory abuse are incompatible with WUFO football.

RULE-291 — Rivalry Is Not a Racism Defence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

291.1 Rivalry does not excuse racist conduct.

RULE-292 — Match Manipulation Is Serious Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

292.1 No person has a sporting right to corrupt a result.

RULE-293 — Attempted Manipulation Is Still Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

293.1 A corrupt plan need not succeed before WUFO may act.

RULE-294 — Inside Information Is Not a Private Commodity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

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294.1 Confidential sporting information acquired through an official role shall not be sold for manipulation or improper betting.

RULE-295 — Honest Reporting Is Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

295.1 Good-faith reporting shall not create a disciplinary offence merely because the report is ultimately unproven.

RULE-296 — Retaliation Is Prohibited

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

296.1 A football institution shall not punish a person for lawfully reporting serious misconduct in good faith.

RULE-297 — Investigation Is Not Guilt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

297.1 Integrity investigation shall preserve the distinction between suspicion and proven misconduct.

RULE-298 — Serious Allegations Require Fair Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

298.1 The seriousness of an allegation strengthens rather than removes the need for procedural fairness.

RULE-299 — Disciplinary Power Is Not Political Power

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

299.1 Discipline shall not be used to settle unrelated political disputes.

RULE-300 — Football Autonomy Is Sporting Autonomy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

300.1 Football shall govern football within its lawful sporting sphere.

RULE-301 — Football Is Not Above Criminal Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

301.1 Internal football rules shall not shield criminal conduct from lawful public authority.

RULE-302 — Government Is Not the Team Selector

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

302.1 Public office does not create authority to select a Representative Team.

RULE-303 — Government Is Not the Referee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

303.1 Public office does not create authority to determine a match decision.

RULE-304 — Government Is Not the Football Congress

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

304.1 Public office does not create authority to substitute itself for lawful football governance.

RULE-305 — Public Authorities Remain Public Authorities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

305.1 Football autonomy does not prohibit lawful police, courts, tax authorities, safety regulators or other public bodies from performing legitimate legal functions.

RULE-306 — Cooperation Is Not Surrender of Sporting Autonomy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

306.1 Football may cooperate with public authorities while retaining lawful sporting independence.

RULE-307 — Sponsors Support — They Do Not Discipline

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

307.1 Sponsorship shall not create disciplinary authority.

RULE-308 — Broadcasters Broadcast — They Do Not Adjudicate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

308.1 Audience value shall not determine guilt or sanction.

RULE-309 — Supporters Are Not Disposable

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

309.1 Innocent supporters shall not be broadly punished where a narrower effective response can reasonably address the responsible misconduct.

RULE-310 — Players Are Not Political Hostages

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

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310.1 A collective sporting sanction affecting innocent players shall require a genuine football justification and proportionality.

RULE-311 — Members Must Act

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

311.1 Protection against indiscriminate collective punishment does not excuse a Member from taking reasonable action against misconduct within its responsibility.

RULE-312 — Repeated Tolerance Has Consequences

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

312.1 A Member repeatedly tolerating serious known misconduct may face progressively stronger institutional discipline.

RULE-313 — No Purchased Discipline

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

313.1 Wealth shall not buy a lighter disciplinary outcome.

RULE-314 — No Purchased Innocence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

314.1 A financial settlement shall not erase a proven sporting integrity violation unless WUFO law expressly permits the relevant resolution.

RULE-315 — No Purchased Silence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

315.1 WUFO shall not accept a commercial payment in exchange for suppressing a serious integrity case.

RULE-316 — Written Reasons Matter

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

316.1 Material final decisions shall be explainable.

RULE-317 — Similar Cases Should Be Treated Consistently

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

317.1 Consistency shall be pursued without mechanically ignoring relevant differences.

RULE-318 — Discipline Protects Football — It Does Not Govern by Fear

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

318.1 Disciplinary authority shall be used to protect legitimate football purposes rather than suppress lawful participation or criticism.

RULE-319 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

319.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. genuine sporting competition;

b. human dignity;

c. non-discrimination;

d. referee independence;

e. honest football governance;

f. participants and supporters;

g. independent integrity investigation;

h. procedural fairness;

i. proportional discipline;

j. individual accountability;

k. institutional responsibility where established;

l. cooperation with lawful public authority;

m. football autonomy within law; and

n. public confidence in football.

RULE-320 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-117–125

320.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

Football must be genuine.

The result belongs to the field.

No player, referee, official, Member, Host, sponsor, broadcaster or government may purchase or command a sporting result.

Match manipulation is prohibited.

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Bribery is prohibited.

Corrupt sporting influence is prohibited.

Inside information may not be sold for manipulation or improper betting.

Attempted manipulation is misconduct even when it fails.

Racism is prohibited.

Serious discriminatory abuse is prohibited.

Rivalry does not excuse racism.

Fame does not excuse racism.

Commercial importance does not excuse misconduct.

There is no celebrity immunity.

Serious violence, threats and intimidation are prohibited.

Witness intimidation is prohibited.

Retaliation against a good-faith integrity reporter is prohibited.

Good-faith reporting is protected.

Knowingly fabricated accusations may themselves constitute misconduct.

Opening an investigation does not mean guilt.

A serious accusation requires a serious and fair process.

Integrity investigation must remain independent from improper political, sporting and commercial pressure.

A sponsor cannot close an investigation.

A broadcaster cannot choose a sanction.

WUFO leadership cannot predetermine an integrity result.

Discipline shall be proportionate.

Where responsible persons can reasonably be identified, target responsible persons.

Collective punishment is not the automatic first response.

Institutional responsibility remains real where an institution directed, tolerated, concealed or repeatedly failed to address serious misconduct.

The narrowest effective collective measure should be preferred where a collective measure is genuinely necessary.

Innocent supporters matter.

Innocent players matter.

Competition integrity matters.

A powerful Member receives no immunity.

A small Member receives no presumption of guilt.

Financial poverty is not corruption.

Financial power is not innocence.

Government shall not govern football.

Football shall never be above the law.

Government does not select the team.

Government does not appoint the referee to obtain a sporting result.

Government does not determine the football election or disciplinary outcome.

But police may police.

Courts may adjudicate law.

Tax authorities may enforce tax law.

Labour law applies.

Child-protection law applies.

Public-safety law applies.

Anti-corruption law applies.

Football autonomy is sporting self-government, not sovereign immunity.

Internal football discipline does not erase criminal law.

Criminal law does not automatically erase legitimate sporting jurisdiction.

Football shall cooperate with lawful public authorities without surrendering sporting independence.

No institution may conceal serious criminal conduct merely to protect football’s reputation.

No disciplinary case may be fabricated merely to protect football’s reputation.

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Facts and law come before public relations.

Supporters may criticise football.

Players may criticise football.

Officials may criticise football.

Lawful criticism is not automatically misconduct.

Threats, racism, corruption and intimidation remain misconduct.

Referee error is not automatically corruption.

Corruption requires evidence.

Anti-doping remains independently governed by REG-23.

Commercial transition does not create integrity immunity.

A disciplinary fine is not a revenue product.

A sporting sanction is not a political weapon.

Integrity rules apply from the largest stadium to the smallest WUFO competition.

Football governs football.

Law governs what law must govern.

Neither side may improperly replace the other.

REG-22 — INTEGRITY, DISCIPLINE, RACISM, CONDUCT, MATCH MANIPULATION & PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY REGULATIONS

REG-23 — ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-13; STA / ART-21; STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46; STA / ART-48; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-117–120; STA / ART-126–132

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.1–119.12

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO anti-doping framework.

1.2 It governs:

a. application of the World Anti-Doping Code;

b. applicable International Standards;

c. anti-doping independence;

d. prohibited substances and methods;

e. testing;

f. in-competition testing;

g. out-of-competition testing;

h. Registered Testing Pools where applicable;

i. whereabouts obligations where applicable;

j. sample collection;

k. sample security;

l. chain of custody;

m. laboratory analysis;

n. Therapeutic Use Exemptions;

o. results management;

p. provisional measures;

q. anti-doping investigations;

r. hearings;

s. sanctions;

t. appeals;

u. recognition of anti-doping decisions;

v. confidentiality;

w. player medical rights;

x. education;

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y. anti-doping intelligence;

z. data protection;

aa. cooperation with legitimate anti-doping authorities;

bb. protected-person safeguards;

cc. competition consequences;

dd. anti-doping records; and

ee. public accountability.

RULE-2 — Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.12

2.1 The governing principle shall be:

Anti-doping protects clean competition and must remain independent from football politics.

RULE-3 — WADA-Based System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.1

3.1 WUFO shall maintain an anti-doping system based on:

a. the World Anti-Doping Code;

b. the WADA Prohibited List; and

c. applicable WADA International Standards.

3.2 WUFO shall maintain its anti-doping rules in conformity with the applicable international anti-doping framework.

RULE-4 — No Separate WUFO Doping Philosophy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

4.1 WUFO shall not create an arbitrary anti-doping system fundamentally inconsistent with internationally recognised anti-doping standards.

4.2 WUFO-specific procedures may regulate implementation where consistent with:

a. the Statutes;

b. this Regulation;

c. the World Anti-Doping Code; and

d. applicable law.

RULE-5 — Supremacy of the Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

5.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted consistently with the WUFOrticles of Incorporation and Statutes.

5.2 No lower instrument shall:

a. give competition officials political control over anti-doping;

b. allow a sponsor to stop a test;

c. allow a broadcaster to suppress a result;

d. eliminate due process;

e. eliminate independent appeal;

f. manipulate laboratory analysis;

g. publish confidential medical information for entertainment or political purposes; or

h. create sanctions inconsistent with the applicable anti-doping framework.

PART II — SCOPE OF APPLICATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.4–119.5

RULE-6 — WUFO Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

6.1 Anti-doping rules shall apply to WUFO competitions within their proper scope.

RULE-7 — Men’s Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

7.1 Anti-doping rules shall apply to relevant Men’s Football competitions.

RULE-8 — Women’s Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

8.1 Anti-doping rules shall apply to relevant Women’s Football competitions.

8.2 Women’s Football shall not receive a weaker anti-doping standard merely because a competition generates less commercial revenue.

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RULE-9 — Youth Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

9.1 Anti-doping rules may apply to WUFO Youth Competitions within their proper scope.

9.2 Youth administration shall include appropriate safeguards for minors and Protected Persons.

RULE-10 — Futsal and Beach Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

10.1 Anti-doping rules shall apply to Futsal and Beach Football competitions where required by the applicable anti-doping framework.

RULE-11 — WUFO Championship Cup

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

11.1 Every applicable WUFO WUFO Championship Cup competition shall operate under the WUFO anti-doping framework.

RULE-12 — World League

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

12.1 The World League shall operate under the WUFO anti-doping framework throughout all operating Divisions.

12.2 Division 30 shall not receive weaker anti-doping protection than Division 1 merely because of sporting or commercial level.

RULE-13 — Champion of Champions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

13.1 The Champion of Champions shall be subject to this Regulation.

RULE-14 — Historical Confederation Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

14.1 Historical Confederation competitions shall remain subject to applicable worldwide anti-doping obligations.

14.2 Regional autonomy shall not permit disregard of binding WUFO-wide or international anti-doping standards.

PART III — INDEPENDENCE OF THE ANTI-DOPING FUNCTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.2–119.3

RULE-15 — Independent Anti-Doping Function

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

15.1 WUFO shall maintain an operationally independent anti-doping function.

15.2 Anti-doping decisions shall not be subordinated to ordinary competition politics.

RULE-16 — No Founder President Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

16.1 The Founder President shall not improperly interfere with:

a. test selection;

b. sample collection;

c. laboratory analysis;

d. TUE decisions;

e. results management;

f. investigations;

g. hearings; or

h. sanctions.

RULE-17 — No Presidential Body Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

17.1 The post-foundational Presidential Body shall not direct the result of an individual antidoping case.

RULE-18 — No Historical Confederation President Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.3

18.1 A Historical Confederation President shall not improperly interfere with an anti-doping matter involving a Member of that Union.

RULE-19 — No Member Association Officer Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

19.1 A Member Association President, Secretary General, coach or officer shall not improperly interfere with an anti-doping process.

RULE-20 — No Competition Organiser Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

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20.1 A competition organiser shall not suppress, delay or manipulate an anti-doping action because of:

a. the importance of the match;

b. the identity of the player;

c. ticket sales;

d. television value; or

e. sporting consequences.

RULE-21 — No Sponsor Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

21.1 A sponsor shall have no authority over:

a. who is tested;

b. what sample is analysed;

c. whether an Adverse Analytical Finding proceeds;

d. whether a TUE is granted;

e. what sanction applies; or

f. whether an appeal is filed.

RULE-22 — No Broadcaster Interference

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

22.1 A broadcaster shall have no anti-doping decision-making power.

RULE-23 — No Government Sporting Direction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

23.1 Legitimate public anti-doping authorities may exercise lawful anti-doping functions.

23.2 A government shall not use WUFO anti-doping processes merely to punish political opponents or manipulate football competition.

PART IV — ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

RULE-24 — Independent Anti-Doping Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

24.1 WUFO may operate its anti-doping system through:

a. an internal structurally independent Anti-Doping Authority;

b. an independent external Anti-Doping Organisation; or

c. a coordinated combination of both.

24.2 The structure chosen shall preserve the independence required by Article 119.

RULE-25 — Delegation Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

25.1 WUFO may delegate technical anti-doping functions to a qualified organisation.

RULE-26 — Delegation Does Not Eliminate Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

26.1 Delegating a function shall not permit WUFO to ignore its responsibility to maintain a Code-based anti-doping system.

RULE-27 — Qualified Personnel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

27.1 Anti-doping functions shall be performed by appropriately qualified persons.

RULE-28 — Conflict of Interest

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

28.1 A person shall not participate in an anti-doping decision where a material conflict of interest reasonably compromises independence.

RULE-29 — Functional Separation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

29.1 To the extent reasonably practicable, WUFO shall separate:

a. sample collection;

b. laboratory analysis;

c. TUE decision-making;

d. results management;

e. prosecution;

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f. first-instance adjudication; and

g. appeal.

29.2 One person should not control every stage of the same case.

PART V — WORLD ANTI-DOPING CODE AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.1; STA / ART-119.9

RULE-30 — Code-Based Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.1; STA / ART-119.9

30.1 Anti-doping terminology shall be interpreted consistently with the World Anti-Doping Code where that terminology derives from the Code.

RULE-31 — International Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

31.1 WUFO shall apply the relevant International Standards within their proper scope.

RULE-32 — Technical Evolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

32.1 WUFO shall not freeze obsolete scientific or technical anti-doping procedures in permanent Regulations.

32.2 Technical procedures shall be updated when the applicable international framework changes.

RULE-33 — Publication of Applicable Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

33.1 WUFO shall identify the anti-doping rules and standards applicable to players and competitions.

RULE-34 — No Secret Anti-Doping Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

34.1 A player shall not be subjected to an unpublished WUFO-specific substantive antidoping obligation created only after the relevant conduct occurred.

PART VI — PROHIBITED LIST

RULE-35 — WADA Prohibited List

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

35.1 WUFO shall recognise the applicable WADA Prohibited List.

RULE-36 — Effective Date

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

36.1 WUFO shall communicate the effective date of the applicable Prohibited List.

RULE-37 — No Private Sponsor List

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

37.1 A sponsor, club, Host or broadcaster shall not create its own binding WUFO prohibitedsubstance list.

RULE-38 — Changes to the Prohibited List

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

38.1 Changes shall be administered in accordance with the applicable international antidoping framework.

RULE-39 — Player Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

39.1 Players shall receive reasonable access to information concerning the Prohibited List.

PART VII — ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

RULE-40 — Code-Based Violations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

40.1 Anti-doping rule violations shall be those recognised under the applicable World Anti- Doping Code and WUFOnti-Doping Rules.

RULE-41 — Presence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

41.1 Presence of a prohibited substance, its metabolites or markers may constitute an antidoping rule violation as defined by the applicable rules.

RULE-42 — Use or Attempted Use

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

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42.1 Use or attempted use of a prohibited substance or prohibited method may constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

RULE-43 — Evasion, Refusal or Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

43.1 Evasion, refusal or failure to submit to authorised sample collection may constitute an anti-doping rule violation under the applicable Code.

RULE-44 — Whereabouts Failures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

44.1 Whereabouts failures shall constitute violations only where the player is subject to the applicable whereabouts regime and the requirements of the Code are satisfied.

RULE-45 — Tampering

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

45.1 Tampering or attempted tampering with any part of doping control may constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

RULE-46 — Possession

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

46.1 Prohibited possession may constitute an anti-doping rule violation under the applicable Code.

RULE-47 — Trafficking

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

47.1 Trafficking or attempted trafficking may constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

RULE-48 — Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

48.1 Prohibited administration or attempted administration to another player may constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

RULE-49 — Complicity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

49.1 Complicity in an anti-doping rule violation may itself constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

RULE-50 — Prohibited Association and Other Code Violations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

50.1 Prohibited association, retaliation against reporting or another violation recognised by the applicable Code shall be handled according to that Code.

PART VIII — PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY AND MEDICAL RIGHTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.6–119.8

RULE-51 — Player Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

51.1 Players shall comply with applicable anti-doping obligations.

RULE-52 — Strict-Liability Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

52.1 Where the applicable Code imposes responsibility for substances found in a player’s sample, WUFO shall apply that principle according to the Code.

52.2 Application of that principle shall not remove the player’s procedural rights.

RULE-53 — Medical Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.7(c)

53.1 Anti-doping administration shall respect legitimate medical rights.

RULE-54 — Medical Treatment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

54.1 Anti-doping rules shall not require a player to abandon medically necessary treatment where a lawful Therapeutic Use Exemption or other permitted medical pathway is available.

RULE-55 — Medical Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

55.1 Medical information shall be disclosed only to persons who legitimately require it under the applicable anti-doping process or law.

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PART IX — EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.6

RULE-56 — Duty to Inform

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

56.1 WUFO shall provide clear anti-doping information to players within the proper scope of its competitions.

RULE-57 — Education Topics

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

57.1 Education may include:

a. Prohibited List;

b. player rights and responsibilities;

c. testing procedures;

d. TUEs;

e. medication risks;

f. supplement risks;

g. whereabouts obligations where applicable;

h. consequences of anti-doping violations;

i. reporting concerns; and

j. clean-sport values.

RULE-58 — Coaches and Medical Personnel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

58.1 WUFO may provide anti-doping education to:

a. coaches;

b. doctors;

c. physiotherapists;

d. trainers;

e. team administrators; and

f. other Athlete Support Personnel.

RULE-59 — Youth Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

59.1 Youth anti-doping education shall be age appropriate.

RULE-60 — Language and Accessibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

60.1 Important anti-doping information should be communicated in a form reasonably accessible to participants.

RULE-61 — Education Does Not Replace Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

61.1 Lack of perfect awareness shall not automatically erase an anti-doping violation where the applicable Code provides otherwise.

61.2 WUFO’s education duty nevertheless remains real and enforceable institutionally.

PART X — MEDICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS

RULE-62 — Medication Awareness

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

62.1 Players should verify the anti-doping status of medications where reasonably possible.

RULE-63 — Team Medical Personnel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

63.1 Team medical personnel should consider applicable anti-doping restrictions when prescribing or administering medication.

RULE-64 — Supplement Risk

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

64.1 WUFO shall educate participants that supplements may present contamination or mislabelling risks.

RULE-65 — No Automatic WUFO Endorsement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

65.1 WUFO shall not represent a supplement as completely risk-free merely because it is commercially associated with football.

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RULE-66 — Sponsor Does Not Create Safety Presumption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

66.1 Sponsorship by a supplement or health-product company shall not establish anti-doping legality of every product sold by that company.

PART XI — THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.3(d); STA / ART-119.7(c)–(d)

RULE-67 — TUE System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

67.1 WUFO shall maintain or recognise a Code-compliant Therapeutic Use Exemption system.

RULE-68 — Applicable International Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

68.1 TUE decisions shall follow the applicable International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

RULE-69 — Independent TUE Decision-Making

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

69.1 TUE applications shall be assessed by appropriately qualified medical professionals independent from improper competition influence.

RULE-70 — No Sporting Favouritism

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

70.1 A TUE shall not be granted because:

a. a player is famous;

b. a team needs the player for a Final;

c. a broadcaster wants the player available; or

d. a sponsor requests participation.

RULE-71 — No Political Refusal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

71.1 A legitimate TUE application shall not be refused merely because of:

a. nationality;

b. Historical Confederation;

c. political dispute; or

d. Member Association status.

RULE-72 — Confidential Medical Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

72.1 TUE medical information shall receive appropriate confidentiality protection.

RULE-73 — Recognition of TUEs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

73.1 WUFO shall recognise valid TUE decisions where required under the applicable Code.

RULE-74 — Review and Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

74.1 TUE review and appeal shall follow the applicable international and WUFO anti-doping framework.

PART XII — TESTING PROGRAMME

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.4–119.5

RULE-75 — Testing Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.4–119.5

75.1 WUFO or an authorised Anti-Doping Organisation may conduct testing within its lawful authority.

RULE-76 — In-Competition Testing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.5(a)

76.1 Testing may occur during competition.

RULE-77 — Out-of-Competition Testing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.5(b)

77.1 Testing may occur outside competition where permitted by the applicable anti-doping rules.

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RULE-78 — Risk-Based Testing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

78.1 Testing plans may consider legitimate anti-doping risk factors.

RULE-79 — Target Testing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

79.1 Target testing may occur where permitted by the Code and based on legitimate antidoping information or risk.

RULE-80 — Random Testing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

80.1 Random or appropriately randomised testing may form part of the testing programme.

RULE-81 — No Political Target Testing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

81.1 A player shall not be targeted merely because:

a. the player criticised WUFO;

b. the player expressed a lawful political opinion outside competition;

c. a government dislikes the player; or

d. a sponsor seeks retaliation.

RULE-82 — No Commercial Protection from Testing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

82.1 A commercially important player shall not be excluded from a legitimate testing plan merely to protect television or sponsorship value.

PART XIII — TEST DISTRIBUTION PLANNING

RULE-83 — Testing Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

83.1 WUFO shall maintain an appropriate Test Distribution Plan.

RULE-84 — Relevant Factors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

84.1 Planning may consider:

a. competition level;

b. discipline;

c. physiological risk;

d. historical anti-doping information;

e. intelligence;

f. timing;

g. player population; and

h. other Code-recognised risk considerations.

RULE-85 — No Division-Based Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

85.1 Lower World League Division status shall not create immunity from testing.

RULE-86 — Women’s Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

86.1 Testing in Women’s Football shall be appropriate to the competition and anti-doping risk.

RULE-87 — Youth Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

87.1 Youth testing shall include safeguards appropriate to minors and Protected Persons.

PART XIV — REGISTERED TESTING POOL AND WHEREABOUTS

RULE-88 — Registered Testing Pool

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

88.1 WUFO may establish or participate in a Registered Testing Pool where appropriate under the applicable Code.

RULE-89 — Not Every Player Automatically Included

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

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89.1 Participation in WUFO football shall not by itself require every player worldwide to enter a Registered Testing Pool.

RULE-90 — Notice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

90.1 A player placed into a Registered Testing Pool shall receive the notices required by the applicable anti-doping framework.

RULE-91 — Whereabouts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

91.1 Whereabouts obligations shall apply only within the scope permitted by the applicable Code and International Standards.

RULE-92 — Privacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

92.1 Whereabouts information shall receive appropriate security and privacy protection.

RULE-93 — Removal from Pool

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

93.1 Removal or retirement procedures shall follow the applicable anti-doping rules.

PART XV — SAMPLE COLLECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.7(a)

RULE-94 — Authorised Sample Collection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

94.1 Samples shall be collected under the applicable International Standard and WUFO procedures.

RULE-95 — Qualified Sample Collection Personnel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

95.1 Sample collection shall be conducted by properly authorised personnel.

RULE-96 — Player Identification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

96.1 Reasonable identity verification may be required.

RULE-97 — Notification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

97.1 Players selected for testing shall receive the notification required by the applicable procedure.

RULE-98 — Player Rights During Collection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

98.1 Players shall receive applicable rights during the sample-collection process.

RULE-99 — Player Responsibilities During Collection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

99.1 Players shall comply with lawful sample-collection instructions.

RULE-100 — Sample Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.7(a)

100.1 Sample integrity shall be protected from collection through final authorised disposition.

PART XVI — CHAIN OF CUSTODY

RULE-101 — Chain of Custody

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

101.1 WUFO shall maintain or require a documented chain of custody for anti-doping samples.

RULE-102 — Secure Handling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

102.1 Samples shall be secured against:

a. tampering;

b. substitution;

c. unauthorised access; and

d. avoidable contamination.

RULE-103 — Documentation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

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103.1 Material sample-transfer steps shall be documented according to applicable standards.

RULE-104 — Transport

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

104.1 Samples shall be transported under conditions consistent with applicable anti-doping standards.

RULE-105 — Chain-of-Custody Concern

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

105.1 A material chain-of-custody issue shall be considered through the applicable resultsmanagement and adjudicatory process.

105.2 It shall not be decided by media speculation.

PART XVII — SAMPLE ANALYSIS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.3(b)

RULE-106 — Qualified Laboratories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

106.1 Samples shall be analysed by laboratories authorised under the applicable WADA framework.

RULE-107 — Laboratory Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

107.1 A laboratory shall not alter an analytical result because of:

a. player identity;

b. team identity;

c. Host request;

d. sponsor pressure;

e. broadcaster pressure; or

f. political pressure.

RULE-108 — Laboratory Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

108.1 Analysis shall follow applicable international laboratory standards.

RULE-109 — A and B Samples

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

109.1 A- and B-sample rights and procedures shall follow the applicable anti-doping rules and International Standards.

RULE-110 — No WUFO Political Retesting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

110.1 WUFO shall not order scientifically unjustified retesting merely to obtain a desired political or sporting result.

PART XVIII — ATHLETE BIOLOGICAL PASSPORT AND SCIENTIFIC TOOLS

RULE-111 — Biological Passport

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

111.1 WUFO may implement or participate in an Athlete Biological Passport programme where appropriate under international standards.

RULE-112 — Scientific Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

112.1 Scientific anti-doping tools shall be administered according to validated and internationally recognised procedures.

RULE-113 — No Public Diagnosis by Competition Official

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

113.1 A competition officer shall not publicly declare a player guilty of doping merely from:

a. appearance;

b. performance level;

c. rumour; or

d. personal suspicion.

PART XIX — RESULTS MANAGEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.3(c); STA / ART-119.8

RULE-114 — Independent Results Management

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

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114.1 Results management shall be conducted by the competent Anti-Doping Organisation under the applicable Code.

RULE-115 — Adverse Analytical Finding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

115.1 An Adverse Analytical Finding shall trigger the review required by applicable antidoping rules.

RULE-116 — Not Automatic Final Guilt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.8

116.1 An Adverse Analytical Finding shall not by itself eliminate the player’s right to the applicable legal and disciplinary process.

RULE-117 — Initial Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

117.1 Appropriate initial review shall determine whether matters including an applicable TUE or another recognised explanation require consideration.

RULE-118 — Notice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

118.1 A person subject to results management shall receive the notice required by the applicable anti-doping rules.

RULE-119 — Opportunity to Respond

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

119.1 The person shall receive the applicable opportunity to respond.

RULE-120 — No Competition-Office Verdict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

120.1 A competition director shall not pronounce final guilt merely to resolve a tournament scheduling problem.

PART XX — PROVISIONAL MEASURES

RULE-121 — Provisional Suspension

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

121.1 Provisional suspension may be imposed where required or permitted by the applicable Code.

RULE-122 — Code Standards Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

122.1 Mandatory and optional provisional-suspension standards shall follow the applicable anti-doping rules.

RULE-123 — Procedural Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

123.1 A provisional measure shall not eliminate procedural rights required by the Code.

RULE-124 — No Commercial Waiver

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

124.1 A provisional suspension shall not be waived merely because a major Final or commercially important match is approaching.

RULE-125 — No Political Acceleration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

125.1 A provisional suspension shall not be imposed merely to satisfy political or media pressure where the applicable anti-doping requirements are not met.

PART XXI — INVESTIGATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.3(e)

RULE-126 — Anti-Doping Investigations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

126.1 WUFO or an authorised Anti-Doping Organisation may investigate credible anti-doping information within its jurisdiction.

RULE-127 — Intelligence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

127.1 Anti-doping intelligence may be used for:

a. target testing;

b. investigation;

c. results management; and

d. cooperation with legitimate authorities.

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RULE-128 — Source Reliability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

128.1 Information shall be assessed according to its reliability.

RULE-129 — Anonymous Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

129.1 Anonymous information may justify further inquiry.

129.2 Anonymous accusation alone shall not automatically establish guilt.

RULE-130 — Cooperation with Integrity Functions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

130.1 Anti-doping and broader integrity functions may share lawfully relevant information where necessary.

130.2 The independence of anti-doping decision-making shall remain protected.

PART XXII — REPORTING AND ANTI- RETALIATION

RULE-131 — Reporting Concerns

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

131.1 Players, personnel and other persons may report credible anti-doping concerns through authorised channels.

RULE-132 — No Improper Retaliation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

132.1 WUFO personnel shall not retaliate against a person merely for making a good-faith anti-doping report.

RULE-133 — Malicious False Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

133.1 Deliberately fabricated accusations may be dealt with under applicable disciplinary rules.

133.2 A report that proves incorrect shall not automatically be deemed malicious.

RULE-134 — Confidentiality of Sources

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

134.1 Reporter identity shall be protected where appropriate and lawful.

134.2 Absolute anonymity shall not be promised where law or due process requires disclosure.

PART XXIII — HEARINGS AND DUE PROCESS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.7(d); STA / ART-119.8

RULE-135 — Right to Due Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

135.1 Anti-doping proceedings shall protect due process.

RULE-136 — Independent Hearing Body

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

136.1 A contested anti-doping charge shall be decided by an appropriately independent and impartial adjudicatory body.

RULE-137 — Notice of Allegation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

137.1 The person shall receive appropriate notice of the allegation.

RULE-138 — Opportunity to Be Heard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

138.1 The person shall receive an appropriate opportunity to present a defence under the applicable anti-doping rules.

RULE-139 — Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

139.1 Evidence shall be considered under the evidentiary rules established by the applicable Code and anti-doping procedures.

RULE-140 — Reasoned Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

140.1 A final anti-doping decision shall state sufficient reasons for the outcome.

RULE-141 — No Secret Political Instruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

141.1 An adjudicatory body shall not receive a secret political instruction concerning the desired outcome.

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PART XXIV — SANCTIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.9

RULE-142 — Internationally Recognised Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

142.1 Sanctions shall follow the applicable anti-doping rules and internationally recognised standards.

RULE-143 — No Independent WUFO Sanction Table

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

143.1 REG-23 shall not invent separate suspension periods contrary to the World Anti- Doping Code.

RULE-144 — Individual Circumstances

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

144.1 Applicable factors affecting sanction shall be considered according to the Code.

RULE-145 — No Celebrity Discount

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

145.1 A famous player shall not receive a shorter sanction because:

a. television audiences may decline;

b. a sponsor threatens to leave;

c. a club protests;

d. a Host requests leniency; or

e. the player is important to a Final.

RULE-146 — No Political Enhancement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

146.1 A sanction shall not be increased merely because a government, media campaign or political authority demands harsher treatment.

RULE-147 — Competition Consequences

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

147.1 Disqualification and competition consequences shall follow the applicable Code and competition rules.

PART XXV — TEAM-SPORT CONSEQUENCES

RULE-148 — Individual Violation and Team Result

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

148.1 An individual anti-doping violation shall not automatically produce an arbitrary collective sanction beyond that authorised by applicable anti-doping and competition rules.

RULE-149 — Team Consequences

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

149.1 Team consequences shall be imposed where the applicable Code or competition rules require them.

RULE-150 — No Commercial Exception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

150.1 A team shall not be exempted from a valid competition consequence merely because it is commercially important.

RULE-151 — No Unauthorised Collective Punishment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

151.1 Anti-doping shall not be used as a pretext to impose unrelated political collective punishment.

PART XXVI — APPEALS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.7(e)

RULE-152 — Right to Independent Appeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

152.1 A person entitled to appeal under the applicable anti-doping rules shall have access to an independent appeal process.

RULE-153 — Appeal Body

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

153.1 Appeals shall be heard by the body competent under:

a. the applicable World Anti-Doping Code;

b. WUFO judicial rules; and

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c. applicable law.

RULE-154 — Court of Arbitration for Sport

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

154.1 Where the World Anti-Doping Code provides for appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, WUFO shall respect that jurisdiction.

RULE-155 — No Executive Veto

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

155.1 The Founder President, Presidential Body, Secretary General or competition organiser shall not veto a valid anti-doping appeal.

RULE-156 — Finality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

156.1 A final anti-doping decision shall be recognised subject to the applicable appeal and review framework.

PART XXVII — RECOGNITION OF EXTERNAL ANTI-DOPING DECISIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.10

RULE-157 — Cooperation and Recognition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

157.1 WUFO shall cooperate with legitimate Anti-Doping Organisations and recognise antidoping decisions where required by the applicable Code.

RULE-158 — No Duplicate Punishment for Political Reasons

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

158.1 WUFO shall not reopen a final Code-compliant anti-doping case merely to impose additional punishment for unrelated political reasons.

RULE-159 — Recognition Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

159.1 Recognition shall be administered consistently with:

a. the Code;

b. applicable law;

c. jurisdiction; and

d. due process.

RULE-160 — National Anti-Doping Organisations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

160.1 WUFO may cooperate with National Anti-Doping Organisations.

RULE-161 — Regional Anti-Doping Organisations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

161.1 WUFO may cooperate with Regional Anti-Doping Organisations.

RULE-162 — WADA

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

162.1 WUFO shall cooperate appropriately with the World Anti-Doping Agency.

PART XXVIII — COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

RULE-163 — Legitimate Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

163.1 WUFO may cooperate with lawful public authorities where anti-doping matters involve:

a. prohibited trafficking;

b. illegal drug distribution;

c. criminal conduct;

d. public health;

e. customs;

f. border enforcement; or

g. another lawful matter.

RULE-164 — Football Is Not Above the Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

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164.1 Anti-doping independence shall not mean immunity from legitimate law enforcement.

RULE-165 — Government Is Not the Anti-Doping Tribunal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

165.1 Ordinary political authorities shall not dictate WUFO sporting anti-doping guilt merely because they possess governmental power.

RULE-166 — Lawful Evidence Sharing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

166.1 Information may be shared with competent authorities where permitted or required by:

a. the Code;

b. applicable law; and

c. legitimate investigative necessity.

PART XXIX — CONFIDENTIALITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.7(b); STA / ART-119.11

RULE-167 — Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

167.1 Anti-doping information shall remain confidential where required by the applicable rules.

RULE-168 — Need-to-Know Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

168.1 Sensitive anti-doping information shall be accessible only to persons with a legitimate function.

RULE-169 — No Locker-Room Gossip System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

169.1 Internal anti-doping information shall not be informally circulated merely because the player is famous.

RULE-170 — No Sponsor Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

170.1 A sponsor shall not receive confidential medical or results-management information merely because it funds WUFO.

RULE-171 — No Broadcaster Advance Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

171.1 A broadcaster shall not receive confidential anti-doping information before lawful disclosure merely to obtain an exclusive media story.

PART XXX — PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.11

RULE-172 — Public Disclosure Follows Applicable Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

172.1 Public disclosure of anti-doping cases shall follow the applicable Code and anti-doping rules.

RULE-173 — No Premature Public Conviction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

173.1 WUFO shall not publicly declare final guilt before completion of the applicable process where such declaration would be improper under the Code.

RULE-174 — Final Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

174.1 Final decisions may be published where required or permitted by applicable anti-doping rules.

RULE-175 — Protected Persons

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

175.1 Publication involving minors or Protected Persons shall follow the heightened protections required by the applicable anti-doping framework and law.

RULE-176 — No Political Communication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

176.1 Anti-doping disclosure shall not be manipulated to:

a. attack a government;

b. embarrass a Historical Confederation;

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c. damage an unwanted Member Association;
d. protect a politically favoured Member; or
e. influence an unrelated institutional vote.

PART XXXI — MEDIA AND COMMERCIAL PROTECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.11

RULE-177 — No Media Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

177.1 Anti-doping information shall not be selectively leaked or withheld principally to manipulate media coverage.

RULE-178 — No Commercial Suppression

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

178.1 A case shall not be suppressed because disclosure may reduce:
a. ticket revenue;
b. sponsorship value;
c. broadcast audience;
d. merchandise sales; or
e. commercial reputation.

RULE-179 — No Commercial Acceleration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

179.1 A case shall not be rushed improperly merely because immediate publicity would increase attention or revenue.

RULE-180 — No Sponsor Crisis Clause Over Anti-Doping Justice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

180.1 A sponsorship contract shall not give a sponsor authority to determine an individual anti-doping outcome.

PART XXXII — DATA PROTECTION

RULE-181 — Anti-Doping Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

181.1 Personal anti-doping data shall be processed only for legitimate anti-doping or legally authorised purposes.

RULE-182 — Applicable Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

182.1 WUFO shall comply with:
a. applicable privacy law;
b. applicable WADA data-protection standards; and
c. legitimate anti-doping requirements.

RULE-183 — Data Minimisation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

183.1 WUFO shall avoid collecting personal data unrelated to a legitimate anti-doping function.

RULE-184 — Security

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

184.1 Reasonable technical and organisational measures shall protect anti-doping information.

RULE-185 — Retention

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

185.1 Anti-doping records shall be retained according to applicable anti-doping standards and law.

RULE-186 — Unauthorised Commercial Use

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

186.1 Medical, testing or whereabouts data shall not be sold or repurposed for unrelated commercial marketing.

PART XXXIII — MINORS AND PROTECTED PERSONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-119

RULE-187 — Additional Safeguards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-119

187.1 Minors and other Protected Persons shall receive the safeguards required by the applicable Code.

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RULE-188 — Age-Appropriate Communication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-119

188.1 Anti-doping rights and duties should be explained in an age-appropriate manner.

RULE-189 — Representative or Support Person

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-119

189.1 A minor or Protected Person may receive assistance or representation as permitted under applicable anti-doping rules.

RULE-190 — Safeguarding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-119

190.1 Sample collection and anti-doping procedures involving minors shall comply with appropriate safeguarding requirements.

RULE-191 — Privacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-119

191.1 Public disclosure concerning a minor shall receive the protection required by law and the Code.

RULE-192 — No Commercial Exploitation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-119

192.1 A youth anti-doping case shall not be commercially sensationalised by WUFO.

PART XXXIV — ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL

RULE-193 — Support Personnel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

193.1 Coaches, trainers, doctors and other Athlete Support Personnel shall comply with applicable anti-doping obligations.

RULE-194 — Medical Personnel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

194.1 A doctor shall not knowingly administer a prohibited substance or method contrary to applicable anti-doping rules.

RULE-195 — Coach Pressure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

195.1 A coach shall not direct or pressure a player to violate anti-doping rules.

RULE-196 — Institutional Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

196.1 A Member Association shall cooperate with legitimate investigations involving its Athlete Support Personnel.

RULE-197 — Individual Responsibility Preserved

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

197.1 Institutional responsibility shall not eliminate the individual responsibility of a person who commits an anti-doping violation.

PART XXXV — MEMBER ASSOCIATION DUTIES

RULE-198 — Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

198.1 Member Associations shall cooperate with lawful WUFO anti-doping processes.

RULE-199 — Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

199.1 A Member Association shall provide reasonable authorised access required for legitimate testing and investigation.

RULE-200 — No Concealment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

200.1 A Member Association shall not deliberately conceal:

a. a player;

b. an anti-doping document;

c. a relevant sample-related record; or

d. material evidence

to obstruct an authorised anti-doping process.

RULE-201 — No Political Shield

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

201.1 A Member Association shall not invoke political or governmental support to protect a player from legitimate anti-doping jurisdiction.

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RULE-202 — Education Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

202.1 Member Associations shall reasonably cooperate with WUFO anti-doping education programmes.

PART XXXVI — HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION DUTIES

RULE-203 — Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

203.1 Historical Confederations shall cooperate with WUFO anti-doping administration within the proper constitutional allocation of authority.

RULE-204 — Regional Competition Testing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

204.1 Historical Confederations may maintain Code-compliant testing arrangements for their own competitions.

RULE-205 — No Regional Political Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

205.1 A Historical Confederation shall not protect one of its Member Associations from a valid anti-doping process merely to preserve Regional sporting success.

RULE-206 — Information Sharing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

206.1 Relevant anti-doping information may be shared under lawful and Code-compliant arrangements.

PART XXXVII — COMPETITION OPERATIONS

RULE-207 — Venue Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

207.1 Hosts shall provide the facilities reasonably required for anti-doping operations.

RULE-208 — Doping Control Station

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

208.1 Where required, the venue shall provide an appropriate Doping Control Station or equivalent controlled facility.

RULE-209 — Secure Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

209.1 The Doping Control Station shall have access controls appropriate to the testing process.

RULE-210 — Host Cannot Observe Confidential Procedures Without Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

210.1 Hosting a match shall not create a right to access confidential anti-doping procedures.

RULE-211 — Operational Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

211.1 Match organisers shall cooperate with authorised Doping Control Personnel.

PART XXXVIII — WUFO CHAMPIONSHIP CUP ANTI-DOPING

RULE-212 — WUFO Championship Cup Programme

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

212.1 WUFO shall maintain an appropriate anti-doping programme for WUFO Championship Cup competitions.

RULE-213 — All Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

213.1 Beginning with the permanent Seven-Category WUFO Championship Cup, anti-doping shall apply across Categories A through G within its proper scope.

RULE-214 — No Category A Privilege

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

214.1 Category A players shall not receive anti-doping immunity.

RULE-215 — No Category G Neglect

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

215.1 Category G shall not be ignored merely because its commercial value may be lower.

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RULE-216 — Host Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

216.1 A WUFO Championship Cup Host shall not control testing or results management merely because it finances local tournament infrastructure.

PART XXXIX — WORLD LEAGUE ANTI-DOPING

RULE-217 — World League Programme

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

217.1 The World League shall operate under an appropriate anti-doping programme.

RULE-218 — All Operating Divisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

218.1 The programme shall cover all operating Divisions according to a risk-based testing strategy.

RULE-219 — No Funding-Based Testing Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

219.1 A lower-funded Member shall not be considered outside anti-doping jurisdiction.

RULE-220 — Host Member Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

220.1 The Home Member shall provide reasonable matchday facilities required for authorised testing.

RULE-221 — WUFO Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

221.1 World League promotion, relegation or audiovisual value shall not control anti-doping decisions.

PART XL — WOMEN'S, YOUTH, FUTSAL AND BEACH COMPETITIONS

RULE-222 — REG-20 Interface

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

222.1 Competitions governed by REG-20 shall operate within the applicable anti-doping framework.

RULE-223 — Women's Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

223.1 Anti-doping policies shall consider legitimate sex-specific medical matters where relevant and scientifically justified.

223.2 Such medical consideration shall not create weaker integrity standards.

RULE-224 — Youth

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

224.1 Youth anti-doping administration shall combine clean-sport protection with safeguarding and age-appropriate procedure.

RULE-225 — Futsal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

225.1 Futsal shall remain subject to appropriate WUFO anti-doping jurisdiction.

RULE-226 — Beach Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

226.1 Beach Football shall remain subject to appropriate WUFO anti-doping jurisdiction.

PART XLI — CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

RULE-227 — REG-21 Interface

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

227.1 The Champion of Champions shall operate under REG-23.

RULE-228 — No Final-Match Exception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

228.1 Qualification for or participation in the Final shall not create immunity from legitimate testing.

RULE-229 — Host Sponsor Cannot Interfere

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

229.1 The premium commercial nature of the Champion of Champions shall not weaken antidoping independence.

PART XLII — ANTI-DOPING AND PLAYER HEALTH

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-119

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RULE-230 — Clean Sport and Medical Care

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-119

230.1 Anti-doping and player-health protection shall operate as complementary systems.

RULE-231 — No Dangerous Denial of Care

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-119

231.1 Anti-doping compliance shall not be administered in a manner that knowingly denies emergency medical care.

RULE-232 — Emergency Treatment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-119

232.1 Emergency treatment and any subsequent anti-doping documentation shall be handled according to applicable TUE and Code procedures.

RULE-233 — Medical Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48; STA / ART-119

233.1 A team doctor’s legitimate medical judgment shall not be overridden merely for commercial reasons.

PART XLIII — FINANCE AND BUDGETARY INDEPENDENCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-119.2; STA / ART-126–132

RULE-234 — Adequate Anti-Doping Budget

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.2; STA / ART-126–132

234.1 WUFO shall provide a reasonable budget for its anti-doping responsibilities.

RULE-235 — Funding Does Not Purchase Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.2; STA / ART-126–132

235.1 A sponsor or external funder contributing to clean-sport programmes shall not receive case-control authority.

RULE-236 — Budget Cannot Be Retaliatory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.2; STA / ART-126–132

236.1 WUFO leadership shall not reduce anti-doping resources merely to punish independent anti-doping officials for an unpopular decision.

RULE-237 — Financial Audit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.2; STA / ART-126–132

237.1 Anti-doping expenditure shall be subject to appropriate financial audit.

RULE-238 — Case Independence from Audit Function

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.2; STA / ART-126–132

238.1 Financial auditing shall not permit the financial auditor to decide whether an antidoping violation occurred.

PART XLIV — ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY

RULE-239 — Anti-Doping Annual Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

239.1 WUFO shall publish an appropriate periodic or annual anti-doping report.

RULE-240 — Aggregate Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

240.1 The report may include aggregate information concerning:

a. number of tests;

b. competition disciplines tested;

c. in-competition and out-of-competition activity;

d. education;

e. TUE administration;

f. completed anti-doping proceedings; and

g. cooperation with Anti-Doping Organisations.

RULE-241 — No Unlawful Personal Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

241.1 Public accountability shall not require publication of confidential personal medical information.

RULE-242 — Independent Function Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

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242.1 The anti-doping function may report directly to the appropriate independent oversight or governance body without requiring approval of individual case outcomes by competition management.

PART XLV — RECORDS

RULE-243 — Official Anti-Doping Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

243.1 WUFO shall preserve material anti-doping records according to applicable retention rules.

RULE-244 — Records May Include

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

244.1 Records may include:

a. testing plans;

b. testing orders;

c. sample collection documentation;

d. chain-of-custody records;

e. laboratory reports;

f. TUE decisions;

g. results-management records;

h. hearing decisions;

i. appeal decisions;

j. education records; and

k. cooperation agreements.

RULE-245 — Record Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

245.1 Anti-doping records shall be protected against unauthorised alteration or destruction.

RULE-246 — Historical Accuracy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

246.1 A final anti-doping record shall not be rewritten merely to improve WUFO’s public image.

PART XLVI — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

RULE-247 — Coordination with REG-6

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

247.1 REG-6 shall govern referee conduct and integrity.

247.2 REG-23 shall govern doping-control matters involving a person where anti-doping jurisdiction applies.

RULE-248 — Coordination with REG-7

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

248.1 REG-7 shall govern:

a. player health;

b. workload;

c. recovery;

d. travel; and

e. medical-welfare protections.

248.2 REG-23 shall govern prohibited-substance and anti-doping compliance.

RULE-249 — Coordination with REG-10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

249.1 REG-10 shall govern Representative-Team player eligibility.

249.2 An anti-doping sanction affecting eligibility to participate shall nevertheless be recognised according to REG-23 and the applicable Code.

RULE-250 — Coordination with REG-12 to REG-15

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

250.1 REG-12, REG-13, REG-14 and REG-15 shall govern the applicable WUFO Championship Cup sporting and Host systems.

250.2 REG-23 shall govern anti-doping within those competitions.

RULE-251 — Coordination with REG-18 and REG-19

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

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251.1 REG-18 shall govern World League sporting competition.

251.2 REG-19 shall govern World League match operations.

251.3 REG-23 shall govern World League anti-doping.

RULE-252 — Coordination with REG-20

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

252.1 REG-20 shall govern Women’s, Youth, Futsal and Beach World Competitions.

252.2 REG-23 shall govern their anti-doping framework within proper scope.

RULE-253 — Coordination with REG-21

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

253.1 REG-21 shall govern Regional Championships and Champion of Champions.

253.2 REG-23 shall govern anti-doping.

RULE-254 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

254.1 REG-22 shall govern general integrity, discipline, racism, conduct and match manipulation.

254.2 Anti-doping rule violations shall be governed primarily by REG-23 and the applicable international anti-doping framework.

254.3 Conduct obstructing anti-doping may also trigger REG-22 where independently applicable.

RULE-255 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

255.1 REG-24 shall govern:

a. anti-doping budgeting;

b. accounting;

c. financial audit; and

d. financial transparency.

255.2 REG-24 shall not control individual anti-doping case outcomes.

RULE-256 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

256.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. document coding;

b. version control;

c. publication;

d. official decision preservation; and

e. archival traceability.

PART XLVII — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

RULE-257 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

257.1 Implementation of REG-23 may use lower instruments including:

a. MAN — WUFOnti-Doping Operations;

b. MAN — Anti-Doping Education;

c. SCH — WUFO Test Distribution Plan;

d. PRT — In-Competition Testing;

e. PRT — Out-of-Competition Testing;

f. PRT — Sample Collection;

g. PRT — Sample Transport & Chain of Custody;

h. PRO — Registered Testing Pool & Whereabouts;

i. PRO — Therapeutic Use Exemption;

j. FOR — Therapeutic Use Exemption Application;

k. PRO — Results Management;

l. PRO — Provisional Suspension;

m. PRO — Anti-Doping Investigation;

n. PRO — Anti-Doping Hearing;

o. PRO — Anti-Doping Appeal;

p. PRO — Recognition of External Anti-Doping Decisions;

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q. PRT — Anti-Doping Data Protection;
r. FOR — Doping Control Documentation;
s. FOR — Chain of Custody Record;
t. FOR — Results Management Notice; and
u. other instruments lawfully authorised under the WUFO normative system.

RULE-258 — Lower Instruments Must Remain Code- Compliant

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

258.1 A Manual, Protocol, Procedure or Form shall not create a substantive anti-doping rule inconsistent with the applicable Code.

RULE-259 — Technical Updates

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

259.1 Technical lower instruments may be updated as international anti-doping standards evolve.

259.2 Such updates shall not require unnecessary amendment of the Statutes where the constitutional principles remain unchanged.

RULE-260 — No Hidden Lower-Level Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

260.1 A lower instrument shall not secretly create a new anti-doping sanction inconsistent with the applicable Code.

PART XLVIII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

RULE-261 — Anti-Doping Is Independent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

261.1 Football politics shall not control anti-doping results.

RULE-262 — Testing Cannot Be Bought

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

262.1 A sponsor cannot buy a test.

262.2 A sponsor cannot buy protection from a test.

RULE-263 — Results Cannot Be Bought

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

263.1 A broadcaster, Host, club, Member Association or commercial partner cannot purchase suppression or alteration of an analytical result.

RULE-264 — TUEs Are Medical Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

264.1 Therapeutic Use Exemptions shall not be political or commercial favours.

RULE-265 — A Positive Finding Is Not the Entire Legal Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.8

265.1 An analytical finding shall not erase:

a. review;
b. notification;
c. applicable B-sample rights;
d. hearing rights;
e. applicable defence rights; or
f. appeal rights.

RULE-266 — Due Process Is Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

266.1 Clean sport does not require abandonment of procedural fairness.

RULE-267 — Independent Appeal Is Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

267.1 No executive officer shall eliminate a valid anti-doping appeal.

RULE-268 — International Standards Determine Sanctions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

268.1 WUFO shall not create politically convenient sanction lengths.

RULE-269 — No Celebrity Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

269.1 Famous players are subject to the same anti-doping framework.

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RULE-270 — No Small-Member Targeting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

270.1 A small or politically weak Member shall not be targeted merely because it is easier to sanction.

RULE-271 — No Rich-Member Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

271.1 A wealthy or commercially powerful Member shall not receive protection unavailable to another Member.

RULE-272 — Sample Integrity Is Essential

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

272.1 Sample integrity shall be protected throughout doping control.

RULE-273 — Laboratory Independence Is Essential

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

273.1 Laboratory analysis shall remain scientifically independent.

RULE-274 — Medical Confidentiality Is Essential

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

274.1 Anti-doping does not convert a player’s medical file into entertainment content.

RULE-275 — Information Cannot Be Weaponised

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

275.1 Anti-doping information shall not be manipulated for:

a. political warfare;

b. commercial leverage;

c. institutional retaliation; or

d. media spectacle.

RULE-276 — Cooperation Is Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

276.1 WUFO shall cooperate with legitimate anti-doping authorities where required or appropriate.

RULE-277 — Football Is Not Above the Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

277.1 Anti-doping independence shall coexist with legitimate law enforcement and applicable law.

RULE-278 — Lower Commercial Value Does Not Mean Lower Clean-Sport Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

278.1 Women’s Football, Youth Football, Futsal, Beach Football and lower World League Divisions shall remain within the clean-sport framework.

RULE-279 — Protected Persons Receive Additional Safeguards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

279.1 Minors and Protected Persons shall receive the procedural and privacy protections required by the applicable anti-doping system.

RULE-280 — Interpretation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119

280.1 This Regulation shall be interpreted to protect:

a. clean competition;

b. player health;

c. scientific integrity;

d. independent testing;

e. independent laboratory analysis;

f. independent results management;

g. legitimate medical treatment;

h. due process;

i. independent appeal;

j. confidentiality;

k. international cooperation;

l. equal treatment; and

m. institutional independence from political and commercial interference.

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RULE-281 — Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-119.1–119.12

281.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

WUFO anti-doping is based on the World Anti-Doping Code and applicable International Standards.

WUFO does not invent a separate politically convenient doping system.

Anti-doping applies across WUFO competitions within its proper scope.

Testing may occur in competition and out of competition.

Testing can be random, targeted or risk based when the applicable rules permit it.

A player is not targeted merely because the player criticised WUFO or is politically inconvenient.

A famous player is not protected merely because the player generates revenue.

Sponsors do not choose who gets tested.

Broadcasters do not decide whether a case proceeds.

Competition organisers do not suppress findings to protect a Final.

Governments may lawfully cooperate. They do not dictate sporting anti-doping guilt for political convenience.

The Prohibited List follows the international anti-doping framework.

WUFO communicates anti-doping duties clearly.

Players remain responsible for complying with the applicable rules.

Medical necessity is addressed through legitimate medical and TUE procedures.

A TUE is a medical decision, not a sporting favour.

Samples are collected by authorised personnel.

Sample integrity is protected.

Chain of custody is documented.

Laboratory analysis follows internationally recognised standards.

Production of a laboratory result is not production of a political verdict.

An Adverse Analytical Finding triggers results management. It does not eliminate due process.

Applicable B-sample rights are respected.

The person receives notice.

The person receives the applicable opportunity to respond.

Independent adjudication is protected.

Independent appeal is protected.

Where the World Anti-Doping Code provides CAS jurisdiction, WUFO respects it.

Sanctions follow the applicable anti-doping rules and internationally recognised standards.

WUFO does not invent sanction periods to satisfy headlines or commercial interests.

No celebrity discount.

No political enhancement.

Anti-doping decisions from legitimate Code-compliant authorities are recognised where required.

WUFO cooperates with WADA, National Anti-Doping Organisations, Regional Anti- Doping Organisations and other legitimate authorities where appropriate.

Football is not above the law.

Confidential anti-doping information remains confidential where required.

Medical information is not a commercial asset.

Whereabouts data is not entertainment content.

A broadcaster does not receive confidential information merely because it paid for rights.

A sponsor does not receive medical information merely because it paid for sponsorship.

Public disclosure follows the applicable anti-doping rules.

Anti-doping information is not manipulated for political, commercial or media purposes.

Minors and Protected Persons receive additional safeguards.

Youth anti-doping combines clean sport with safeguarding.

Women’s Football receives the same fundamental clean-sport protection as Men’s Football.

Futsal and Beach Football remain within the WUFO anti-doping system where applicable.

Division 30 remains clean sport just as Division 1 does.

Category G remains clean sport just as Category A does.

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A Host provides the venue facilities required for doping control. The Host does not control the result.

WUFO finances a credible anti-doping function. Funding does not buy control over cases.

Testing protects clean players.

Due process protects everyone.

Anti-doping protects clean competition and must remain independent from football politics.

REG-23 — ANTI-DOPING REGULATIONS

REG-24 — FINANCE, 17-LINE BUDGET ARCHITECTURE, RESERVES, AUDIT & TRANSPARENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-86; STA / ART-126–135.

PART I — FOUNDING FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY MODEL

RULE-1 — Reference Scale, Not Guaranteed Revenue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

1.1 The Founding Financial Feasibility Model uses approximately US$5.750 billion as a reference central cycle revenue scale. It is a feasibility benchmark, not guaranteed WUFO revenue and not a representation of the net profit of the incumbent international football governing body.

1.2 Reference expenditures total US$5,360.65 million. The arithmetic reference cycle result is approximately US$389.35 million, or about 6.77% of the US$5.750 billion revenue benchmark. The cycle result is not an eighteenth spending line and its actual treatment is determined by the approved budget, reserves policy and audited result.

1.3 Governing flow: reference central revenue → seventeen identifiable WUFO expenditure lines → audited cycle result.

RULE-2 — Founding Reference Expenditure Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

2.1 The following amounts and percentages are Founding Reference Benchmarks. Percentages below use total reference expenditures (US$5,360.65M) as the denominator and therefore total 100%. They are not permanent nominal locks.

2.2 Displayed line amounts and percentages are rounded presentation figures. The displayed line amounts total US$5,360.64M and the displayed percentages total 100.01% solely because of presentation rounding. The controlling Founding Reference Expenditure Budget remains US$5,360.65M and 100%; the US$0.01M difference is a rounding reconciliation and creates no additional expenditure line or entitlement.

US$1,920.00M 35.82%

Expenditure line Founding reference amount % of reference expenditures 1 WUFO Development Program

US$1,250.00M 23.32%

2 National Football Development Partnerships

US$300.00M 5.60%

3 Confederation Development Fund

US$30.00M 0.56%

4 World League — Logistics US$785.45M 14.65% 5 World League — Referees and Officials

US$348.81M 6.51%

6 Club Benefit Programme US$91.38M 1.70% 7 WUFO Championship Cup A– G — Logistics

US$53.00M 0.99%

8 WUFO Championship Cup — Category A Prize Money

US$90.00M 1.68%

9 WUFO Central Administration

US$20.00M 0.37%

10 Development Fiduciary / Independent External Audit

US$10.00M 0.19%

11 Free Streaming Backstop US$10.00M 0.19% 12 Club Protection Programme US$170.00M 3.17% 13 Anti-Doping US$20.00M 0.37% 14 Central Sports Medicine US$10.00M 0.19% 15 Integrity / Match-Fixing / Investigations

16 Champion of Champions US$2.00M 0.04%

US$250.00M 4.66%

Expenditure line Founding reference amount % of reference expenditures 17 General / Contingency Reserve

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PART II — GENERAL BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING CONTROLS

RULE-3 — No Undefined Residual Pool

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

3.1 No 33% / 22% / 5% / 40% budget formula, “Forty-Percent Residual”, or generic “Other WUFO Obligations” pool shall be used as the controlling WUFO budget architecture.

3.2 Every material central expenditure shall be assigned to an approved identifiable budget line, competition budget, restricted fund or separately authorised emergency action. The same cost shall not be counted twice.

RULE-4 — Approved Budgets and Spending Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

4.1 Budgets are approved by the competent WUFO body under the Statutes. Ordinary expenditure within an approved budget is executed by the competent administration / Secretary General under authorised delegation.

4.2 Material, extraordinary or reserved decisions require the competent higher body, including the Presidential Body, Council or Congress where law requires. No officer has unlimited personal spending authority.

4.3 Emergency spending requires express emergency authority and must be documented and audited. Artificial splitting of transactions to avoid an approval threshold is prohibited.

RULE-5 — Financial Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126; STA / ART-127

5.1 For each cycle WUFO shall maintain an incorporated Financial Schedule showing for every applicable line: Founding reference amount; Founding reference percentage; approved actual budget; actual spending; variance; carry-forward if any; and audit status.

5.2 Reference percentages explain feasibility and seriousness of the founding model; actual cycle appropriations may lawfully differ where approved under WUFO law and the substantive protected programme remains funded.

RULE-6 — Central Revenue and Host Economy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-128

6.1 Money legally allocated to the Host economy is not simultaneously WUFO central revenue. Host local sponsorship, tourism, local commerce, local hospitality and other local rights are governed by the Host Agreement and relevant competition Regulations.

6.2 Costs already budgeted in the seventeen central lines shall not also be pre-deducted from central revenue a second time.

PART III — LINE-BY-LINE CONTROLS

RULE-7 — Line 1 — WUFO Development Program

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-129

7.1 Founding reference: US$1,920.00M; 35.82% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

7.2 Purpose: Football infrastructure, pitches, training centres, academies, grassroots, coaching, refereeing development, women and youth. Not political patronage.

7.3 Eligible spending includes approved capital/technical development, grassroots, training, coaching, refereeing, women/youth and related implementation. Ineligible spending includes political patronage, private enrichment, unrelated government expenditure and disguised commercial kickbacks.

7.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-8 — Line 2 — National Football Development Partnerships

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-130

8.1 Founding reference: US$1,250.00M; 23.32% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

8.2 Purpose: Structured Member programmes for technical, grassroots, coaching, youth, women, refereeing, administration and eligible infrastructure; distinct from the general Development Program.

8.3 WUFO funds measurable 20-year partnerships: a more developed Member Association commits to teach and train a smaller one under a documented agreement and plan. No Line 1 duplication or unrestricted automatic transfer.

8.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-9 — Line 3 — Confederation Development Fund

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-131

9.1 Founding reference: US$300.00M; 5.60% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

9.2 Purpose: Supports continental competitions, technical/refereeing/administrative and regional programmes of the six Historical Confederations; founding reference distribution is equal one-sixth unless lawfully amended for an approved cycle.

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9.3 Eligible spending supports the six Historical Confederations' lawful football-development functions. It may not purchase votes or finance unrelated political activity. Progressive Confederational Integration Support, if separately approved for future enlargement costs, is prospective and creates no arrears or retroactive entitlement.

9.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-10 — Line 4 — World League — Logistics

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-132

10.1 Founding reference: US$785.45M; 14.65% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

10.2 Purpose: International and exceptional team participation, official accommodation/meals and other approved centrally supported World League logistics under REG-19.

10.3 Eligible spending follows REG-19 and includes approved international/exceptional participation support. Ordinary domestic player assembly and ordinary Home Member match operation are not charged here.

10.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-11 — Line 5 — World League — Referees and Officials

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

11.1 Founding reference: US$30.00M; 0.56% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

11.2 Purpose: International referees, assistants, VAR where applicable, commissioners, assessors and central officials; separately visible from team logistics.

11.3 This line covers WUFO-appointed referees and central officials and shall not be merged into visibility into team logistics.

11.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-12 — Line 6 — Club Benefit Programme

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134

12.1 Founding reference: US$91.38M; 1.70% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

12.2 Purpose: Benefits/returns to clubs whose players participate in WUFO representative-team football; distinct from injury protection.

12.3 Club Benefit is a participation benefit and shall not be used to settle an injury-protection claim belonging to Line 12.

12.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-13 — Line 7 — WUFO Championship Cup A–G — Logistics

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135

13.1 Founding reference: US$348.81M; 6.51% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

13.2 Purpose: Central participant services, competition coordination, technology and WUFO obligations across Categories A–G; distinct from Host/LOC local obligations.

13.3 This line covers WUFO central Championship Cup obligations and does not absorb ordinary Host/LOC local responsibilities allocated under STA / ART-84 and REG-15.

13.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-14 - Line 8 - WUFO Championship Cup - Category A Prize Money

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

14.1 Founding reference: US$53.00M; 0.99% of total Founding Reference Expenditures. Category A is the only Championship Cup Category with prize money; Categories B-G receive zero prize money.

14.2 The US$53.00M Category A prize architecture is incremental by sporting advancement: 16 Round-of-16 teams receive US$2.0M each (US$32M); eight Quarterfinalists add US$0.5M each (US$4M); four Semifinalists add US$2.0M each (US$8M); two Finalists add US$2.0M each (US$4M); and the Champion adds US$5.0M, for a total of US$53M.

14.3 Cumulative amounts are: Champion US$11.5M; runner-up US$6.5M; losing Semifinalists US$4.5M each; losing Quarterfinalists US$2.5M each; Round-of-16 losers US$2.0M each; group-stage teams US$0. Participation support, transport, accommodation and other logistics are not prize money.

14.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-15 — Line 9 — WUFO Central Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

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15.1 Founding reference: US$90.00M; 1.68% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

15.2 Purpose: HQ, legal, finance, technology, documentation, governance support, institutional communications and staff within approved controls.

15.3 Administration shall remain separately visible so institutional overhead cannot be hidden inside footballdevelopment or competition lines.

15.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-16 — Line 10 — Development Fiduciary / Independent External Audit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

16.1 Founding reference: US$20.00M; 0.37% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

16.2 Purpose: Independent custody/administration and external audit of protected funds; fiduciary and auditor roles remain institutionally distinct.

16.3 Fiduciary administration and independent external audit shall remain functionally independent; the custodian of protected money shall not replace the external auditor.

16.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-17 — Line 11 — Free Streaming Backstop

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

17.1 Founding reference: US$10.00M; 0.19% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

17.2 Purpose: Last-resort funding required to satisfy Universal Free Access where a commercial/free distribution solution is insufficient; not automatic funding for every stream.

17.3 This is a backstop of last resort for STA / ART-110 / REG-17 Universal Free Access, not an entitlement to centrally subsidised streaming where an adequate free-access solution already exists.

17.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-18 — Line 12 — Club Protection Programme

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

18.1 Founding reference: US$170.00M; 3.17% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

18.2 Purpose: Compensation under covered injury protection for players injured on qualifying WUFO international duty; distinct from Club Benefit Programme.

18.3 Covered injury compensation shall follow the Club Protection rules and shall not be confused with Line 6 Club Benefit Programme.

18.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-19 — Line 13 — Anti-Doping

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

19.1 Founding reference: US$20.00M; 0.37% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

19.2 Purpose: Testing, sample collection, accredited laboratory work, investigations and education under REG-23.

19.3 Anti-doping expenditure follows REG-23 and relevant independent laboratory/collection requirements; it is separate from general sports medicine.

19.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-20 — Line 14 — Central Sports Medicine

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

20.1 Founding reference: US$10.00M; 0.19% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

20.2 Purpose: Player-welfare research, protocols, emergency preparation, injury prevention and central medical work; distinct from anti-doping.

20.3 Sports medicine covers welfare, research, emergency and injury-prevention work but not anti-doping testing properly charged to Line 13.

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20.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-21 — Line 15 — Integrity / Match-Fixing / Investigations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

21.1 Founding reference: US$10.00M; 0.19% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

21.2 Purpose: Competition manipulation, corruption/betting threats, forensic investigation and integrity response.

21.3 Integrity money is for manipulation, corruption, betting threats, forensic work and investigations; it shall not become a general public-relations fund.

21.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-22 — Line 16 — Champion of Champions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

22.1 Founding reference: US$2.00M; 0.04% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

22.2 Purpose: Reference central operating provision for the three-match event; distinct from the protected 20% event-revenue prize pool.

22.3 The US$2M reference is an operating provision and is not the 20% Champion of Champions prize pool established by REG-21.

22.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

RULE-23 — Line 17 — General / Contingency Reserve

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

23.1 Founding reference: US$250.00M; 4.66% of total Founding Reference Expenditures.

23.2 Purpose: Documented exceptional shocks including pandemic, war, evacuation, relocation, provider collapse, venue catastrophe, litigation, material currency shock or continuity emergency.

23.3 Every draw on contingency must identify the exceptional event, authorising body, amount, recipient/purpose and subsequent audit treatment. The reserve protects other programmes from being casually raided.

23.4 Expenditure shall be authorised through the approved budget or another lawful authority, coded to this line, supported by adequate records and included in independent audit. No transaction may be charged to this line and another line for the same economic cost.

PART IV — AUDIT, TRANSPARENCY AND SOLVENCY

RULE-24 — Independent Audit and Publication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

24.1 WUFO shall maintain appropriate accounting records and an independent external audit of cycle financial statements, material restricted funds and the Financial Schedule.

24.2 Principal actual-versus-budget totals for the seventeen-line architecture shall be published in a form that allows Members and the public to understand material variances without exposing legitimately protected personal or security information.

RULE-25 — Cycle Result and Carry-Forward

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

25.1 A positive audited cycle result may strengthen institutional solvency, reserves and future-cycle capacity through the lawfully approved budget. It is not private profit distributable to officers or Members as equity.

25.2 A negative variance shall be addressed through lawful budget revision, available reserves, cost controls or other approved measures without falsifying the seventeen-line accounting architecture.

RULE-26 — Related Parties and Procurement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

26.1 Material related-party transactions require disclosure, conflict control, independent review and value-formoney justification. Procurement shall not be manipulated to reward political loyalty or institutional votes.

RULE-27 — Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86

27.1 WUFO does not need a giant institutional profit to prove viability. The founding model demonstrates that a historically plausible central revenue scale can finance substantial football and institutional commitments while preserving a prudential cycle result.

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REG-25 — FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, NATIONAL FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, U6 DEVELOPMENT COHORT & ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-86–89

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-47–48; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-117;

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PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-86–89

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO framework governing:

a. WUFO football-development programmes;

b. implementation of the National Football Development Programme;

c. Member Association development planning;

d. grassroots football;

e. youth football development;

f. women’s football development;

g. the U6 Development Cohort;

h. accelerated development pathways for older players;

i. coaching development;

j. refereeing development;

k. playing-field development;

l. training infrastructure;

m. community football;

n. development professionals and technical assistance;

o. Historical Confederation development activity;

p. development-project approval and implementation;

q. monitoring of development outcomes;

r. protection of development money from political misuse; and

s. coordination between football development and the financial protections established by

REG-24.

1.2 REG-25 shall govern the substantive football-development purpose and implementation of protected development money.

1.3 REG-24 shall govern:

a. financial custody;

b. protected percentages;

c. fiduciary distribution;

d. accounting;

e. audit; and

f. financial transparency.

1.4 REG-25 shall not rewrite a protected financial percentage established by the Statutes or

REG-24.

RULE-2 — Development Is a Permanent WUFO Function

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-126.1

2.1 Football development is a permanent institutional purpose of WUFO.

2.2 Development shall not be treated merely as:

a. a temporary promotional campaign;

b. a reward for sporting success;

c. a political favour;

d. a commercial rebate; or

e. a discretionary gift from an officeholder.

RULE-3 — Development Serves Football Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

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3.1 WUFO development shall seek to increase the long-term ability of Member Associations and football communities to:

a. introduce people to football;

b. retain players;

c. develop players;

d. develop coaches;

e. develop referees;

f. organise football;

g. maintain safe playing environments;

h. strengthen women’s football;

i. strengthen youth football; and

j. sustain community football structures.

RULE-4 — Development Is Not Sporting Patronage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

4.1 Development support shall not depend upon whether a Member Association:

a. supports a WUFO officer;

b. supports a Historical Confederation President;

c. votes for a particular institutional proposal;

d. possesses a large media market;

e. has a famous national team;

f. occupies a high World League Division; or

g. has greater political influence.

RULE-5 — Sporting Results Do Not Determine Basic Development Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42; STA / ART-87

5.1 A Member Association shall not lose access to development programmes merely because its teams perform poorly.

5.2 Development exists in part to permit weaker football systems to improve.

RULE-6 — Development and Sporting Merit Are Different

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43

6.1 Development support may improve sporting capacity.

6.2 Development support shall not purchase:

a. promotion;

b. qualification;

c. World League placement;

d. WUFO Championship Cup placement;

e. preferential seeding; or

f. another sporting result.

RULE-7 — Local Football Knowledge

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

7.1 Development shall recognise that Member Associations understand their own:

a. communities;

b. geography;

c. climate;

d. cultural conditions;

e. football traditions;

f. infrastructure;

g. travel realities; and

h. development needs.

7.2 WUFO shall not impose one identical development model on every Member Association.

RULE-8 — Practical Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

8.1 Development programmes shall seek practical football results rather than unnecessary administrative complexity.

8.2 Documentation and controls shall be proportionate to:

a. project value;

b. project risk;

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c. safeguarding risk;

d. infrastructure complexity; and

e. financial complexity.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-86–89

RULE-9 — Football Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

9.1 Football Development means organised activity intended principally to increase sustainable football participation, technical capacity, institutional capability, playing opportunity or football infrastructure.

RULE-10 — WUFO Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

10.1 WUFO Development means development activity financed or supported through the protected WUFO Development allocation established by STA / ART-86 and REG-24.

RULE-11 — National Football Development Programme

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

11.1 National Football Development Programme or NFDP means the permanent WUFO programme through which eligible Member Associations may receive additional footballdevelopment support under Article 87.

RULE-12 — National Development Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

12.1 National Development Plan means a Member Association’s documented multi-year football-development plan identifying its principal development priorities, programmes and intended outcomes.

RULE-13 — Development Project

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

13.1 Development Project means an approved football-development activity implemented under this Regulation.

RULE-14 — Grassroots Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

14.1 Grassroots Football means broadly accessible organised or semi-organised football whose principal purpose is participation, introduction, enjoyment and community development rather than elite professional competition.

RULE-15 — Community Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

15.1 Community Football means football organised principally to provide accessible participation within a local community.

RULE-16 — U6 Development Cohort

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

16.1 U6 Development Cohort means the WUFO development framework encouraging safe organised introduction to football before the age of six.

RULE-17 — Accelerated Development Pathway

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

17.1 Accelerated Development Pathway means a structured programme for an older child, adolescent or young player who lacked meaningful access to organised football at an earlier age.

RULE-18 — Playing Infrastructure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

18.1 Playing Infrastructure means football fields, training areas and directly related physical facilities necessary for football participation and development.

RULE-19 — Development Professional

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

19.1 Development Professional means a qualified person engaged to provide coaching, refereeing, technical, administrative, medical, educational, infrastructure, safeguarding or other approved development expertise.

RULE-20 — Controlled Development Project

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

20.1 Controlled Development Project means a project for which payments or procurement are administered directly or under enhanced financial control because unrestricted transfer is inappropriate.

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PART III — WUFO DEVELOPMENT ARCHITECTURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

RULE-21 — Three Protected WUFO Championship Cup Development Components

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

21.1 The WUFO Championship Cup development architecture contains:

a. WUFO Development;

b. the National Football Development Programme; and

c. Historical Confederation Development.

21.2 Their financial percentages shall be governed exclusively by STA / ART-86 and REG-24.

RULE-22 — Different Functions May Coexist

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

22.1 The three development components may support different forms of football development.

22.2 They shall not be required to operate through one identical administrative mechanism.

RULE-23 — WUFO Development Member Entitlement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

23.1 The equal Member entitlement established under REG-24 shall remain a protected development allocation.

23.2 REG-25 shall govern the football purposes for which that entitlement may be used.

RULE-24 — WUFO Development Is Member-Led

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

24.1 A Member Association should normally determine its own priorities for use of its WUFO Development entitlement within the eligible purposes established by this Regulation.

24.2 WUFO review shall determine eligibility and compliance.

24.3 WUFO review shall not become arbitrary central control of national football policy.

RULE-25 — NFDP Is Additional Development Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

25.1 NFDP shall provide development support according to approved programme needs and eligibility.

25.2 NFDP is not required to operate as an equal unrestricted cash payment to all Members.

RULE-26 — NFDP May Provide Money or Services

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

26.1 NFDP support may be delivered through:

a. project funding;

b. technical professionals;

c. coaching support;

d. referee development;

e. infrastructure assistance;

f. educational programmes;

g. equipment reasonably necessary for an approved project;

h. professional services;

i. direct project procurement; or

j. another approved football-development mechanism.

RULE-27 — Historical Confederation Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

27.1 Historical Confederation Development shall support football development within the jurisdiction of the six Historical Confederations.

27.2 Financial allocation shall remain governed by REG-24 and the applicable protected formula.

RULE-28 — Regional Autonomy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86

28.1 A Historical Confederation shall retain reasonable autonomy in identifying development priorities within its region.

28.2 Regional autonomy remains subject to:

a. the protected development purpose;

b. financial integrity;

c. audit;

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d. applicable WUFO law; and
e. the rights of Member Associations.

RULE-29 — No Double Charging

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

29.1 The same expense shall not be charged simultaneously to:

a. WUFO Development;
b. NFDP;
c. Historical Confederation Development; or
d. another WUFO programme

unless a transparent approved cost-sharing arrangement exists.

RULE-30 — Combined Projects

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

30.1 A project may lawfully receive support from more than one development source where:

a. each source is eligible;
b. the allocation is documented;
c. there is no duplicate reimbursement; and
d. financial responsibility remains identifiable.

RULE-31 — Development Money Is Restricted Money

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126.6–126.7

31.1 Development money shall remain restricted to approved football-development purposes.

RULE-32 — No Conversion into General Cash

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

32.1 Development money shall not become unrestricted general cash merely because it has been transferred to a beneficiary.

RULE-33 — No Automatic Expiration for Political Convenience

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

33.1 A protected development entitlement shall not be cancelled merely because:

a. WUFO leadership changes;
b. Historical Confederation leadership changes;
c. a Member votes against a WUFO proposal; or
d. an unrelated institutional dispute exists.

RULE-34 — Four-Year Development Cycle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

34.1 Development planning should normally correspond to the four-year financial cycle established under REG-24.

34.2 A project may be shorter or longer where its nature reasonably requires.

RULE-35 — Development Continuity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-130

35.1 Development should seek long-term capacity rather than repeated short-term expenditure without sustainable effect.

PART IV — NFDP ACCESS AND MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87

RULE-36 — No Arbitrary Fixed Member Limit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.2

36.1 NFDP shall not be permanently restricted to an arbitrary fixed number of Member Associations.

RULE-37 — All Eligible Members May Access NFDP

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.3

37.1 Every eligible WUFO Member Association may seek NFDP support.

RULE-38 — Membership Size Does Not Determine Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

38.1 A Member shall not be excluded from NFDP merely because it has:

a. a small population;
b. a small economy;
c. a small football market;

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d. limited broadcast value;

e. geographic remoteness; or

f. limited current sporting success.

RULE-39 — Large Members Are Not Automatically Excluded

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

39.1 A large or commercially successful Member Association shall not automatically be prohibited from an NFDP programme where a legitimate development need exists.

39.2 Development need and project purpose shall be considered.

RULE-40 — Basic Eligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

40.1 A Member Association seeking NFDP support shall normally:

a. be a WUFO Member;

b. identify a legitimate development purpose;

c. provide sufficient project information;

d. possess or establish an appropriate institutional financial mechanism;

e. comply with safeguarding requirements where applicable; and

f. accept proportionate monitoring and accounting obligations.

RULE-41 — Unrelated Dispute Is Not Ineligibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

41.1 An unrelated dispute between WUFO and a Member Association shall not by itself make the Member ineligible for football development.

RULE-42 — Financial Misuse May Affect Payment Method

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

42.1 A verified financial-control problem may justify:

a. Controlled Development Projects;

b. direct supplier payment;

c. enhanced reporting;

d. temporary protection of an instalment; or

e. another proportionate financial control.

42.2 Such a problem shall not automatically erase the underlying football-development purpose.

RULE-43 — No Political Loyalty Test

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

43.1 NFDP eligibility shall not require:

a. support for WUFO leadership;

b. support for Historical Confederation leadership;

c. a particular Congress vote;

d. endorsement of a political position; or

e. a private commitment to an officer.

RULE-44 — No World League Ranking Test

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

44.1 World League position shall not determine whether a Member Association may seek NFDP support.

RULE-45 — Development Need May Be Considered

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

45.1 NFDP may consider legitimate development need when prioritising the type, scale or timing of additional support.

45.2 Development need shall not be confused with political preference.

RULE-46 — Capacity May Be Considered

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

46.1 Project design may consider whether the Member has sufficient capacity to:

a. implement;

b. maintain;

c. supervise; and

d. account for

the proposed activity.

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RULE-47 — Capacity Deficiency Should Trigger Assistance Where Practical

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

47.1 A lack of administrative capacity should not automatically exclude a Member where technical assistance can reasonably address the problem.

RULE-48 — Application Windows

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

48.1 WUFO may establish NFDP application or planning windows.

48.2 Administrative windows shall not become a permanent numerical cap on eligible Members.

RULE-49 — Sequencing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

49.1 Where WUFO cannot practically implement all approved NFDP projects simultaneously, projects may be sequenced.

49.2 Sequencing shall use transparent operational criteria.

49.3 Sequencing shall not become disguised permanent exclusion.

RULE-50 — Written Eligibility Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

50.1 A materially adverse NFDP eligibility decision shall identify the principal reason.

RULE-51 — Opportunity to Correct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

51.1 A correctable application deficiency should normally be returned to the Member Association for correction before final rejection.

RULE-52 — Development Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87

52.1 A Member Association may request administrative reconsideration where it believes an NFDP decision contains:

a. factual error;

b. inconsistent application of programme criteria;

c. discriminatory treatment; or

d. material procedural error.

PART V — NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87–89

RULE-53 — National Development Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

53.1 Each Member Association receiving substantial WUFO development support should maintain a National Development Plan.

RULE-54 — Member Ownership of the Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

54.1 The National Development Plan belongs institutionally to the Member Association.

54.2 WUFO shall support and review the plan but shall not replace national football governance.

RULE-55 — Development Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

55.1 A National Development Plan should normally cover a multi-year period corresponding reasonably to the WUFO development cycle.

RULE-56 — Plan Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

56.1 A National Development Plan should identify, where relevant:

a. current football conditions;

b. participation;

c. grassroots football;

d. youth development;

e. women’s football;

f. coaching;

g. refereeing;

h. playing fields;

i. training infrastructure;

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j. community football;
k. development workforce;
l. principal barriers;
m. proposed projects; and
n. intended outcomes.

RULE-57 — Baseline

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

57.1 A plan should establish a reasonable baseline sufficient to evaluate progress.

RULE-58 — No Artificial Data Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

58.1 A Member shall not be required to produce data that it cannot reasonably obtain merely to create an administrative barrier.

RULE-59 — Priorities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

59.1 A Member Association may identify development priorities according to genuine local need.

RULE-60 — Not Every Category Is Mandatory Every Cycle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

60.1 A Member Association shall not be required to spend money in every development category merely to demonstrate activity.

60.2 Development resources should be concentrated where they are genuinely useful.

RULE-61 — No Artificial Spending

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-128.7

61.1 Development money shall not be spent merely because an administrative deadline approaches.

RULE-62 — Existing Programmes May Be Strengthened

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

62.1 A Member Association need not create a new programme where strengthening an effective existing programme is the better development solution.

RULE-63 — Domestic and Regional Coordination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

63.1 A National Development Plan may coordinate with:

a. domestic clubs;
b. leagues;
c. schools;
d. community organisations;
e. local authorities;
f. Historical Confederation programmes; and
g. other lawful football-development partners.

RULE-64 — Government Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

64.1 Cooperation with public authorities for:

a. fields;
b. schools;
c. community access;
d. infrastructure;
e. public health;
f. safeguarding; or
g. lawful grants

shall not by itself constitute improper political interference.

RULE-65 — Plan Revision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

65.1 A National Development Plan may be revised where:

a. conditions change;
b. a project proves ineffective;
c. infrastructure becomes unavailable;

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d. new development opportunities emerge; or
e. another legitimate reason exists.

RULE-66 — Material Revision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

66.1 A material revision affecting protected funding shall be documented.

RULE-67 — No Fictitious Projects

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

67.1 A plan shall not list fictitious projects merely to obtain or preserve access to money.

RULE-68 — Realistic Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

68.1 Development planning shall consider realistic local administrative and technical capacity.

RULE-69 — Sustainability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89

69.1 A plan should identify how a significant project can continue after the initial WUFO funding period where continuing operation is necessary.

PART VI — DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

RULE-70 — Development Project Proposal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

70.1 A material Development Project shall have a written project description proportionate to its scale.

RULE-71 — Project Description

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

71.1 A project description should identify:

a. football purpose;
b. target participants;
c. location;
d. proposed activity;
e. implementation period;
f. responsible institution;
g. principal costs;
h. expected outcomes; and
i. safeguarding or infrastructure requirements where applicable.

RULE-72 — Eligible Football Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

72.1 A project shall principally serve an approved football-development purpose.

RULE-73 — Substance Over Label

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

73.1 Calling an expense “development” shall not make it eligible where its real purpose is unrelated.

RULE-74 — Ordinary Eligible Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4

74.1 Eligible development categories may include:

a. grassroots football;
b. youth football;
c. women’s football;
d. coaching;
e. refereeing;
f. playing fields;
g. training infrastructure; and
h. community football.

RULE-75 — Related Development Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

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75.1 An approved project may also include reasonable supporting expenditure necessary to make an eligible development activity function.

RULE-76 — Development Staff

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

76.1 Reasonable compensation for qualified Development Professionals may be an eligible project cost where genuinely required.

RULE-77 — Equipment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

77.1 Football equipment may be eligible where reasonably necessary for an approved development programme.

RULE-78 — Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

78.1 Education, training materials and technical instruction may be eligible development costs.

RULE-79 — Development Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

79.1 Reasonable travel necessary for an approved development professional, training programme or project may be eligible.

79.2 Development travel shall not become luxury tourism.

RULE-80 — General Senior-Team Operating Costs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

80.1 Ordinary senior representative-team operating costs shall not automatically be treated as development expenditure.

80.2 A specific cost may nevertheless qualify where it forms a genuine approved development project.

RULE-81 — Transfer Fees and Agent Commissions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

81.1 Development funds shall not normally be used to pay:

a. professional player transfer fees; or

b. private agent commissions.

RULE-82 — Political Expenditure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

82.1 Development funds shall not finance:

a. political campaigns;

b. personal political activity;

c. unrelated government promotion; or

d. private institutional vote-buying.

RULE-83 — Personal Luxury

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

83.1 Development money shall not finance unreasonable personal luxury.

RULE-84 — Existing Debt

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

84.1 Development money shall not automatically be used to pay unrelated historical debt merely because a football body owes money.

RULE-85 — Project Approval Is Not Personal Favour

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

85.1 Development approval shall be recorded institutionally.

85.2 An officer shall not present formula-based or criteria-based support as a personal gift.

RULE-86 — Practical Modification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

86.1 WUFO may work with a Member Association to modify a proposed project where the original design is:

a. unnecessarily expensive;

b. operationally unrealistic;

c. unsafe;

d. unsustainable; or

e. otherwise impractical.

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RULE-87 — Rejection Only Where Necessary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

87.1 Where an eligible development objective can be achieved through reasonable correction, correction should ordinarily be preferred over complete rejection.

PART VII — GRASSROOTS AND COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

RULE-88 — Grassroots Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

88.1 WUFO shall support broad access to football at community level.

RULE-89 — Participation Before Elite Selection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

89.1 Grassroots programmes shall not be designed exclusively to identify elite players.

89.2 Broad participation is itself a legitimate development objective.

RULE-90 — Local Accessibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

90.1 Grassroots activity should be organised as close as reasonably possible to the communities it serves.

RULE-91 — Low-Cost Participation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

91.1 Development programmes should seek to reduce unnecessary financial barriers to entry where reasonably possible.

RULE-92 — Community Partners

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

92.1 Member Associations may cooperate with:

a. schools;

b. community organisations;

c. municipalities;

d. clubs;

e. charitable organisations;

f. youth organisations; and

g. other appropriate local partners.

RULE-93 — Community Partner Does Not Acquire WUFOuthority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

93.1 Participation by an external community partner shall not give that partner authority over WUFO governance.

RULE-94 — Safe Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

94.1 Grassroots activity shall provide reasonable safety appropriate to the age, environment and type of football.

RULE-95 — Appropriate Equipment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

95.1 Equipment and playing conditions may be adapted for:

a. age;

b. participant size;

c. available space;

d. climate;

e. local resources; and

f. development objective.

RULE-96 — Small-Sided Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

96.1 Small-sided football may be used where it improves:

a. participation;

b. touches on the ball;

c. enjoyment;

d. learning; or

e. practical use of limited playing space.

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RULE-97 — No Full-Size Requirement for Grassroots

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

97.1 Grassroots football shall not require a full-size professional stadium or pitch where an appropriate smaller safe space serves the activity.

RULE-98 — Community Retention

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

98.1 Development evaluation should consider whether participants continue playing rather than only how many initially register.

RULE-99 — Girls and Boys

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

99.1 Grassroots planning should provide meaningful opportunities for girls and boys consistent with the sporting structures and local development conditions.

RULE-100 — Adult Community Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

100.1 Community football may also include adult participation where the programme serves a legitimate football-development or participation purpose.

RULE-101 — Remote Communities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

101.1 A remote community shall not be ignored merely because organising football there is less commercially efficient.

RULE-102 — Local Adaptation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

102.1 Community programmes may be adapted to:

a. islands;

b. remote territories;

c. rural areas;

d. dense urban areas;

e. extreme climates; and

f. other local conditions.

RULE-103 — Grassroots Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(a), (h); STA / ART-88

103.1 Grassroots football shall make football easier to enter, easier to enjoy and easier to continue playing.

PART VIII — U6 DEVELOPMENT COHORT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-88

RULE-104 — U6 Development Policy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88.1

104.1 WUFO shall encourage organised football development beginning before the age of six.

RULE-105 — Purpose of U6

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88.2

105.1 U6 football shall focus on:

a. play;

b. movement;

c. coordination;

d. enjoyment;

e. safe introduction to the ball; and

f. long-term participation.

RULE-106 — U6 Is Development, Not Professional Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88.3

106.1 U6 football shall not copy adult professional competition.

RULE-107 — Age-Appropriate Activity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

107.1 U6 activity shall be designed for the developmental needs of very young children.

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RULE-108 — Enjoyment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

108.1 Enjoyment shall be treated as a principal U6 development objective.

RULE-109 — Movement and Coordination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

109.1 U6 activity may include general movement and coordination exercises in addition to direct football instruction.

RULE-110 — Safe Introduction to the Ball

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

110.1 Ball activities shall be simple, frequent and age appropriate.

RULE-111 — No Tactical Overload

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

111.1 U6 programmes should not impose complex adult tactical systems on young children.

RULE-112 — No Adult Match Model

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

112.1 U6 football shall not require:

a. adult-size pitches;

b. adult-size goals;

c. adult match duration;

d. professional tournament intensity; or

e. other unnecessary adult competition structures.

RULE-113 — Small-Sided Play Preferred Where Appropriate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

113.1 U6 programmes should favour formats providing frequent participation and ball involvement.

RULE-114 — Winning Is Not the Primary U6 Measure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

114.1 U6 programme success shall not be measured principally by:

a. league tables;

b. tournament trophies;

c. national rankings; or

d. elite competitive results.

RULE-115 — No Commercial Pressure on Children

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

115.1 A U6 programme shall not be structured principally to create commercial entertainment or commercial player exploitation.

RULE-116 — No Early Exclusion Culture

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

116.1 U6 development should ordinarily maximise participation rather than permanently label very young children as talented or untalented.

RULE-117 — U6 Coaches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

117.1 Persons working with U6 participants should receive age-appropriate coaching and safeguarding guidance.

RULE-118 — U6 Parent and Guardian Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

118.1 Programmes should provide parents or guardians with basic information concerning:

a. programme purpose;

b. safety;

c. age-appropriate expectations; and

d. safeguarding.

RULE-119 — U6 Facilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

119.1 U6 activity may use simple safe community spaces and shall not depend upon professional stadium infrastructure.

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RULE-120 — U6 Development Materials

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

120.1 WUFO may prepare age-appropriate U6 guidance and training materials.

RULE-121 — U6 Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88

121.1 The child comes to play, move, learn and enjoy the ball.

121.2 U6 football shall not turn childhood into professional football prematurely.

PART IX — YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

RULE-122 — Youth Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

122.1 WUFO shall support progressive football-development pathways beyond the U6 stage.

RULE-123 — Different Entry Ages

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

123.1 A development system shall recognise that players begin organised football at different ages.

RULE-124 — No Single Pathway

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

124.1 A player shall not be considered permanently excluded from meaningful development merely because the player did not participate in a specific early-age programme.

RULE-125 — Domestic Development First

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101.4

125.1 Younger-age football should be developed principally through:

a. domestic football;

b. Regional football;

c. development programmes; and

d. age-appropriate competition.

RULE-126 — Age-Appropriate Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

126.1 Youth competition shall serve development rather than copy every feature of adult professional football.

RULE-127 — Training and Competition Balance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

127.1 Youth pathways should balance:

a. training;

b. competition;

c. rest;

d. education; and

e. normal developmental needs.

RULE-128 — Youth Health

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-48.15

128.1 Youth development shall comply with applicable player-health and workload protections under REG-7.

RULE-129 — Safeguarding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

129.1 Youth programmes shall comply with applicable safeguarding standards.

RULE-130 — Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

130.1 Football development should not unnecessarily prevent a young player from receiving normal education.

RULE-131 — Talent Identification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

131.1 Talent identification may form part of development.

131.2 Talent identification shall not replace broad participation.

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RULE-132 — Late Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

132.1 Member Associations should maintain reasonable opportunities for players who develop physically or technically later than others.

RULE-133 — No Commercial Youth Selection Rule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

133.1 A young player shall not receive preference merely because the player appears more commercially marketable.

RULE-134 — U17 Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

134.1 U17 pathways should prepare players for higher competitive football without eliminating the developmental and safeguarding character of youth football.

RULE-135 — U20 Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-100–101

135.1 U20 pathways may provide a bridge between youth development and senior football.

RULE-136 — World Youth Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100–101

136.1 Women’s and Men’s U17 and U20 WUFO Championship Cups form part of the broader WUFO development structure.

RULE-137 — No Founding Global U15 Megaevent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-101.3–101.6

137.1 REG-25 shall not create a founding worldwide U15 megaevent.

137.2 Younger players shall instead be developed through appropriate domestic, regional and development pathways.

PART X — ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY FOR OLDER PLAYERS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-89

RULE-138 — Right to Develop After a Late Start

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89.1

138.1 WUFO development shall not be limited to children who entered organised football through the U6 system.

RULE-139 — Member Accelerated Programmes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89.2

139.1 Member Associations may establish accelerated programmes for:

a. older children;

b. adolescents; and

c. young players

who lacked meaningful early access to organised football.

RULE-140 — No Stigma for Late Entry

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

140.1 A player shall not be treated as developmentally irrelevant merely because the player began organised football later.

RULE-141 — Intensive Coaching

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89.3(a)

141.1 An Accelerated Development Pathway may provide intensive coaching appropriate to the player’s age and level.

RULE-142 — Additional Competition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89.3(b)

142.1 Additional age-appropriate competition may be provided where competition supports development.

RULE-143 — Technical Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89.3(c)

143.1 Accelerated programmes may provide focused:

a. ball mastery;

b. passing;

c. receiving;

d. movement;

e. finishing;

f. defending;

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g. goalkeeper training; and

h. other appropriate technical development.

RULE-144 — Physical Preparation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89.3(d)

144.1 Physical preparation may form part of an Accelerated Development Pathway.

144.2 Historical idea repositories, drafts and drafting sources from the founding process shall be treated only as non-normative materials for institutional memory and future study.

RULE-145 — Scouting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89.3(e)

145.1 Accelerated programmes may include scouting and talent identification.

RULE-146 — Educational Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89.3(f)

146.1 Educational support may be included where intensive development creates legitimate educational needs.

RULE-147 — Individual Assessment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

147.1 Accelerated development may consider the individual player’s:

a. age;

b. experience;

c. technical level;

d. physical development;

e. educational needs; and

f. development objective.

RULE-148 — No Dangerous Catch-Up

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

148.1 An accelerated programme shall not attempt to compensate for missed early development through unsafe physical or match overload.

RULE-149 — No Guaranteed Professional Career

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

149.1 Participation in an Accelerated Development Pathway shall not constitute a guarantee of:

a. professional status;

b. national-team selection;

c. club contract;

d. scholarship; or

e. international transfer.

RULE-150 — Open Identification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

150.1 Member Associations should use reasonable methods to identify potential late-entry players beyond existing elite academies.

RULE-151 — Geographic Reach

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

151.1 Scouting and accelerated opportunities should not be confined unnecessarily to the largest cities.

RULE-152 — Women and Girls

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

152.1 Accelerated development may be particularly useful where girls or young women previously lacked organised football opportunities.

RULE-153 — Remote Members

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

153.1 Accelerated pathways may be adapted for Members where geography or small population prevents conventional academy structures.

RULE-154 — Programme Evaluation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

154.1 Accelerated programmes should evaluate:

a. technical progression;

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b. player retention;
c. transition into organised competition;
d. education where relevant; and
e. player welfare.

RULE-155 — Accelerated Pathway Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

155.1 Missing an early opportunity shall not mean missing football forever.

PART XI — WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

RULE-156 — Women's Football Is an Eligible Development Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

156.1 Women's Football development is an express NFDP purpose.

RULE-157 — Financial Ring-Fence Preserved

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-128

157.1 Development money expressly allocated to Women's Football shall remain protected for Women's Football under REG-24.

RULE-158 — Development Is More Than a Senior Team

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

158.1 Women's Football development may include:

a. girls' grassroots football;
b. youth leagues;
c. coaching;
d. women referees;
e. club development;
f. playing opportunities;
g. training infrastructure;
h. talent pathways;
i. administrative development; and
j. senior representative-team pathway development.

RULE-159 — Participation Base

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

159.1 A Women's Football development plan should seek a sustainable participation base rather than only create an isolated elite team.

RULE-160 — Girls' Entry Pathway

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

160.1 Member Associations should provide reasonable opportunities for girls to enter organised football at appropriate ages.

RULE-161 — Late-Entry Girls and Young Women

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

161.1 Accelerated Development Pathways may be used where historical lack of access has limited earlier participation by girls or young women.

RULE-162 — Women Coaches

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

162.1 Development programmes should support opportunities for qualified women to become and progress as coaches.

RULE-163 — Women Referees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

163.1 Development programmes should support opportunities for qualified women to enter and progress in refereeing.

RULE-164 — Women's Club Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

164.1 Development may support sustainable women's club and domestic competition structures.

RULE-165 — Women's Youth Competitions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100

165.1 Women's U17 and U20 pathways shall support long-term development toward senior football.

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RULE-166 — Exceptional Representation Is Temporary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-100.3–100.6

166.1 Development programmes should reduce the long-term need for Exceptional Women’s Representation.

RULE-167 — No Permanent Dependency on Exceptional Representation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

167.1 A Member Association shall not treat exceptional international representation as a substitute for building ordinary domestic and competitive pathways.

RULE-168 — Ordinary Qualification Is the Long-Term Objective

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

168.1 As development improves, normal sporting qualification shall progressively replace exceptional representation.

RULE-169 — Women’s Futsal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

169.1 Women’s Futsal may be included within Women’s Football development programmes.

RULE-170 — Women’s Beach Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-103.2–103.4

170.1 Development may support the progressive growth of Women’s Beach Football.

170.2 A credible participation and player-development base should precede creation of a symbolic world competition.

RULE-171 — No Artificial Spending

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

171.1 Women’s Football development money need not be spent immediately where responsible future use is better.

RULE-172 — Women’s Development Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(c); STA / ART-99–100; STA / ART-128

172.1 Women’s Football development shall build real participation, real players, real coaches, real referees and sustainable competition pathways.

PART XII — COACHING AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

RULE-173 — Coaching Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

173.1 Coach development is a permanent eligible development purpose.

RULE-174 — Coach Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

174.1 Development may support:

a. introductory coach education;

b. youth coaching;

c. advanced coaching;

d. goalkeeper coaching;

e. Futsal coaching;

f. Beach Football coaching;

g. women’s football coaching;

h. coach educators; and

i. other appropriate technical education.

RULE-175 — Local Coach Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

175.1 Development should seek to increase local coaching capacity rather than create permanent dependence on imported expertise.

RULE-176 — External Expertise

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

176.1 International or external technical expertise may be used where it transfers useful knowledge or provides a legitimate specialised service.

RULE-177 — Train-the-Trainer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

177.1 Development programmes may use train-the-trainer models to create additional national coach educators.

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RULE-178 — Coaching Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

178.1 A Member Association may maintain domestic coaching structures consistent with its own football system and applicable WUFO minimum standards.

RULE-179 — No Single Worldwide Coaching Culture

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

179.1 WUFO shall not require every Member Association to adopt one identical football philosophy.

RULE-180 — Technical Knowledge Exchange

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

180.1 Historical Confederations and Member Associations may exchange coaching knowledge and development resources.

RULE-181 — Coaching Materials

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

181.1 WUFO may produce or support technical coaching materials capable of local adaptation and translation.

RULE-182 — Digital Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

182.1 Remote and digital coach education may supplement in-person education where useful.

RULE-183 — Practical Coaching

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

183.1 Coach education should include practical application and shall not consist only of administrative certification.

RULE-184 — Youth-Coaching Skills

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

184.1 Persons coaching children should receive training appropriate to the age and developmental stage of the players.

RULE-185 — U6 Coaching Skills

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

185.1 U6 coaches should understand:

a. play-based learning;

b. age-appropriate movement;

c. simple ball introduction;

d. positive communication; and

e. safeguarding.

RULE-186 — Accelerated-Pathway Coaching

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

186.1 Coaches working with late-entry players should be able to accelerate technical learning without unsafe physical overload.

RULE-187 — Coach Development Outcomes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

187.1 Evaluation may consider:

a. coaches trained;

b. qualification progression;

c. active coaching retention;

d. geographic reach;

e. women’s participation; and

f. quality of player-development environments.

RULE-188 — No Certificate Factory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(d); STA / ART-89

188.1 A coaching-development programme shall not be considered successful merely because it issues large numbers of certificates without meaningful technical education.

PART XIII — REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

RULE-189 — Refereeing Is Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

189.1 Refereeing development is an express NFDP purpose.

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RULE-190 — Entry Pathways

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

190.1 Development programmes may establish pathways for new referees to enter organised football.

RULE-191 — Referee Education

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

191.1 Development may support:

a. Laws education;

b. fitness;

c. match positioning;

d. communication;

e. integrity;

f. player management;

g. technology training; and

h. practical match experience.

RULE-192 — Local Referee Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

192.1 Development should strengthen domestic and Regional refereeing structures.

RULE-193 — Referee Educators

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

193.1 Programmes may train referee educators and assessors.

RULE-194 — Women Referee Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

194.1 Development programmes should provide meaningful opportunities for women referees.

RULE-195 — Youth Referees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

195.1 Young referees may receive age-appropriate development and mentoring.

RULE-196 — Referee Safety

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

196.1 Referee development shall include appropriate education concerning safety and protection from abuse.

RULE-197 — Referee Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

197.1 Referee-development programmes shall include appropriate integrity education.

RULE-198 — Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

198.1 Development funding shall not permit a Member Association officer, sponsor or club to purchase influence over referee appointments or decisions.

RULE-199 — International Pathways

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

199.1 Strong domestic referees may progress toward Regional and WUFO international refereeing opportunities according to technical merit.

RULE-200 — Development Does Not Guarantee Appointment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

200.1 Completion of a WUFO-funded referee programme shall not guarantee an international appointment.

RULE-201 — Referee Development Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(e); STA / ART-46

201.1 Development should create more capable, confident, independent and trusted referees.

PART XIV — PLAYING FIELDS AND TRAINING INFRASTRUCTURE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

RULE-202 — Playing Fields Are an Eligible Development Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

202.1 Development may support playing fields and training infrastructure.

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RULE-203 — Infrastructure Must Serve Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

203.1 Development infrastructure shall principally serve actual football activity.

RULE-204 — Practical Infrastructure Before Prestige

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

204.1 Development funding should ordinarily favour functional football infrastructure over unnecessary prestige construction.

RULE-205 — No Requirement for Monumental Stadiums

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

205.1 A Member Association shall not be required to build a large stadium merely to demonstrate development.

RULE-206 — Playing-Field Projects

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

206.1 Eligible projects may include:

a. new playing fields;
b. rehabilitation of existing fields;
c. drainage;
d. irrigation;
e. lighting where appropriate;
f. safe fencing;
g. basic changing facilities;
h. training areas;
i. goal equipment;
j. surface improvement; and
k. other football-use infrastructure.

RULE-207 — Natural and Approved Surfaces

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

207.1 Development infrastructure may use a surface appropriate to:

a. football purpose;
b. climate;
c. maintenance capacity;
d. usage level; and
e. applicable technical requirements.

RULE-208 — Climate-Appropriate Infrastructure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

208.1 Infrastructure design should consider local:

a. heat;
b. rainfall;
c. cold;
d. water availability;
e. soil;
f. storms;
g. humidity; and
h. other relevant environmental conditions.

RULE-209 — Maintenance Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

209.1 A significant infrastructure project should include a realistic maintenance plan.

RULE-210 — No Construction Without Reasonable Use

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

210.1 WUFO should not finance substantial infrastructure where there is no credible plan for regular football use.

RULE-211 — Existing Facilities First Where Practical

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

211.1 Rehabilitation or shared use of existing infrastructure should be considered where it provides a more effective development result than unnecessary new construction.

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RULE-212 — Community Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

212.1 Community access may be considered when development infrastructure is intended to increase grassroots participation.

RULE-213 — Shared Facilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

213.1 Development may support lawful shared facilities used by:

a. Member Associations;

b. clubs;

c. schools;

d. youth programmes;

e. women’s football;

f. referee education; or

g. community football.

RULE-214 — Ownership Is Not Always Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

214.1 A Member Association need not always own land or infrastructure outright where secure lawful long-term access sufficiently protects the development investment.

RULE-215 — Legal Right to Use

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

215.1 Before major infrastructure expenditure, the beneficiary shall demonstrate an appropriate legal right to build, improve or use the relevant site.

RULE-216 — Procurement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

216.1 Material infrastructure procurement shall comply with applicable financial and procurement controls under REG-24.

RULE-217 — Independent Technical Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

217.1 WUFO may require appropriate engineering, construction or technical review for a material infrastructure project.

RULE-218 — Cost Reasonableness

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

218.1 A project shall not be approved merely because a contractor submits a price.

218.2 WUFO may require reasonable evidence of cost and value.

RULE-219 — No Related-Party Concealment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

219.1 A related-party contractor relationship shall be disclosed as required by REG-24.

RULE-220 — Infrastructure Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.4(f)–(g); STA / ART-43

220.1 Development infrastructure exists so football can be played, trained and sustained.

220.2 Concrete without football is not development.

PART XV — DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

RULE-221 — Development Professionals

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

221.1 WUFO, a Historical Confederation or a Member Association may use qualified Development Professionals for an approved programme.

RULE-222 — Professional Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

222.1 Development Professionals may include:

a. coaches;

b. coach educators;

c. referee educators;

d. football administrators;

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e. technical directors;
f. grassroots specialists;
g. women’s football specialists;
h. youth-development specialists;
i. safeguarding specialists;
j. medical or performance specialists;
k. infrastructure professionals; and
l. other legitimate football-development experts.

RULE-223 — Professional Selection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

223.1 A Development Professional should be selected principally for:
a. competence;
b. integrity;
c. relevant experience;
d. suitability for the project; and
e. ability to transfer useful capacity.

RULE-224 — No Political Appointment Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

224.1 Development funding shall not require appointment of a person merely because that person is politically connected to WUFO or a Member Association.

RULE-225 — Local Professionals

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

225.1 Qualified local professionals should receive fair consideration.

RULE-226 — International Professionals

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

226.1 International professionals may be used where:
a. specialised knowledge is needed;
b. local capacity is not yet available;
c. knowledge transfer is useful; or
d. another legitimate development reason exists.

RULE-227 — Knowledge Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

227.1 Where practical, external technical assistance should include local knowledge transfer.

RULE-228 — Professional Contracts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

228.1 A material Development Professional engagement shall identify:
a. services;
b. duration;
c. remuneration;
d. expenses;
e. deliverables where appropriate; and
f. reporting responsibility.

RULE-229 — Professional Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

229.1 Reasonable professional travel required for an approved development project may be financed.

RULE-230 — No Luxury Travel Entitlement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

230.1 Development funding shall not create an entitlement to unnecessary luxury travel.

RULE-231 — No Permanent Employment by Implication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

231.1 Participation in a Development Project shall not create permanent employment by WUFO unless a lawful employment agreement expressly provides it.

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RULE-232 — Development Professional Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-126–132

232.1 A Development Professional shall not use a WUFO-funded position to solicit bribes, kickbacks or improper personal benefits.

PART XVI — HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION DEVELOPMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

RULE-233 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

233.1 Historical Confederation Development shall strengthen football-development capacity across the relevant Region.

RULE-234 — Regional Programmes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

234.1 Historical Confederation Development may support:

a. regional coach education;

b. referee development;

c. grassroots programmes;

d. women’s football development;

e. youth development;

f. technical assistance;

g. development knowledge sharing;

h. infrastructure support;

i. community football; and

j. other legitimate regional football-development purposes.

RULE-235 — Regional Projects May Serve Multiple Members

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

235.1 A Historical Confederation project may serve:

a. all Members;

b. a recognised subregional football structure;

c. several Members;

d. a specific development group; or

e. an individual Member

where the project has a legitimate regional development basis.

RULE-236 — No Regional Political Patronage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

236.1 A Historical Confederation President shall not distribute Historical Confederation Development as personal political patronage.

RULE-237 — No Retaliation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

237.1 A Member shall not be excluded from an otherwise eligible regional programme because of an unrelated institutional disagreement.

RULE-238 — Regional Development Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

238.1 Each Historical Confederation should maintain a multi-year Regional Development Plan.

RULE-239 — Regional Development Plan Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

239.1 The plan may identify:

a. regional development challenges;

b. common technical needs;

c. small or remote Member needs;

d. women’s football development;

e. youth development;

f. coach and referee education;

g. infrastructure challenges; and

h. proposed regional projects.

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RULE-240 — Regional Autonomy Preserved

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

240.1 WUFO Central shall not convert Historical Confederation Development into routine central micromanagement.

RULE-241 — WUFO Financial Controls Preserved

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

241.1 Regional autonomy shall not remove:

a. protected-purpose requirements;

b. accounting;

c. fiduciary controls where applicable;

d. audit; or

e. integrity requirements.

RULE-242 — Subregional Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

242.1 Historical Confederations may use recognised subregional structures to implement legitimate development programmes.

RULE-243 — Subregional Structure Is Not Independent Beneficial Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

243.1 Participation by a recognised subregional structure shall not give it private ownership of Historical Confederation development money.

RULE-244 — Small and Remote Members

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

244.1 Regional planning should consider the particular development difficulties of small and remote Members.

RULE-245 — Regional Technical Centres

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

245.1 Regional development may support shared technical centres where they provide a credible football-development benefit.

RULE-246 — Regional Knowledge Network

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

246.1 Historical Confederations may facilitate exchange of:

a. coaching expertise;

b. refereeing expertise;

c. grassroots methods;

d. infrastructure knowledge;

e. safeguarding knowledge; and

f. other development practices.

RULE-247 — No Duplication for Prestige

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

247.1 A Historical Confederation should not duplicate an effective national or WUFO programme merely to create institutional visibility.

RULE-248 — Regional Development Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-10; STA / ART-86.2(c)

248.1 Regional development should solve football-development problems that are more effectively addressed together than separately.

PART XVII — DEVELOPMENT MONITORING, OUTCOMES AND REPORTING

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

RULE-249 — Development Monitoring

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

249.1 Material Development Projects shall be subject to proportionate monitoring.

RULE-250 — Monitoring Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

250.1 Monitoring shall determine whether:

a. the project exists;

b. the approved football activity occurred;

c. money was used for its intended purpose;

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d. participants were reached;
e. infrastructure is being used;
f. material problems exist; and
g. corrective action is required.

RULE-251 — Monitoring Is Not Political Supervision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

251.1 Project monitoring shall not be used to evaluate whether a Member Association is politically loyal to WUFO leadership.

RULE-252 — Outcome Measures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

252.1 Appropriate outcome measures may include:

a. participants;
b. player retention;
c. coaches educated;
d. active coaches;
e. referees educated;
f. active referees;
g. women and girls participating;
h. youth participation;
i. fields created or restored;
j. training hours;
k. geographic reach;
l. programmes sustained; and
m. other project-specific indicators.

RULE-253 — Sporting Wins Are Not the Only Development Measure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

253.1 Development success shall not be measured solely by:

a. national-team victories;
b. World League ranking;
c. WUFO Championship Cup qualification; or
d. trophies.

RULE-254 — Competitive Improvement May Be Relevant

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

254.1 Competitive improvement may nevertheless be considered where it is a legitimate objective of the project.

RULE-255 — Baseline and Outcome

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

255.1 Where practical, a material project should compare outcomes with a reasonable baseline.

RULE-256 — Proportionate Reporting

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

256.1 A small grassroots project shall not require the same reporting burden as a major infrastructure project.

RULE-257 — Member Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

257.1 A Member Association receiving protected development support may be required to report:

a. activity completed;
b. principal expenditure;
c. outcomes;
d. material problems; and
e. next steps.

RULE-258 — Regional Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

258.1 A Historical Confederation shall provide proportionate reporting for protected Historical Confederation Development activity.

RULE-259 — Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

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259.1 Evidence may include:

a. financial records;

b. participant records;

c. photographs;

d. field-use records;

e. course attendance;

f. reports;

g. contracts;

h. site inspections; or

i. other appropriate verification.

RULE-260 — No Unnecessary Personal Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

260.1 Development monitoring shall not collect unnecessary personal information.

RULE-261 — Children’s Data

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

261.1 Personal information concerning children shall receive appropriate safeguarding and privacy protection.

RULE-262 — Project Visit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

262.1 WUFO or an authorised independent reviewer may conduct a reasonable project visit where necessary.

RULE-263 — No Ceremonial Inspection Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

263.1 A project shall not require a ceremonial visit by WUFO leadership merely to prove that it exists.

RULE-264 — Development Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

264.1 WUFO should periodically review the overall effectiveness of its development programmes.

RULE-265 — Programme Learning

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

265.1 Effective development practices may be shared with other Members while respecting legitimate confidential or local information.

RULE-266 — Failed Project Is Not Automatically Misconduct

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

266.1 A good-faith Development Project that fails to achieve its intended result shall not automatically constitute financial misconduct.

RULE-267 — Learning from Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87; STA / ART-130–132

267.1 Where a project fails without fraud or misuse, WUFO and the beneficiary should identify the cause and improve future programme design.

PART XVIII — MISUSE, CORRECTION AND PROTECTION OF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

RULE-268 — Development Misuse

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

268.1 Development misuse may include:

a. personal diversion;

b. fictitious project expenditure;

c. false invoices;

d. bribery;

e. kickbacks;

f. unrelated political expenditure;

g. deliberate unauthorised use; or

h. other serious diversion from the protected purpose.

RULE-269 — Administrative Error Is Different from Fraud

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

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269.1 An innocent clerical or reporting error shall be distinguished from deliberate misuse.

RULE-270 — Corrective Action First Where Appropriate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

270.1 A correctable non-fraudulent compliance problem should normally receive an opportunity for correction.

RULE-271 — Serious Misuse

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

271.1 Serious or deliberate misuse may result in the measures established by REG-24 and

REG-22.

RULE-272 — Protected Money Does Not Become a Political Weapon

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

272.1 Investigation of misuse shall not authorise unrelated political retaliation.

RULE-273 — Controlled Development Project

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

273.1 Where direct unrestricted payment is temporarily inappropriate, an eligible project may continue through a Controlled Development Project.

RULE-274 — Direct Supplier Payment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

274.1 Approved development money may be paid directly to legitimate suppliers or professionals where required by REG-24 financial controls.

RULE-275 — Protected Project Continuity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

275.1 A compliant youth, grassroots, women's or infrastructure project should not automatically stop because of an unrelated governance dispute.

RULE-276 — Personal Wrongdoing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

276.1 Where misconduct is attributable principally to one individual, WUFO should seek to protect legitimate football-development beneficiaries where reasonable.

RULE-277 — Institutional Misuse

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

277.1 Where misuse is institutional or systemic, stronger controls may be required.

RULE-278 — Repayment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

278.1 Misused development money may be subject to repayment or recovery under REG-24.

RULE-279 — Recovered Development Money Remains Development Money

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

279.1 Recovery shall not automatically convert protected development money into unrestricted discretionary money.

RULE-280 — Integrity Referral

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

280.1 Credible evidence of serious corruption, fraud or deliberate misuse may be referred under REG-22.

RULE-281 — Due Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

281.1 A serious adverse finding shall follow the applicable WUFO financial and disciplinary process.

RULE-282 — Development Protection Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

282.1 Correct the misuse.

282.2 Protect the football-development purpose wherever lawfully possible.

PART XIX — SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

RULE-283 — Small Member Associations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

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283.1 Development programmes shall be capable of operating effectively in small Member Associations.

RULE-284 — Small Population Is Not Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

284.1 A small Member shall not be evaluated as unsuccessful merely because its absolute participation numbers are lower than those of a large Member.

RULE-285 — Proportional Outcomes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

285.1 Development outcomes should be interpreted according to realistic national or territorial context.

RULE-286 — Remote Member Associations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

286.1 Development planning shall consider:

a. remote geography;

b. high travel costs;

c. limited specialist personnel;

d. small player pools;

e. limited playing surfaces; and

f. supply difficulties.

RULE-287 — Island Members

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

287.1 Island geography may justify development models different from those used by large continental Members.

RULE-288 — Shared Expertise

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

288.1 Small or remote Members may share:

a. coaching specialists;

b. referee educators;

c. technical directors;

d. development camps;

e. infrastructure expertise; and

f. other services

where such cooperation is practical.

RULE-289 — Mobile Development Teams

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

289.1 WUFO or a Historical Confederation may use mobile technical teams to serve multiple Members.

RULE-290 — Digital Development Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

290.1 Remote technical support and online education may be used where geography makes frequent travel inefficient.

RULE-291 — Development Equipment Logistics

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

291.1 Project design may account for unusually high transportation or import costs where such costs are genuine and documented.

RULE-292 — No Wealth Benchmark

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

292.1 A small Member shall not be required to build development infrastructure matching the scale of a wealthy Member.

RULE-293 — Practical Standard

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-87–89

293.1 The correct development question shall be whether the project serves football safely, effectively and sustainably in that Member’s circumstances.

PART XX — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99– 103; STA / ART-126–132

RULE-294 — Coordination with REG-5

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

294.1 REG-5 shall govern the technical Laws and experimental Laws applicable to footballdevelopment activity.

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294.2 REG-25 shall govern development programmes applying those Laws.

RULE-295 — Coordination with REG-6

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

295.1 REG-6 shall govern referee independence, international refereeing and referee integrity.

295.2 REG-25 shall govern referee-development programmes.

RULE-296 — Coordination with REG-7

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

296.1 REG-7 shall govern player health, rest, workload and calendar welfare.

296.2 Youth and accelerated development programmes under REG-25 shall respect those protections.

RULE-297 — Coordination with REG-8

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

297.1 REG-8 shall govern club licensing, solvency, identity and Phoenix continuity.

297.2 Development support to clubs or club-based community programmes shall not override REG-8 requirements.

RULE-298 — Coordination with REG-9

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

298.1 REG-9 shall govern agents, transfers and transfer integrity.

298.2 Development programmes shall not use protected money to circumvent transferintegrity rules.

RULE-299 — Coordination with REG-10

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

299.1 REG-10 shall govern Representative-Team player eligibility.

299.2 Participation in a Development Programme shall not by itself create Representative- Team eligibility.

RULE-300 — Coordination with REG-12 to REG-15

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

300.1 WUFO Championship Cup sporting and Host systems shall be governed by their applicable Competition Regulations.

300.2 REG-25 may support long-term football development necessary to improve future competitive and hosting capacity.

RULE-301 — Coordination with REG-18 and REG-19

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

301.1 REG-18 and REG-19 shall govern World League competition and match operations.

301.2 Development funding shall not alter World League sporting ranking, promotion or relegation.

RULE-302 — Coordination with REG-20

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

302.1 REG-20 shall govern Women’s, Youth, Futsal and Beach World Competitions.

302.2 REG-25 shall govern football-development programmes supporting those competitive pathways.

RULE-303 — Coordination with REG-21

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

303.1 REG-21 shall govern Historical Confederation Championships and Champion of Champions.

303.2 Regional championship performance shall not replace development eligibility criteria.

RULE-304 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

304.1 REG-22 shall govern serious integrity, corruption and disciplinary misconduct.

304.2 Serious misuse of development programmes may be referred under REG-22.

RULE-305 — Coordination with REG-23

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

305.1 REG-23 shall govern anti-doping.

305.2 Development programmes for coaches, players or support personnel may include appropriate anti-doping education consistent with REG-23.

RULE-306 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

306.1 REG-24 shall govern:

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a. protected development percentages;
b. WUFO Development financial entitlements;
c. NFDP financial custody;
d. Historical Confederation Development financial custody;
e. fiduciary administration;
f. instalments;
g. accounting;
h. financial audit;
i. financial recovery; and
j. financial transparency.

306.2 REG-25 shall govern:

a. development purpose;
b. programme eligibility;
c. project design;
d. implementation;
e. technical development;
f. monitoring; and
g. development outcomes.

306.3 REG-25 shall not alter the Founding Reference Benchmarks or approved actual appropriations established under the seventeen-line architecture of REG-24.

RULE-307 — Coordination with REG-26

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

307.1 REG-26 shall govern WUFO staff, remuneration, employment benefits and employment controls.

307.2 A Development Professional employed directly by WUFO shall also remain subject to

REG-26.

RULE-308 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-42–43; STA / ART-46–48; STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-99–103; STA / ART-126–132

308.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. document coding;
b. version control;
c. programme-document publication;
d. official development records; and
e. historical preservation.

PART XXI — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-139–143

RULE-309 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-139–143

309.1 Implementation of REG-25 may use lower instruments including:

a. MAN — WUFO Football Development;
b. MAN — National Football Development Programme;
c. FOR — National Development Plan;
d. FOR — NFDP Project Application;
e. FOR — Development Project Agreement;
f. FOR — Development Project Report;
g. PRO — Development Project Review;
h. PRO — NFDP Eligibility and Prioritisation;
i. PRT — U6 Development Cohort;
j. PRT — Accelerated Development Pathway;
k. MAN — Grassroots & Community Football;
l. MAN — Women’s Football Development;
m. MAN — Coach Development;
n. MAN — Referee Development;
o. MAN — Playing Fields & Training Infrastructure;
p. PRO — Development Infrastructure Review;

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q. FOR — Infrastructure Project Application;

r. PRO — Controlled Development Project;

s. FOR — Historical Confederation Development Plan;

t. FOR — Development Professional Engagement;

u. SCH — Development Monitoring Indicators; and

v. other instruments lawfully authorised under the WUFO normative system.

309.2 Final instrument codes and version numbers shall be governed by REG-28.

RULE-310 — Lower Instruments Cannot Change Protected Financial Percentages

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-139–143

310.1 No Manual, Protocol, Procedure, Form or Schedule under REG-25 may change:

RULE-311 — Lower Instruments Cannot Create Political Eligibility Tests

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87–89; STA / ART-139–143

311.1 No lower instrument may condition development support upon political loyalty or an institutional vote.

RULE-312 — Lower Instruments Cannot Create an Arbitrary NFDP Member Cap

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-87.2

312.1 No lower instrument may permanently restrict NFDP access to a predetermined arbitrary number of Member Associations.

RULE-313 — Lower Instruments Cannot Convert U6 into Adult Professional Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-88.3

313.1 No U6 Manual or Protocol shall create a development structure whose principal design copies adult professional competition.

RULE-314 — Lower Instruments Cannot Eliminate Late- Entry Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-89

314.1 No development system shall require prior U6 participation as a condition for all later WUFO-supported player development.

PART XXII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-86–89

RULE-315 — No Development Money as Political Favour

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86.7; STA / ART-130

315.1 No WUFO officer shall personally distribute protected development money as a political favour.

RULE-316 — No Development Money as Commercial Reward

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

316.1 Development money shall not be increased or withheld merely because a Member generates more or less commercial revenue for WUFO.

RULE-317 — No Sporting Ranking Purchase

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

317.1 Development support shall never purchase sporting ranking or competition access.

RULE-318 — No False Development

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

318.1 An expense shall not become development merely because it is labelled development.

RULE-319 — Sustainable Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89

319.1 WUFO development should seek sustainable football capacity rather than dependence upon continuous emergency intervention.

RULE-320 — Final Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-86–89; STA / ART-126–132

320.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

Football development is a permanent institutional purpose, not a political favour.

All eligible Members may access the National Football Development Programme. There is no arbitrary permanent numerical cap.

WUFO Development, NFDP and Historical Confederation Development serve football and remain financially protected under REG-24.

The Member identifies its football-development needs. WUFO protects eligibility, integrity and proper use.

Development begins with participation.

Grassroots football creates access.

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Community football keeps football close to the people.

U6 football is play, movement, coordination, enjoyment and safe introduction to the ball.

U6 football is not adult professional football in miniature.

A player who did not enter through U6 is not forgotten.

Older children, adolescents and young players may receive an Accelerated Development Pathway.

Women’s Football development builds genuine participation and sustainable competitive pathways.

Coaches develop players. Referees protect the game. Both require permanent development.

Playing fields and training infrastructure exist so football can actually be played.

Concrete without football is not development.

Small Members are not failed large Members. Their development must be judged in their own practical context.

Remote geography does not remove the right to develop football.

Development results are measured by real football capacity, not only trophies.

A failed good-faith project is a lesson. Fraud is misconduct. The two are not the same.

Correct misuse, but protect the football-development purpose wherever lawfully possible.

The formula decides the money. Football development decides its legitimate use.

REG-25 — FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, NATIONAL

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, U6 DEVELOPMENT COHORT & ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

REG-26 — STAFF, REMUNERATION, BENEFITS & EMPLOYMENT CONTROLS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133–135

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-29; STA / ART-126–[illegible]; STA / ART-143

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL EMPLOYMENT PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133–135

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO framework governing:

a. central professional staff;

b. workforce planning;

c. recruitment and selection;

d. employment agreements;

e. salary bands and compensation structures;

f. employment benefits;

g. performance-based compensation;

h. staff expenses and reimbursements;

i. Secretary General remuneration;

j. Founder President remuneration;

k. Founder President retroactive and deferred remuneration;

l. independent remuneration determination;

m. employment performance and advancement;

n. conflicts of interest;

o. prohibition of personal commercial commissions;

p. whistleblower employment protection;

q. termination and end-of-service financial obligations;

r. consultants, contractors and temporary professional services;

s. payroll and employment records;

t. remuneration transparency; and

u. financial and institutional controls applicable to WUFO employment.

1.2 This Regulation shall implement STA / ART-133 through STA / ART-135.

1.3 It shall not:

a. create a constitutional office;

b. extend a constitutional term;

c. alter the authority of the Founder President;

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d. alter the authority of the Secretary General;

e. create personal ownership of WUFO;

f. create a permanent salary attached to a historical title;

g. create an automatic right to the maximum permitted salary; or

h. permit remuneration to circumvent the financial controls established by REG-24.

RULE-2 - Governing Employment Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.1-133.4; STA / ART-133.16

2.1 WUFO may employ professional people and pay them fairly. During the Embryonic Period, where full professional staffing is not yet financially sustainable, WUFO may rely on qualified volunteers performing genuine institutional work.

2.2 Neither not-for-profit status nor an Embryonic or Foundational Period requires unpaid service where financial capacity exists. As resources become available, service may progress from volunteer service to stipend, allowance or service compensation and then to salaried employment where sustainable.

2.3 A person who has provided serious and verifiable volunteer service receives priority consideration when the function becomes paid, but no automatic right to employment and must satisfy the professional requirements of the role.

RULE-3 - Professional Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.1-133.4

3.1 WUFO shall maintain professional administrative capacity appropriate to its actual institutional responsibilities.

3.2 Central administration should remain compact, effective and financially sustainable. Compact or austere administration shall not mean dangerous understaffing, unfair pay, inadequate professional capacity, unsafe systems, obsolete tools or insufficient resources.

RULE-4 — Employment Does Not Create Constitutional Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-133

4.1 Employment by WUFO shall not create:

a. a Congress vote;

b. a Council vote;

c. a Presidential Body vote;

d. constitutional legislative authority;

e. independent sporting authority; or

f. another constitutional power

unless the Statutes expressly attach that authority to an office lawfully held by the person.

RULE-5 — Employment Is Institutional

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

5.1 An employee serves WUFO as an institution.

5.2 Employment shall not be treated as personal service owed to:

a. the Founder President;

b. a Historical Confederation President;

c. the Secretary General;

d. a Councillor;

e. a Member Association officer; or

f. another individual.

RULE-6 — Applicable Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

6.1 WUFO employment and compensation shall comply with applicable mandatory law.

6.2 Nothing in this Regulation shall require:

a. unlawful employment discrimination;

b. unlawful withholding of wages;

c. unlawful termination;

d. unlawful denial of employment benefits; or

e. another violation of binding employment law.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133–135

RULE-7 — Employee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

7.1 Employee means a person lawfully employed by WUFO under an employment relationship.

RULE-8 — Central Staff

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

8.1 Central Staff means employees forming part of WUFO Central professional administration.

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RULE-9 — Professional Staff

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

9.1 Professional Staff means employees engaged to perform administrative, sporting, legal, technical, financial, communications, commercial, medical, safeguarding, development, technology or other legitimate WUFO professional functions.

RULE-10 — Salary Band

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.5

10.1 Salary Band means an approved compensation range or equivalent compensation structure applicable to a category or level of employment.

RULE-11 — Gross Annual Remuneration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

11.1 Gross Annual Remuneration means salary and other remuneration treated as gross employment compensation before applicable employee taxes or deductions.

11.2 Official expense reimbursement shall not constitute Gross Annual Remuneration where properly classified under this Regulation.

RULE-12 — Employment Benefits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8

12.1 Employment Benefits means lawful non-salary employment benefits provided through WUFO employment.

RULE-13 — Executive Benefits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

13.1 Executive Benefits means reasonable employment benefits provided to the Secretary General, Founder President or another senior executive where lawfully approved.

RULE-14 — Official Business Expense

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

14.1 Official Business Expense means a reasonable cost incurred for an authorised WUFO institutional purpose and eligible for direct payment or reimbursement.

RULE-15 — Performance-Based Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.13

15.1 Performance-Based Compensation means lawful employment compensation linked to general professional performance or institutional objectives without creating an improper personal incentive connected to a particular commercial contract.

RULE-16 — Personal Commercial Commission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12

16.1 Personal Commercial Commission means personal compensation calculated as a percentage of or directly dependent upon the value of:

a. sponsorship;

b. broadcast rights;

c. licensing;

d. a Host Agreement; or

e. another material WUFO commercial transaction.

RULE-17 — Independent Remuneration Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

17.1 Independent Remuneration Process means the independent and transparent process established under this Regulation to determine protected senior executive remuneration.

RULE-18 — Independent Remuneration Panel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

18.1 Independent Remuneration Panel means the independent body or professional mechanism established to administer the Independent Remuneration Process.

RULE-19 — 2026 Value

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

19.1 2026 Value means the real economic value of the statutory United States dollar remuneration ceilings expressed in the 2026 base year.

RULE-20 — Approved Inflation Mechanism

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

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20.1 Approved Inflation Mechanism means the transparent inflation-adjustment methodology adopted solely to preserve the real economic value of a statutory remuneration ceiling.

RULE-21 - Retroactive and Deferred Remuneration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.9-135.14

21.1 Retroactive and Deferred Remuneration means Founder President remuneration recognised under the Statutes for the Embryonic or Foundational Period but not yet paid because WUFO lacked sufficient lawful financial capacity or liquidity. Such an amount must remain within the applicable remuneration level and statutory ceiling, be independently determined or verified as required, properly recorded and independently auditable.

PART III - WORKFORCE PLANNING AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION SIZE

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Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133.1–133.4; STA / ART-143.5–143.9

RULE-22 — Compact Professional Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.3

22.1 WUFO should maintain a compact professional central administration.

22.2 Compact administration shall mean that staffing is justified by real institutional work rather than prestige or bureaucracy for its own sake.

RULE-23 — No Permanent Fixed Staff Number

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.4

23.1 WUFO shall have no permanent constitutional or regulatory fixed number of employees.

RULE-24 — Approximately 100 Staff Is a Planning Benchmark Only

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.7–143.8

24.1 The historical working benchmark of approximately one hundred permanent central staff for a mature WUFO administration may be used as an operational planning reference.

24.2 The benchmark shall not create:

a. a duty to employ one hundred persons;

b. a right to employ one hundred persons;

c. a minimum staff number;

d. a maximum staff number; or

e. a constitutional staffing entitlement.

RULE-25 — Staffing Follows Actual Need

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.1–133.4; STA / ART-143.5–143.9

25.1 Central staffing shall reflect:

a. actual workload;

b. institutional responsibilities;

c. competition activity;

d. development activity;

e. legal and regulatory obligations;

f. financial capacity;

g. technological capacity; and

h. reasonable organisational efficiency.

RULE-26 — No Hiring to Reach an Artificial Target

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.1–133.4; STA / ART-143.5–143.9

26.1 WUFO shall not hire unnecessary employees merely to reach a historical staffing benchmark.

RULE-27 — No Artificial Understaffing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.1–133.4; STA / ART-143.5–143.9

27.1 WUFO shall not maintain dangerously inadequate staffing merely to claim administrative austerity.

RULE-28 — Financial Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.6(f)

28.1 Workforce planning shall consider WUFO’s financial capacity.

RULE-29 — Budgeted Staff Costs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.9

29.1 Total staff costs shall be included in the approved WUFO budget.

RULE-30 — Workforce Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.1–133.4; STA / ART-143.5–143.9

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30.1 WUFO may maintain an annual or multi-year Workforce Plan identifying:

a. existing positions;

b. anticipated vacancies;

c. new positions;

d. temporary positions;

e. professional-service needs;

f. expected staff costs; and

g. material organisational changes.

RULE-31 — Position Must Have a Genuine Function

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.1–133.4; STA / ART-143.5–143.9

31.1 A permanent position shall have an identifiable institutional function.

31.2 WUFO shall not create a salaried position solely to provide income, status or political reward to a person.

PART IV — RECRUITMENT, SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

RULE-32 — Merit-Based Employment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

32.1 WUFO recruitment shall be based principally on:

a. competence;

b. professional qualifications;

c. relevant experience;

d. integrity;

e. ability to perform the work; and

f. institutional need.

RULE-33 — No Political Patronage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14

33.1 Employment decisions shall not be used to reward political loyalty or personal favour.

RULE-34 — No Job in Exchange for a Vote

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

34.1 No WUFO employment position shall be offered, promised or awarded in exchange for:

a. a Congress vote;

b. a Council vote;

c. a Presidential Body vote;

d. a Historical Confederation vote;

e. support for a candidate;

f. support for an institutional proposal; or

g. another political or governance benefit.

RULE-35 — No Personal Favour Appointment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

35.1 Personal friendship with a WUFO officer shall not by itself constitute a professional qualification.

RULE-36 — Family Relationship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

36.1 A family relationship with a WUFO officeholder shall be disclosed where relevant to a recruitment decision.

36.2 A qualified person shall not automatically be prohibited from employment merely because a family relationship exists.

36.3 The conflicted officeholder shall not improperly control the appointment.

RULE-37 — Conflict in Recruitment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

37.1 A person participating in a recruitment decision shall disclose a material personal or financial conflict concerning a candidate.

RULE-38 — Recruitment Method

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

38.1 WUFO may use:

a. open recruitment;

b. targeted professional recruitment;

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c. executive search;

d. internal promotion;

e. specialist recruitment; or

f. another reasonable employment-selection method.

RULE-39 — No Universal Open-Competition Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

39.1 Not every WUFO employment position shall require worldwide open recruitment.

39.2 The recruitment method shall be appropriate to the position and institutional need.

RULE-40 — Secretary General Selection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-24

40.1 Appointment of the Secretary General shall remain governed by REG-4.

40.2 REG-26 shall govern the remuneration and employment-control aspects of that office.

RULE-41 — Recruitment Criteria

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

41.1 Material recruitment criteria should be established before the final selection is made.

RULE-42 — Job Description

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

42.1 A material permanent position should have an identifiable job description or equivalent statement of duties.

RULE-43 — Qualifications

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

43.1 Required qualifications shall be reasonably connected to the work.

RULE-44 — No Artificial Qualification Barrier

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

44.1 A qualification requirement shall not be created principally to exclude a disfavoured candidate or guarantee a predetermined appointment.

RULE-45 — International Workforce

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

45.1 WUFO may recruit qualified personnel internationally.

RULE-46 — Local Employment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

46.1 WUFO may also recruit personnel in the jurisdiction where work is actually performed.

RULE-47 — Geographic Diversity May Be Considered

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

47.1 WUFO may reasonably seek geographic diversity within central administration.

47.2 Geographic diversity shall not require appointment of an unqualified person.

RULE-48 — Professional Expertise Has No Representative Sex Restriction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-13.7–13.9

48.1 Professional staff positions are not protected representative governance seats.

48.2 Men and women may therefore be recruited according to merit for professional roles.

RULE-49 — Candidate Due Diligence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

49.1 WUFO may conduct proportionate professional due diligence before a material appointment.

RULE-50 — Due Diligence Areas

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

50.1 Due diligence may include:

a. identity;

b. employment history;

c. qualifications;

d. professional references;

e. relevant integrity history;

f. conflicts of interest; and

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g. other lawful information reasonably relevant to the position.

RULE-51 — Privacy in Recruitment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14; STA / ART-24

51.1 Recruitment due diligence shall respect applicable privacy and employment law.

PART V — EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133

RULE-52 — Written Employment Terms

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

52.1 A material WUFO employment relationship shall be documented in writing.

RULE-53 — Employment Agreement Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

53.1 An employment agreement should identify, as applicable:

a. position;

b. duties;

c. reporting relationship;

d. employment status;

e. commencement date;

f. remuneration;

g. benefits;

h. working arrangements;

i. confidentiality obligations;

j. conflicts obligations;

k. termination conditions; and

l. other lawful employment terms.

RULE-54 — Contract Cannot Create Constitutional Power

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

54.1 An employment agreement shall not create constitutional authority that the Statutes do not grant.

RULE-55 — Contract Cannot Override WUFO Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

55.1 An employment agreement shall not override:

a. the Statutes;

b. a valid Regulation;

c. protected financial limits; or

d. mandatory institutional-control requirements.

RULE-56 — Employment Duration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

56.1 Employment may be:

a. indefinite;

b. fixed-term;

c. temporary;

d. project-based; or

e. another lawful employment form.

RULE-57 — Constitutional Office Term Is Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

57.1 The constitutional term of the Secretary General or Founder Presidency shall not be extended by an employment contract.

RULE-58 — No Automatic Permanent Employment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

58.1 Temporary or project-based employment shall not automatically become permanent WUFO employment except where applicable law or a lawful employment agreement provides otherwise.

RULE-59 — Place of Work

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

59.1 Employment terms may identify:

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a. headquarters;
b. another office;
c. remote work;
d. hybrid work;
e. travel-based duties; or
f. another lawful arrangement.

RULE-60 — Remote Work

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

60.1 WUFO may permit remote or hybrid employment where appropriate to the function.

RULE-61 — Confidentiality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

61.1 Employees may be required to protect legitimate:

a. personal information;
b. legal information;
c. financial information;
d. competition information;
e. commercial information;
f. integrity information; and
g. security information.

RULE-62 — Confidentiality Does Not Hide Wrongdoing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.15

62.1 Employment confidentiality shall not prohibit lawful reporting of serious wrongdoing through authorised channels.

RULE-63 — Institutional Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

63.1 WUFO records, work product and institutional property shall remain subject to applicable WUFO intellectual-property, records and employment rules.

RULE-64 — Return of Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

64.1 A departing employee shall return WUFO property and institutional records as required by law and WUFO rules.

RULE-65 — No Private Ownership from Employment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

65.1 Employment shall not create:

a. shares;
b. equity;
c. ownership of reserves;
d. ownership of competition rights; or
e. residual ownership of WUFO assets.

PART VI — SALARY BANDS AND ORDINARY STAFF REMUNERATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133.1–133.6

RULE-66 — Approved Compensation Structure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.5

66.1 Staff remuneration shall be organised through approved salary bands or equivalent compensation structures.

RULE-67 — Purpose of Salary Bands

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.1–133.6

67.1 Salary bands should support:

a. consistency;
b. fairness;
c. financial planning;
d. professional recruitment;
e. reasonable progression; and
f. avoidance of arbitrary personal salary-setting.

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RULE-68 — Salary Factors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.6

68.1 Salary levels may consider:

a. responsibility;

b. professional qualifications;

c. experience;

d. labour market conditions;

e. location; and

f. WUFO financial capacity.

RULE-69 — Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

69.1 Greater responsibility may justify greater remuneration.

RULE-70 — Qualifications

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

70.1 Relevant professional qualifications may be reflected in remuneration.

RULE-71 — Experience

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

71.1 Relevant professional experience may be reflected in remuneration.

RULE-72 — Labour Market Conditions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

72.1 WUFO may consider realistic employment-market conditions when setting salary ranges.

RULE-73 — Location

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

73.1 WUFO may reasonably account for differences in employment location, applicable law and labour-market conditions.

RULE-74 — Financial Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

74.1 WUFO shall not establish compensation commitments that it cannot reasonably sustain.

RULE-75 — Equal Work Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

75.1 Comparable positions should receive reasonably consistent compensation treatment, subject to legitimate differences in:

a. experience;

b. responsibility;

c. performance;

d. location;

e. employment market; or

f. another legitimate factor.

RULE-76 — No Salary Based on Political Influence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

76.1 Political influence shall not be a lawful salary factor.

RULE-77 — No Salary Based on Member Association Power

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

77.1 An employee shall not receive greater salary merely because the employee comes from a wealthy, successful or politically powerful Member Association.

RULE-78 — Salary Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

78.1 WUFO may periodically review salary bands and individual remuneration.

RULE-79 — No Automatic Annual Increase

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

79.1 Employment with WUFO shall not create an automatic annual salary increase unless:

a. the employment agreement;

b. applicable law; or

c. an approved compensation policy

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provides otherwise.

RULE-80 — General Inflation Adjustment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

80.1 Ordinary salary bands may be reviewed for inflation or labour-market change according to approved WUFO employment policy.

80.2 Such review is separate from the statutory inflation mechanism governing the Secretary General and Founder President ceilings.

RULE-81 — Performance-Based Employment System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.13

81.1 WUFO may operate a normal performance-based employment system.

RULE-82 — Permitted Performance Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

82.1 Performance compensation may reflect:

a. professional performance;

b. institutional objectives;

c. project completion;

d. management quality;

e. administrative efficiency; or

f. other legitimate employment criteria.

RULE-83 — No Contract-Specific Commercial Incentive

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.13

83.1 Performance compensation shall not become a disguised personal commission based upon the value of a particular commercial contract.

PART VII — EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15– 135.17

RULE-84 — Reasonable Employment Benefits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7

84.1 WUFO may provide reasonable employment benefits.

RULE-85 — Ordinary Benefit Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.8

85.1 Benefits may include, as appropriate:

a. health insurance;

b. disability insurance;

c. life insurance;

d. retirement contributions;

e. paid leave; and

f. other normal employment benefits.

RULE-86 — Benefits Are Not Automatically Identical

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

86.1 Benefit structures may differ reasonably according to:

a. applicable law;

b. employment location;

c. employment status;

d. seniority;

e. role; and

f. employment-market conditions.

RULE-87 — Benefit Structure Must Be Approved

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

87.1 Material benefit programmes shall be approved through the applicable WUFO employment and budget processes.

RULE-88 — Health Insurance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

88.1 WUFO may provide or contribute toward reasonable employee health coverage where appropriate.

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RULE-89 — Disability Insurance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

89.1 WUFO may provide reasonable disability coverage.

RULE-90 — Life Insurance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

90.1 WUFO may provide reasonable life-insurance benefits.

RULE-91 — Retirement Contributions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

91.1 WUFO may provide lawful employer retirement contributions.

RULE-92 — Paid Leave

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

92.1 Employees may receive paid leave consistent with:

a. applicable law;

b. employment agreement; and

c. WUFO employment policy.

RULE-93 — Statutory Leave

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

93.1 WUFO shall respect mandatory leave requirements applicable to the employment relationship.

RULE-94 — No Hidden Salary Through Benefits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

94.1 A benefit shall not be artificially designed or valued principally to circumvent:

a. a salary ceiling;

b. public remuneration disclosure; or

c. another compensation control.

RULE-95 — Reasonable Executive Benefits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

95.1 Senior executives may receive reasonable executive benefits permitted by the Statutes.

RULE-96 — Benefits Separate from Salary Ceiling Where Statutes Provide

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

96.1 Benefits for the Secretary General and Founder President may be provided separately from their annual gross remuneration ceilings where permitted by STA / ART-134 and STA / ART-135.

RULE-97 — Benefits Remain Subject to Budget

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

97.1 Employment benefits shall be included in WUFO financial planning and budget control.

RULE-98 — No Automatic Lifetime Benefit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.7–133.8; STA / ART-134.9–134.10; STA / ART-135.15–135.17

98.1 An employment benefit shall not become a lifetime WUFO entitlement unless:

a. applicable law;

b. an approved retirement arrangement; or

c. another lawful contractual obligation

expressly creates such entitlement.

PART VIII — OFFICIAL EXPENSES, TRAVEL AND REIMBURSEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126– 132

RULE-99 — Official Expenses Are Separate from Salary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

99.1 Properly documented Official Business Expenses shall be treated separately from salary.

RULE-100 — Legitimate Business Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

100.1 An expense shall have a legitimate WUFO institutional purpose.

RULE-101 — Documentation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

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101.1 Material expense reimbursement shall require reasonable supporting documentation.

RULE-102 — No Hidden Salary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.12; STA / ART-135.19

102.1 Expense reimbursement shall not be used to hide additional remuneration.

RULE-103 — Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

103.1 Official WUFO travel may be paid directly or reimbursed under the applicable travel policy.

RULE-104 — Travel Is Not Salary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11; STA / ART-135.18

104.1 Properly documented official WUFO travel shall not form part of the Secretary General or Founder President statutory salary ceiling.

RULE-105 — Personal Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

105.1 Personal travel shall not be charged to WUFO merely because the person is travelling at the same time as an official trip.

RULE-106 — Mixed-Purpose Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

106.1 Where travel combines official and personal activity, WUFO shall pay only the legitimate institutional share unless a lawful employment benefit provides otherwise.

RULE-107 — Expense Policy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

107.1 Detailed:

a. travel classes;

b. accommodation standards;

c. meal rules;

d. mileage;

e. per diem;

f. booking procedures;

g. documentation; and

h. reimbursement deadlines

shall be governed by lower operational instruments.

RULE-108 — Reasonableness

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

108.1 Official expenses shall be reasonable in relation to the institutional purpose.

RULE-109 — No Luxury as Personal Reward

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

109.1 WUFO shall not use unnecessary luxury expenditure as disguised personal compensation.

RULE-110 — Advance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

110.1 WUFO may provide a reasonable business-expense advance subject to reconciliation.

RULE-111 — Unused Advance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11–134.12; STA / ART-135.18–135.19; STA / ART-126–132

111.1 An unused business-expense advance shall be returned or reconciled.

PART IX — SECRETARY GENERAL REMUNERATION AND LIMITS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-24; STA / ART-134

RULE-112 — Full-Time Professional Office

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.1

112.1 The Secretary General is a full-time professional office and may receive remuneration.

RULE-113 — Statutory Ceiling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.2

113.1 The maximum Gross Annual Remuneration of the Secretary General shall be:

US$600,000 in 2026 value.

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RULE-114 — Ceiling Is Not Automatic Salary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.4

114.1 The US$600,000 statutory amount is a maximum ceiling.

114.2 It is not an automatic salary entitlement.

RULE-115 — Actual Salary May Be Lower

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-24; STA / ART-134

115.1 The actual Secretary General remuneration may be below the statutory maximum.

RULE-116 — Independent Determination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5

116.1 Actual Secretary General remuneration shall be determined through the Independent Remuneration Process.

RULE-117 — Secretary General Cannot Set Own Pay

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.6

117.1 The Secretary General shall not determine or approve his or her own remuneration.

RULE-118 — Budget Inclusion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.7

118.1 Approved Secretary General remuneration shall be included in the WUFO budget.

RULE-119 — Public Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.8

119.1 The remuneration of the Secretary General shall be publicly disclosed.

RULE-120 — Inflation Adjustment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.3

120.1 The statutory ceiling may be adjusted only to preserve its real economic value.

RULE-121 — No Real Increase Through Inflation Mechanism

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-24; STA / ART-134

121.1 The Approved Inflation Mechanism shall not be used to increase the Secretary General ceiling beyond preservation of its 2026 real economic value.

RULE-122 — Transparent Inflation Calculation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-24; STA / ART-134

122.1 Any inflation adjustment to the statutory ceiling shall be calculated transparently and recorded.

RULE-123 — No Salary Increase Required by Inflation Adjustment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-24; STA / ART-134

123.1 An increase in the statutory maximum shall not automatically increase the actual remuneration of the Secretary General.

RULE-124 — Secretary General Benefits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.9–134.10

124.1 Reasonable benefits may be provided separately.

124.2 Benefits may include:

a. health insurance;

b. life insurance;

c. disability insurance;

d. retirement contributions; and

e. other normal executive employment benefits.

RULE-125 — Secretary General Official Expenses

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.11

125.1 Official WUFO travel and properly documented business expenses shall remain separate from the salary ceiling.

RULE-126 — No Hidden Salary Through Expenses

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.12

126.1 Secretary General expense reimbursement shall not be used to hide additional salary.

RULE-127 — No Personal Commercial Commission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.13

127.1 The Secretary General shall receive no Personal Commercial Commission connected to WUFO contracts.

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RULE-128 — End of Remuneration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.14

128.1 Secretary General remuneration shall end when the person ceases to hold or lawfully serve in that office, subject to normal legal employment obligations.

RULE-129 — No Automatic Post-Office Salary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-24; STA / ART-134

129.1 Former service as Secretary General shall not create an automatic continuing WUFO salary.

PART X - FOUNDER PRESIDENT REMUNERATION AND LIMITS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-21-22; STA / ART-135

RULE-130 - Founder President Remuneration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.1; STA / ART-135.9

130.1 The Founder President has first remuneration priority because of full-time service to WUFO from the pre-institutional conception phase through the Embryonic and Foundational Periods.

130.2 As soon as WUFO has sufficient financial capacity, it may provide full or partial salary, stipend, allowance, service compensation or other appropriate economic support without waiting for the Mature Period.

RULE-131 - Founder President Statutory Ceiling

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.2

131.1 The maximum Gross Annual Remuneration of the Founder President shall be US$600,000 in 2026 value.

RULE-132 - Ceiling Is a Maximum

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.4

132.1 The statutory amount is a ceiling.

RULE-133 - No Automatic Full-Maximum Entitlement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.5

133.1 The Founder President shall not possess an automatic right to receive the full statutory maximum each year.

RULE-134 - Independent Determination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.6-135.8

134.1 The applicable Founder President remuneration level and any retroactive recognition shall be independently determined or verified in accordance with this Regulation.

RULE-135 - Remuneration Factors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.6

135.1 The independent determination shall consider WUFO financial capacity, responsibilities of the office, work performed, institutional circumstances, applicable financial rules and the remuneration priority established by STA / ART-135.1.

RULE-136 - Founder Cannot Set Own Pay

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.7

136.1 The Founder President shall not determine or approve his own remuneration.

RULE-137 - Public Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.8

137.1 Approved Founder President remuneration and material retroactive recognition shall be publicly disclosed.

RULE-138 — Inflation Adjustment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.3

138.1 The statutory ceiling may be adjusted only to preserve its real economic value.

RULE-139 — No Real Increase Through Inflation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–22; STA / ART-135

139.1 The Approved Inflation Mechanism shall not increase the statutory ceiling beyond preservation of the US$600,000 2026 real value.

RULE-140 — No Automatic Increase in Actual Pay

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–22; STA / ART-135

140.1 An inflation adjustment to the ceiling shall not automatically increase actual Founder President remuneration.

RULE-141 — Founder President Benefits

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.15–135.16

141.1 The Founder President may receive reasonable executive benefits.

RULE-142 — Permitted Founder Benefit Categories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–22; STA / ART-135

142.1 Such benefits may include:

a. health insurance;

b. life insurance;

c. disability insurance; and

d. a defined retirement contribution.

RULE-143 — No Lifetime WUFO Pension

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.17

143.1 The Founder President shall not receive a lifetime WUFO pension merely because he served as Founder President.

RULE-144 — Defined Retirement Contribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–22; STA / ART-135

144.1 A lawful defined retirement contribution may be provided during eligible service.

144.2 Historical idea repositories, drafts and drafting sources from the founding process shall be treated only as non-normative materials for institutional memory and future study.

RULE-145 — Founder Official Travel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.18

145.1 Official travel and properly documented WUFO business expenses shall be separate from the Founder President annual remuneration ceiling.

RULE-146 — No Hidden Salary Through Expenses

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.19

146.1 Founder President expense reimbursement shall not be used to hide additional remuneration.

RULE-147 — No Personal Commercial Commission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.20

147.1 The Founder President shall receive no personal commercial commission connected to:

a. sponsorship;

b. broadcast rights;

c. Host Agreements; or

d. other WUFO contracts.

RULE-148 - Service-Period Remuneration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.21

148.1 Active remuneration for service as Founder President may apply during the Embryonic and Foundational Periods while the office lawfully exists.

RULE-149 - Permanent End of Salary with Office

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.21-135.22

149.1 When the Founder Presidency permanently ends, no new salary shall remain attached to that office.

RULE-150 - Founder Emeritus Has No Salary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.22

150.1 A historical title such as Founder or Founder Emeritus shall not create salary, pension, executive compensation, voting rights or another permanent financial entitlement.

RULE-151 - No Revival Through Payment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.23-135.26

151.1 Payment of a valid pre-existing remuneration obligation recognised for the Embryonic or Foundational Period after the office ends shall not extend or revive the Founder Presidency, create executive authority or create new remuneration for post-office service.

RULE-152 - No Equity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.12

RULE-152 — No Equity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.11–135.12

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152.1 Founder President remuneration shall not create:

a. equity;

b. shares;

c. voting rights;

d. ownership of WUFO; or

e. a residual claim against WUFO assets.

RULE-153 — No Percentage of WUFO Revenue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–22; STA / ART-135

153.1 Founder President compensation shall not be structured as a percentage ownership interest in WUFO revenue.

RULE-154 — Governing Founder Compensation Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.27

154.1 The Founder President may be paid fairly for real work.

154.2 The office creates no ownership and no permanent financial privilege.

PART XI - FOUNDER PRESIDENT RETROACTIVE RECOGNITION AND DEFERRED PAYMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-135.9-135.14; STA / ART-135.23-135.26

RULE-155 - Compensation Begins When Financial Capacity Exists

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.9

155.1 Neither the Embryonic Period nor the Foundational Period requires the Founder President to serve without compensation. Full or partial salary, stipend, allowance, service compensation or other appropriate economic support may begin as soon as WUFO has sufficient financial capacity.

RULE-156 - Independent Determination and Recognition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.6-135.11

156.1 Current remuneration and retroactive recognition shall be independently determined or verified under the applicable WUFO process.

RULE-157 - Annual Ceiling Still Applies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.2-135.5

157.1 Remuneration attributable to a year shall not exceed the lawful annual statutory ceiling and applicable remuneration level for that year.

RULE-158 - Accounting Record Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.10-135.13

158.1 Any recognised unpaid amount shall be properly recorded in WUFO accounts.

RULE-159 - Audit Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.8; STA / ART-135.10-135.13

159.1 Retroactive and deferred remuneration shall be subject to independent external audit.

RULE-160 - Institutional Financial Obligation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.12

160.1 A valid recognised but unpaid amount constitutes a WUFO institutional financial obligation.

RULE-161 - No Ownership from Recognition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.12

161.1 Recognition or deferral of remuneration shall not create ownership of WUFO.

RULE-162 - No Shares

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.12

162.1 It shall not create shares.

RULE-163 - No Equity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.12

163.1 It shall not create equity.

RULE-164 - No Voting Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.12

164.1 It shall not create voting rights.

RULE-165 - No Percentage of Revenue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.12

165.1 It shall not create a percentage entitlement to WUFO revenue.

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RULE-166 - No Permanent Claim over Assets

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.12

166.1 Recognition or deferral shall not create a permanent claim over WUFO assets beyond the lawful monetary obligation actually recognised.

RULE-167 - Later Payment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.13

167.1 A recognised unpaid amount may be paid later when WUFO has sufficient lawful liquidity.

RULE-168 - Financial Controls Apply to Later Payment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.13

168.1 Later payment remains subject to REG-24, accounting verification, approved payment authority and audit.

RULE-169 - Foundational Period Retroactive Recognition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.10

169.1 From the effective date on which the fiftieth (50th) Member completes valid Founding Accession and the Foundational Period begins, Founder President remuneration may be recognised retroactively from the beginning of that Period for unpaid amounts, subject to the applicable remuneration level, statutory ceiling, independent determination, accounting and audit.

RULE-170 - Embryonic Period Fifty-Percent Limit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.11

170.1 Retroactive recognition for the Embryonic Period is limited to fifty percent (50%) of the applicable remuneration level. Compensation already received for that Period shall be credited and only the amount necessary to reach that fifty-percent level may be recognised.

RULE-171 - Later Payment Does Not Revive Office

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.23-135.26

171.1 A valid recognised unpaid amount from the Embryonic or Foundational Period may be paid after the Founder Presidency ends. Payment shall not extend or revive the office, create executive authority or create new remuneration for post-office service.

PART XII - INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PROCESS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

RULE-172 — Independent Remuneration Panel

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

172.1 WUFO shall maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel or equivalent independent professional mechanism for protected senior executive remuneration.

RULE-173 — Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

173.1 A person shall not participate in determining remuneration where that person:

a. is the person whose remuneration is being determined;

b. is financially dependent upon that person in a manner creating a material conflict;

c. expects a personal benefit from the decision; or

d. has another serious conflict.

RULE-174 — Panel Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

174.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel shall protect:

a. reasonable professional compensation;

b. financial discipline;

c. compliance with statutory ceilings;

d. transparency; and

e. independence from self-dealing.

RULE-175 — No Executive Self-Approval

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

175.1 Neither the Founder President nor Secretary General shall approve their own remuneration.

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RULE-176 — Information Considered

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

176.1 The Panel may consider:

a. statutory responsibilities;

b. workload;

c. comparable professional positions;

d. institutional complexity;

e. financial capacity;

f. employment-market evidence;

g. performance where legally appropriate; and

h. applicable statutory factors.

RULE-177 — Statutory Ceiling Controls

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

177.1 No remuneration determination shall exceed the lawful statutory ceiling.

RULE-178 — Lower Amount Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

178.1 The Panel may determine that reasonable compensation is materially lower than the statutory ceiling.

RULE-179 — No Presumption Toward Maximum

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

179.1 The existence of a maximum ceiling shall not create a presumption that the maximum should normally be paid.

RULE-180 — Annual Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

180.1 Senior executive remuneration may be reviewed periodically.

180.2 A review shall not guarantee an increase.

RULE-181 — Appointment-Year Determination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

181.1 Secretary General remuneration shall be determined through the independent process when that person assumes office.

RULE-182 — Founder Annual Determination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

182.1 Founder President remuneration may be determined annually or through an approved multi-year structure that permits annual verification of the statutory ceiling and WUFO financial capacity.

RULE-183 — Written Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

183.1 A protected senior remuneration determination shall be documented.

RULE-184 — Public Disclosure of Final Amount

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

184.1 Final approved remuneration of the Secretary General and Founder President shall be publicly disclosed as required by the Statutes.

RULE-185 — Confidential Professional Material

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.5–134.8; STA / ART-135.6–135.8

185.1 Confidential market evidence, personal records or deliberative material need not all be published merely because the final remuneration amount is public.

PART XIII — PERFORMANCE, PROMOTION AND EMPLOYMENT MANAGEMENT

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133

RULE-186 — Performance Management

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

186.1 WUFO may maintain a professional employee performance-management system.

RULE-187 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

187.1 Performance management may support:

a. feedback;

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b. development;
c. promotion;
d. compensation review;
e. identification of training needs;
f. performance correction; and
g. organisational effectiveness.

RULE-188 — Fair Performance Criteria

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

188.1 Performance criteria should relate reasonably to the employee’s work.

RULE-189 — No Political Performance Criterion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

189.1 Political loyalty to an officeholder shall not constitute legitimate employee performance.

RULE-190 — Independent Professional Advice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

190.1 An employee shall not be penalised merely for giving good-faith professional advice that an officeholder does not like.

RULE-191 — Lawful Instructions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

191.1 Employees shall comply with lawful WUFO administrative instructions within their responsibilities.

RULE-192 — Unlawful Instruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

192.1 An employee shall not be required to carry out an instruction that is clearly unlawful.

RULE-193 — Promotion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

193.1 Promotion should be based principally on:
a. ability;
b. performance;
c. experience;
d. qualifications;
e. increased responsibility; and
f. institutional need.

RULE-194 — No Purchased Promotion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

194.1 A promotion shall not be purchased through:
a. gifts;
b. kickbacks;
c. political support;
d. private payments; or
e. another improper benefit.

RULE-195 — Internal Candidates

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

195.1 Qualified WUFO employees may receive fair consideration for advancement.

RULE-196 — External Candidates

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

196.1 WUFO may recruit externally where:
a. required expertise is not available internally;
b. competition is useful;
c. institutional renewal is needed; or
d. another legitimate professional reason exists.

RULE-197 — Training

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

197.1 WUFO may provide reasonable employee training and professional development.

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RULE-198 — Training Costs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

198.1 Approved professional-development costs may be paid by WUFO where they serve a legitimate employment purpose.

RULE-199 — No Guaranteed Promotion from Training

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133

199.1 Completion of WUFO-funded training shall not guarantee promotion.

PART XIV — COMMERCIAL INTEGRITY, CONFLICTS AND WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

RULE-200 — Absolute Prohibition of Personal Commercial Commission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12

200.1 No WUFO employee or officer shall receive a personal commercial commission calculated as a percentage of:

a. a sponsorship agreement;

b. a broadcast agreement;

c. a licensing agreement;

d. a Host Agreement; or

e. another material WUFO commercial transaction.

RULE-201 — No Hidden Success Fee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

201.1 A prohibited commission shall not be disguised as:

a. consulting fee;

b. introduction fee;

c. personal success fee;

d. bonus;

e. gift;

f. related-party payment; or

g. another hidden economic benefit.

RULE-202 — Ordinary Performance Compensation Remains Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.13

202.1 RULE-200 shall not prohibit a normal performance-based employment system that does not create an improper incentive linked to a particular commercial contract.

RULE-203 — Fixed Professional Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

203.1 A lawful fixed salary or professionally determined remuneration does not constitute a prohibited commercial commission merely because the employee works in a commercial department.

RULE-204 — Conflict Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

204.1 An employee shall disclose a material personal or financial conflict affecting the employee’s WUFO duties.

RULE-205 — Procurement Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

205.1 An employee involved in procurement shall disclose a material relationship with a potential supplier.

RULE-206 — Employment Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

206.1 An employee involved in hiring shall disclose a material relationship with a candidate.

RULE-207 — No Undisclosed Kickback

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

207.1 An employee shall not receive a concealed benefit from:

a. supplier;

b. sponsor;

c. broadcaster;

d. Host;

e. contractor;

f. agent; or

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g. another WUFO counterparty

in exchange for influencing institutional action.

RULE-208 — Gifts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

208.1 Employees shall comply with the applicable WUFO gifts and conflicts policy.

RULE-209 — Ordinary Hospitality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

209.1 Reasonable ordinary institutional hospitality shall not automatically constitute an improper benefit.

RULE-210 — Whistleblower Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.15

210.1 WUFO shall protect employees who lawfully report serious financial wrongdoing through applicable whistleblower and integrity procedures.

RULE-211 — No Retaliatory Dismissal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

211.1 An employee shall not be dismissed merely because the employee made a protected good-faith report.

RULE-212 — No Retaliatory Salary Reduction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

212.1 A protected good-faith report shall not be punished through arbitrary salary reduction.

RULE-213 — No Retaliatory Demotion

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

213.1 A protected good-faith report shall not be punished through arbitrary demotion.

RULE-214 — False Malicious Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

214.1 Whistleblower protection shall not create immunity for deliberate malicious fabrication.

RULE-215 — Good-Faith Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

215.1 A good-faith report shall not lose protection merely because the suspected wrongdoing is ultimately not proven.

RULE-216 — Coordination with Integrity Process

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12–133.15; STA / ART-120–125

216.1 Serious employee corruption, fraud or comparable integrity misconduct shall be governed substantively by REG-22.

PART XV — TERMINATION, END OF SERVICE AND EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

RULE-217 — Lawful End of Employment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

217.1 Employment may end according to:

a. applicable law;

b. employment agreement;

c. resignation;

d. expiry of fixed term;

e. lawful dismissal;

f. redundancy or organisational restructuring;

g. retirement;

h. death; or

i. another lawful employment ground.

RULE-218 — Written Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

218.1 Material termination of employment should be documented.

RULE-219 — Accrued Ordinary Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

219.1 Lawfully earned and unpaid ordinary employee compensation shall remain payable according to applicable law and contract.

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RULE-220 — Employment End Does Not Erase Institutional Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

220.1 Ending employment shall not erase a valid WUFO financial obligation already lawfully incurred.

RULE-221 — No Fictional Post-Employment Salary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

221.1 A former employee shall not receive continuing WUFO salary without:

a. a valid legal obligation;

b. lawful severance;

c. retirement benefit;

d. deferred compensation; or

e. another legitimate contractual basis.

RULE-222 — Severance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

222.1 Lawful severance may be paid where required or permitted by:

a. applicable law;

b. employment agreement; or

c. approved WUFO employment policy.

RULE-223 — No Secret Golden Parachute

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

223.1 A material end-of-service payment shall not be hidden through an undisclosed side agreement.

RULE-224 — Secretary General End of Office

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

224.1 The Secretary General’s constitutional office and employment status shall be coordinated with REG-4.

RULE-225 — Secretary General Remuneration End

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-134.14

225.1 Salary attached to service as Secretary General shall end when lawful service in that office ends, subject to ordinary legal employment obligations.

RULE-226 — Founder Presidency End

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

226.1 The Founder Presidency shall terminate permanently according to REG-4 and the Statutes.

RULE-227 — Founder Salary Ends Permanently

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.21–135.23

227.1 No continuing salary shall attach to the expired Founder Presidency.

RULE-228 — Accrued Founder Compensation Survives

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.24

228.1 Valid accrued unpaid Founder President compensation may remain payable after the office ends.

RULE-229 — No Revival

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

229.1 Payment of a surviving financial obligation shall not restore the office.

RULE-230 — Return of Institutional Records and Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-22; STA / ART-24; STA / ART-29

230.1 Departing employees and officeholders shall return WUFO institutional records and property as required by law and WUFO documentation rules.

PART XVI — CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS, SECONDMENTS AND TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

RULE-231 — Professional Services

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

231.1 WUFO may use independent consultants, contractors or professional-service providers where appropriate.

RULE-232 — Employment Versus Contractor Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

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232.1 WUFO shall classify a person according to the real legal relationship.

RULE-233 — No Misclassification to Evade Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

233.1 WUFO shall not deliberately misclassify an employee as an independent contractor principally to evade employment obligations.

RULE-234 — Contractor Does Not Become Employee Automatically

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

234.1 A legitimate independent contractor shall not automatically receive employee status or employee benefits merely because services are provided to WUFO.

RULE-235 — Written Professional-Service Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

235.1 A material professional-service engagement should be documented in writing.

RULE-236 — Contractor Compensation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

236.1 Contractor fees may be structured according to legitimate professional-market practice.

RULE-237 — No Commercial Commission Circumvention

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

237.1 An employee or officer shall not use a consulting entity or contractor arrangement to circumvent the prohibition against personal commercial commissions.

RULE-238 — Independent Contractor Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

238.1 Material conflicts of interest affecting a WUFO professional-service engagement shall be disclosed.

RULE-239 — Secondment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

239.1 WUFO may use a lawful secondment arrangement with another organisation.

RULE-240 — Secondment Terms

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

240.1 A material secondment should identify:

a. employer;

b. WUFO role;

c. duration;

d. financial responsibility;

e. reporting relationship; and

f. conflict-management requirements.

RULE-241 — Loaned Personnel Do Not Gain Constitutional Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

241.1 Seconded or loaned personnel shall not acquire a WUFO constitutional vote or office merely through the arrangement.

RULE-242 — Temporary Specialist

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

242.1 WUFO may engage temporary specialists for:

a. tournaments;

b. legal matters;

c. auditing support;

d. technology;

e. medical services;

f. development;

g. media;

h. security; or

i. another legitimate institutional function.

RULE-243 — No Artificial Permanent Consultant

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

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243.1 WUFO should periodically review long-running consulting arrangements where the real relationship may have become employment.

RULE-244 — Procurement and Related-Party Controls

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-132

244.1 Professional-service contracts remain subject to REG-24 procurement, related-party and financial-control requirements.

PART XVII — PAYROLL, EMPLOYMENT RECORDS, PRIVACY, AUDIT AND TRANSPARENCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-126–135

RULE-245 — Payroll System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

245.1 WUFO shall maintain a controlled payroll or equivalent remuneration-payment system.

RULE-246 — Payroll Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

246.1 Payroll records shall identify, as applicable:

a. employee;

b. gross compensation;

c. lawful deductions;

d. employer contributions;

e. benefits;

f. reimbursement;

g. payment date; and

h. accounting classification.

RULE-247 — Authorised Payroll

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

247.1 Salary payment shall correspond to a valid employment or office arrangement and approved compensation.

RULE-248 — No Ghost Employee

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

248.1 WUFO shall not knowingly pay salary to a fictitious or non-existent employee.

RULE-249 — No Continued Payroll after Unrecorded Departure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

249.1 Employment termination shall be communicated promptly to payroll administration.

RULE-250 — Payroll Reconciliation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

250.1 Payroll shall be regularly reconciled with employment records and financial accounts.

RULE-251 — Budget Reconciliation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.9

251.1 Staff costs shall reconcile to the approved budget and lawful budget amendments.

RULE-252 — Independent External Audit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

252.1 Material staff and executive remuneration shall be subject to the financial audit framework established by REG-24.

RULE-253 - Retroactive and Deferred Remuneration Audit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126-135

253.1 Retroactive and Deferred Remuneration shall remain independently auditable until fully satisfied or otherwise lawfully resolved.

RULE-254 — Ordinary Employee Salary Privacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.10

254.1 Ordinary employee salaries shall not require individual public disclosure unless required by:

a. law;

b. WUFO transparency rules; or

c. another valid authority.

RULE-255 — Senior Executive Transparency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.11

255.1 Senior executive remuneration shall be subject to greater transparency.

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RULE-256 — Secretary General Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

256.1 Secretary General remuneration shall be publicly disclosed.

RULE-257 — Founder President Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

257.1 Founder President remuneration and material retroactive recognition shall be publicly disclosed during the Embryonic and Foundational Periods.

RULE-258 — Benefits Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

258.1 Public disclosure may identify material categories of senior executive benefits without unnecessarily publishing private medical or personal information.

RULE-259 — Privacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

259.1 WUFO shall protect employee personal information according to applicable law.

RULE-260 — Medical Information

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–135

260.1 Employee medical information shall receive appropriate confidentiality.

PART XVIII — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-126–143

RULE-261 — Coordination with REG-4

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-126–143

261.1 REG-4 shall govern:

a. Founder Presidency authority;

b. Founding Transition;

c. Presidential Body;

d. Secretary General appointment;

e. Secretary General authority;

f. Secretary General terms; and

g. central administration governance.

261.2 REG-26 shall govern compensation and employment controls applicable to those offices.

RULE-262 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-126–143

262.1 REG-22 shall govern serious employee:

a. corruption;

b. fraud;

c. integrity misconduct;

d. abuse of office; and

e. disciplinary consequences within its jurisdiction.

262.2 REG-26 shall govern ordinary employment administration and employment consequences.

RULE-263 — Coordination with REG-23

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-126–143

263.1 REG-23 shall govern anti-doping.

263.2 WUFO employees working in anti-doping remain subject to REG-26 for employment matters while anti-doping independence remains protected.

RULE-264 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-126–143

264.1 REG-24 shall govern:

a. annual budgeting;

b. spending authority;

c. reserves;

d. payroll accounting;

e. audit;

f. related-party transactions;

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g. procurement;
h. remuneration transparency; and
i. financial records.
264.2 REG-26 shall govern substantive employment and compensation rules.

RULE-265 — Coordination with REG-25

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-126–143

265.1 REG-25 shall govern Football Development Programmes.

265.2 Development Professionals directly employed by WUFO shall also be subject to

REG-26.

RULE-266 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-126–143

266.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. document coding;
b. employment-policy version control;
c. official forms;
d. publication; and
e. historical preservation.

RULE-267 — Governance Authority Remains Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-126–143

267.1 Nothing in REG-26 shall enlarge employment authority beyond the governance powers established elsewhere in WUFO law.

RULE-268 — Financial Authority Remains Separate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-126–143

268.1 Employment authority shall not by itself create unlimited spending authority.

PART XIX — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-14

RULE-269 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-14

269.1 Implementation of REG-26 may use lower instruments including:

a. MAN — WUFO Human Resources;
b. MAN — Salary Bands & Compensation;
c. MAN — Employee Benefits;
d. PRO — Recruitment and Selection;
e. PRO — Employee Due Diligence;
f. PRO — Performance Management;
g. PRO — Promotion and Salary Review;
h. PRO — Employment Termination;
i. PRO — Independent Remuneration Determination;
j. SCH — Salary Bands;
k. SCH — Executive Benefits;
l. SCH — Approved Inflation Mechanism;
m. FOR — Employment Conflict Disclosure;
n. FOR — Employee Appointment Record;
o. FOR — Senior Executive Remuneration Decision;
p. FOR - Founder President Retroactive and Deferred Remuneration Record;
q. FOR — Business Expense Claim;
r. PRO — Consultant and Contractor Engagement;
s. MAN — Official Travel & Expenses; and
t. other instruments lawfully authorised under the WUFO normative system.

269.2 Final instrument codes and versions shall be governed by REG-28.

RULE-270 — Salary-Band Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-143

270.1 The Salary-Band Schedule may establish operational compensation ranges for ordinary WUFO employment.

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270.2 It shall not alter a statutory executive ceiling.

RULE-271 — Inflation Schedule

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-143

271.1 The Approved Inflation Mechanism shall identify the method used to preserve the statutory 2026 real-value ceilings.

271.2 It shall not create a real increase.

RULE-272 — Travel and Expense Manual

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-143

272.1 Detailed travel and expense standards shall normally be contained in the appropriate lower operational instrument.

RULE-273 — Human Resources Manual Cannot Rewrite Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-143

273.1 No Human Resources Manual, employment policy or Form shall override REG-26 or the Statutes.

PART XX — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-133–135

RULE-274 — No Fixed Central Staff Number

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

274.1 No lower instrument shall convert the historical approximately 100-person planning benchmark into a mandatory minimum or maximum.

RULE-275 — No Unpaid-Work Doctrine

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.2

275.1 WUFO's not-for-profit status shall not be interpreted as requiring professional staff to work without fair compensation.

RULE-276 — No Salary as Political Patronage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.14

276.1 Salary, employment, promotion or benefits shall not be used as rewards for political loyalty.

RULE-277 — No Personal Commercial Commission

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.12; STA / ART-134.13; STA / ART-135.20

277.1 No employee, Secretary General or Founder President shall personally receive a percentage commission from a material WUFO commercial transaction.

RULE-278 — No Automatic US$600,000 Salary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

278.1 The US$600,000 statutory figures applicable to the Secretary General and Founder President are ceilings, not guaranteed salaries.

RULE-279 — Inflation Preserves Value Only

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

279.1 Inflation adjustment shall preserve real 2026 value only.

RULE-280 — No Executive Self-Payment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

280.1 Neither the Secretary General nor Founder President shall determine or approve their own remuneration.

RULE-281 — No Hidden Salary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

281.1 Benefits, expenses, consulting arrangements, gifts or reimbursements shall not be used to conceal additional remuneration.

RULE-282 - No Founder Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133-135

282.1 Founder President remuneration, benefits or Retroactive and Deferred Remuneration shall not create ownership of WUFO.

RULE-283 - No Lifetime Founder Pension

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Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.17

283.1 Service as Founder President shall not create a lifetime WUFO pension.

RULE-284 — Founder Salary Ends with the Office

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.21–135.23

284.1 After the Founder Presidency permanently ends, no new salary shall attach to the historical office or title.

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RULE-285 — Valid Accrued Obligations Survive

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.24–135.25

285.1 Properly approved and audited unpaid compensation may remain payable after the office ends.

285.2 Payment shall not revive the office.

RULE-286 — No Retroactive Compensation Invention

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-135.14

286.1 No Founder President compensation shall be invented retrospectively for a year in which no compensation had been lawfully approved.

RULE-287 — Whistleblower Employment Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.15

287.1 Employees who lawfully report serious financial wrongdoing shall be protected from employment retaliation according to WUFO law.

RULE-288 — Fair Pay without Private Profit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133.16

288.1 WUFO may pay professional people fairly without turning institutional money into private profit participation.

RULE-289 — Employment Serves the Institution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135

289.1 WUFO employment exists to perform real institutional work.

289.2 Jobs, salaries and benefits shall not become private political currency.

RULE-290 — Final Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-133–135; STA / ART-143

290.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

Not-for-profit does not mean unpaid.

Professional people may be paid fairly for professional work.

WUFO should remain compact, professional and financially sustainable.

There is no permanent constitutional number of central employees.

Approximately one hundred central staff is a historical mature-stage planning benchmark only. It is neither a minimum nor a maximum.

Salary bands create structure. They do not create political patronage.

Responsibility, qualifications, experience, labour-market conditions, location and WUFO financial capacity may legitimately affect salary.

Employment shall never be exchanged for a vote or political loyalty.

Normal employment benefits are permitted.

Official business expenses are separate from salary, but reimbursement shall never become hidden compensation.

No WUFO employee or officer receives a personal percentage commission from sponsorship, broadcast rights, licensing, Host Agreements or other material WUFO commercial transactions.

A normal performance-based employment system is permitted where it does not create an improper incentive linked to one commercial contract.

The Secretary General may be paid up to, but never automatically at, US$600,000 in 2026 value.

The Founder President may be paid up to, but never automatically at, US$600,000 in 2026 value during the twelve-year Founding Period.

Those ceilings may move only to preserve real economic value through the approved inflation mechanism.

The Secretary General does not set the Secretary General’s salary.

The Founder President does not set the Founder President’s salary.

Protected senior remuneration is independently determined and publicly disclosed.

Deferred Founder President compensation exists only where compensation was lawfully approved, liquidity was insufficient, the amount was properly recorded and the obligation was audited.

Deferred compensation creates a debt obligation. It creates no shares, no equity, no vote, no percentage of WUFO revenue and no ownership.

After twelve years the Founder Presidency ends permanently.

A historical Founder title creates no future salary and no lifetime WUFO pension.

Lawfully accrued unpaid obligations may still be paid. Payment does not revive the office.

Employees who report serious financial wrongdoing in good faith shall not be punished for doing so.

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WUFO pays people for real work. WUFO does not purchase loyalty.

REG-26 — STAFF, REMUNERATION, BENEFITS & EMPLOYMENT CONTROLS

REG-27 — INSTITUTIONAL PRESERVATION, VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION & WORLD FOOTBALL HERITAGE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136–138

Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-1; STA / ART-13–16; STA / ART-21–24; STA / ART-30–41; STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-139–144

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND PERMANENT INSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136–138

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

1.1 This Regulation establishes the procedures governing:

a. the indefinite institutional duration of WUFO;

b. temporary sporting dormancy;

c. declaration of a State of Institutional Preservation;

d. minimum functions during serious institutional emergency;

e. temporary administrative arrangements;

f. emergency financial protection;

g. preservation of legal corporate existence;

h. preservation of membership and institutional identity;

i. protection of records, archives and intellectual property;

j. restoration of normal constitutional operations;

k. voluntary dissolution after the constitutionally required unanimous decision;

l. satisfaction of liabilities before dissolution;

m. lawful transfer of remaining assets;

n. World Football Heritage;

o. heritage classification and custody;

p. physical and digital archives;

q. trophies, historical objects and competition records;

r. digitisation, conservation, exhibition, reproduction and licensing;

s. historical accuracy;

t. transfer of heritage upon lawful dissolution; and

u. permanent institutional memory.

1.2 This Regulation shall distinguish clearly between:

a. temporary institutional preservation; and

b. permanent lawful dissolution.

1.3 A State of Institutional Preservation shall never constitute dissolution.

1.4 A temporary emergency shall never create an alternative route for voluntarily terminating WUFO.

RULE-2 — Indefinite Duration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.1

2.1 WUFO shall exist for an indefinite duration.

2.2 No ordinary Regulation, budget decision, competition cancellation or administrative declaration shall create an institutional expiration date.

RULE-3 — Sporting Dormancy Is Not Institutional Death

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.2–136.3

3.1 Temporary suspension, reduction or interruption of football activity shall not by itself terminate WUFO.

3.2 WUFO shall not be considered abandoned merely because it is temporarily unable to organise:

a. the WUFO Championship Cup;

b. the World League;

c. another international competition;

d. Congress meetings; or

e. another normal sporting activity.

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RULE-4 — Institution and Competition Are Different

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

4.1 A competition may be cancelled, postponed or suspended without terminating WUFO.

4.2 The inability to stage football shall not automatically eliminate:

a. WUFO membership;

b. WUFO legal identity;

c. WUFO intellectual property;

d. historical competition records;

e. WUFO assets; or

f. WUFO obligations.

RULE-5 — Preservation Before Extinction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.6–136.11

5.1 Where serious circumstances temporarily prevent normal operation, WUFO shall seek institutional preservation before considering permanent extinction.

RULE-6 — Emergency Powers Are Temporary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.16–136.18

6.1 Emergency authority under this Regulation shall:

a. serve institutional preservation;

b. remain temporary;

c. remain proportionate; and

d. end when the extraordinary circumstances no longer justify it.

RULE-7 — No Emergency Constitutional Coup

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.15–136.17

7.1 No person or body shall use institutional emergency to acquire permanent constitutional authority belonging to another WUFO body.

RULE-8 — Heritage Is Permanent Institutional Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138

8.1 World Football Heritage belongs institutionally to WUFO.

8.2 No officeholder shall acquire personal ownership of WUFO history merely because that person participated in creating it.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136–138

RULE-9 — State of Institutional Preservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

9.1 State of Institutional Preservation means the temporary institutional condition authorised under STA / ART-136 where extraordinary circumstances make normal WUFO operation impossible or seriously impractical and reduced operation is required to preserve WUFO’s lawful existence and future capacity to resume football.

RULE-10 — Sporting Dormancy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

10.1 Sporting Dormancy means a temporary period during which some or all normal WUFO football activity cannot operate.

RULE-11 — Institutional Preservation Function

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

11.1 Institutional Preservation Function means a function reasonably necessary to preserve:

a. legal existence;

b. mandatory corporate compliance;

c. essential financial integrity;

d. records;

e. intellectual property;

f. archives;

g. legal rights and obligations; or

h. capacity to restore normal operation.

RULE-12 — Essential Institutional Function

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

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12.1 Essential Institutional Function means an activity that cannot reasonably be discontinued without materially endangering WUFO’s legal or institutional survival.

RULE-13 — Non-Essential Activity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

13.1 Non-Essential Activity means an activity that may reasonably be reduced, postponed or suspended during a State of Institutional Preservation without materially endangering WUFO’s lawful existence.

RULE-14 — Preservation Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

14.1 Preservation Administration means the reduced professional and institutional structure lawfully operating during a State of Institutional Preservation.

RULE-15 — Preservation Reserve

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

15.1 Preservation Reserve means an approved WUFO reserve available under REG-24 for institutional continuity, emergency or preservation purposes.

RULE-16 — Restoration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

16.1 Restoration means the organised return from a State of Institutional Preservation to normal constitutional, administrative and sporting operations.

RULE-17 — Voluntary Dissolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

17.1 Voluntary Dissolution means the deliberate permanent legal winding-up of WUFO approved through the unanimous constitutional process established by STA / ART-137.

RULE-18 — Dissolution Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

18.1 Dissolution Plan means the formal written plan explaining the proposed legal, financial, asset, liability and heritage consequences of a proposed voluntary dissolution.

RULE-19 — Dissolution Administrator

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

19.1 Dissolution Administrator means a person, professional, firm, trustee, liquidator or other lawful administrator authorised to carry out approved dissolution functions.

RULE-20 — World Football Heritage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138

20.1 World Football Heritage means WUFO material having significant historical, sporting, institutional or cultural value to world football.

RULE-21 — Heritage Asset

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

21.1 Heritage Asset means a physical, digital, documentary, audiovisual, intellectual or other asset designated or treated as part of World Football Heritage.

RULE-22 — Heritage Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

22.1 Heritage Register means the official institutional record identifying significant World Football Heritage assets and their status, location or lawful custodian where reasonably practicable.

PART III — CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING INSTITUTIONAL PRESERVATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136.4–136.6

RULE-23 — Serious Circumstances Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

23.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall not be declared merely because normal operations are inconvenient or expensive.

23.2 Serious extraordinary circumstances must make normal WUFO operation impossible or seriously impractical.

RULE-24 — War or Armed Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.5(a)

24.1 War or armed conflict may justify institutional preservation where normal operation is materially disrupted.

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RULE-25 — Major International Crisis

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.5(b)

25.1 A major international crisis may justify institutional preservation where it materially prevents WUFO from carrying out ordinary functions.

RULE-26 — Natural Disaster

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.5(c)

26.1 A major natural disaster may justify institutional preservation.

RULE-27 — Pandemic or Public-Health Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.5(d)

27.1 A pandemic or comparable public-health emergency may justify institutional preservation.

RULE-28 — Severe Financial Crisis

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.5(e)

28.1 A severe financial crisis may justify institutional preservation where continuation of normal expenditure threatens institutional survival.

RULE-29 — Major Legal Restriction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.5(f)

29.1 A major legal restriction may justify institutional preservation where WUFO cannot lawfully continue ordinary operations.

RULE-30 — Loss of Essential Operating Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.5(g)

30.1 Loss of headquarters, critical systems, banking access, essential professional capacity or comparable infrastructure may justify institutional preservation.

RULE-31 — International Travel Disruption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.5(h)

31.1 Widespread disruption of international travel may justify preservation where WUFO's global governance or competitions cannot reasonably operate.

RULE-32 — Comparable Extraordinary Circumstance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.5(i)

32.1 Another extraordinary circumstance may justify preservation where its practical effect is comparable to the circumstances identified in this Part.

RULE-33 — Ordinary Financial Loss Is Not Automatically Enough

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

33.1 An ordinary annual deficit, failed commercial contract or disappointing competition revenue shall not automatically justify institutional preservation.

RULE-34 — Ordinary Political Disagreement Is Not Enough

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

34.1 Political disagreement among Members, Historical Confederations or officers shall not by itself justify institutional preservation.

RULE-35 — Electoral Defeat Is Not an Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

35.1 Loss of office, political support or an internal vote shall not constitute an institutional emergency merely because an officeholder dislikes the result.

RULE-36 — Competition Cancellation Alone Is Not Enough

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

36.1 Cancellation or postponement of one competition shall not automatically require a State of Institutional Preservation.

RULE-37 — Evidence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

37.1 The factual basis for institutional preservation shall be documented as far as reasonably possible.

RULE-38 — Proportionality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

38.1 WUFO shall use the least disruptive preservation measure reasonably capable of protecting institutional survival.

RULE-39 — Partial Preservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

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39.1 A State of Institutional Preservation may affect only those activities genuinely impaired by the emergency.

39.2 Functions capable of continuing lawfully and safely should continue where reasonable.

RULE-40 — No Manufactured Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

40.1 No WUFO officeholder shall deliberately create or exaggerate an emergency to obtain powers unavailable under normal constitutional government.

PART IV — DECLARATION OF A STATE OF INSTITUTIONAL PRESERVATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136.6–136.7; STA / ART-136.19

RULE-41 — Formal Declaration Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

41.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall be formally recorded.

RULE-42 — Foundational Period Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.6–136.7; STA / ART-136.19

42.1 During the lawful existence of the Founder Presidency, the Founder President may issue a Preservation Declaration within the temporary administrative authority of that office.

42.2 The declaration shall remain subject to:

a. the Statutes;

b. Congress authority;

c. independent bodies;

d. mandatory law; and

e. the limits established by this Regulation.

RULE-43 — Post-Foundational Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.6–136.7; STA / ART-136.19

43.1 After the Founder Presidency has ended, the Presidential Body may declare a State of Institutional Preservation through a lawful formal decision.

RULE-44 — Early End of Founder Presidency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

44.1 Where the Founder Presidency ends early, preservation authority shall follow the permanent leadership arrangement activated under REG-4.

RULE-45 — Declaration Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

45.1 A Preservation Declaration shall identify:

a. the extraordinary circumstance;

b. principal operational consequences;

c. activities affected;

d. functions expected to continue;

e. immediate preservation measures;

f. financial implications where known; and

g. the basis for later review.

RULE-46 — Written Reasons

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

46.1 The declaration shall contain written reasons proportionate to the seriousness of the action.

RULE-47 — Publication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

47.1 WUFO shall publish an appropriate institutional notice of the declaration.

47.2 Sensitive security, legal or personal information may be withheld where legitimately necessary.

RULE-48 — Member Notification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

48.1 Member Associations and Historical Confederations shall receive direct institutional notification where communication remains reasonably possible.

RULE-49 — Congress Authority Preserved

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.6–136.7; STA / ART-136.19

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49.1 A Preservation Declaration shall not remove a Congress power that remains capable of lawful exercise.

RULE-50 — Councils Preserved Where Functional

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

50.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall not dissolve the Men’s Football Council or Women’s Football Council.

RULE-51 — Historical Confederations Remain Institutions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

51.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall not extinguish Historical Confederation autonomy merely because WUFO Central is operating in reduced form.

RULE-52 — Independent Bodies Remain Independent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

52.1 Audit, judicial, disciplinary, electoral, integrity and anti-doping independence shall remain protected to the extent those functions continue.

RULE-53 — Declaration Does Not Amend Statutes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

53.1 A Preservation Declaration shall not amend the Statutes.

RULE-54 — Declaration Does Not Suspend Membership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

54.1 Institutional preservation shall not automatically suspend WUFO membership.

RULE-55 — Declaration Does Not Dissolve WUFO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

55.1 A Preservation Declaration shall never constitute or imply voluntary dissolution.

RULE-56 — Review

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

56.1 The continuing necessity of a State of Institutional Preservation shall be reviewed periodically.

RULE-57 — Continued Necessity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

57.1 Preservation status shall continue only while extraordinary circumstances make normal operation impossible or seriously impractical.

RULE-58 — Partial Restoration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

58.1 Functions may return to ordinary operation progressively without requiring immediate restoration of every activity.

RULE-59 — Termination of Preservation State

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

59.1 The State of Institutional Preservation shall end when normal constitutional and institutional operations can reasonably resume.

RULE-60 — Restoration Notice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

60.1 WUFO shall formally record and communicate the end of the preservation state.

PART V — MINIMUM INSTITUTIONAL FUNCTIONS DURING PRESERVATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136.7–136.12

RULE-61 — Legal Corporate Existence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(a)

61.1 WUFO shall seek to preserve its lawful corporate existence.

RULE-62 — Registered Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(b)

62.1 Required legal or registered status shall be maintained where reasonably possible.

RULE-63 — Essential Accounts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(c)

63.1 Essential financial accounts shall be maintained.

RULE-64 — Institutional Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)

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64.1 Essential institutional records shall be protected.

RULE-65 — Intellectual Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(e)

65.1 WUFO shall preserve material intellectual-property rights where reasonably possible.

RULE-66 — Archives

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(f)

66.1 WUFO shall preserve its institutional archives.

RULE-67 — Historical Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(g)

67.1 Historical sporting and governance records shall remain protected.

RULE-68 — Essential Financial Reserves

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(h)

68.1 Essential reserves required for lawful survival should be preserved.

RULE-69 — Legal Rights and Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(i)

69.1 WUFO shall seek to preserve material legal rights and comply with unavoidable legal obligations.

RULE-70 — Capacity to Resume Football

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(j)

70.1 Preservation measures should protect WUFO's practical capacity eventually to resume football activities.

RULE-71 — Registered Office

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(k)

71.1 WUFO shall maintain any registered office required by applicable law.

RULE-72 — Minimum Corporate Officeholders

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(l)

72.1 WUFO shall maintain the minimum directors or corporate officeholders legally required for continued existence.

RULE-73 — Corporate Filings

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(m)

73.1 Required corporate filings necessary to preserve lawful existence shall continue where reasonably possible.

RULE-74 — Tax and Accounting Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.10

74.1 WUFO shall seek to satisfy minimum tax and accounting obligations necessary to preserve lawful existence.

RULE-75 — Legal Compliance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

75.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall not authorise deliberate disregard of mandatory law.

RULE-76 — Insurance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

76.1 Material insurance required to protect essential WUFO assets or legal exposure may be maintained where financially reasonable.

RULE-77 — Essential Technology

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

77.1 WUFO may maintain essential digital, cybersecurity and communications infrastructure necessary for institutional survival.

RULE-78 — Critical Professional Services

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

78.1 WUFO may retain essential:

a. legal;
b. accounting;
c. audit;
d. banking;
e. technology;
f. insurance;
g. records; and

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h. other professional services
required to preserve the institution.

RULE-79 — Reduced Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.12

79.1 WUFO may operate through a reduced administrative structure during serious dormancy.

RULE-80 — No Minimum Ordinary Staffing Level During Preservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

80.1 Ordinary mature-stage staffing benchmarks shall not require WUFO to retain unnecessary staff during a genuine preservation emergency.

PART VI — TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND LIMITS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136.12–136.18

RULE-81 — Preservation Administration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

81.1 WUFO may temporarily consolidate administrative functions where necessary to preserve institutional operation.

RULE-82 — No New Constitutional Office

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

82.1 Preservation Administration shall not create a new constitutional office.

RULE-83 — No Emergency President

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

83.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall not create:

a. an Emergency President;
b. a Supreme Administrator;
c. an Emergency Congress; or
d. another superior constitutional authority not established by the Statutes.

RULE-84 — Founder Office Cannot Be Extended

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

84.1 Institutional preservation shall not extend the Founder Presidency beyond its lawful constitutional duration.

RULE-85 — No Revival of Founder Presidency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

85.1 A State of Institutional Preservation arising after the Founder Presidency has ended shall not revive that office.

RULE-86 — Presidential Body Equality

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

86.1 Where the Presidential Body is active, preservation administration shall preserve the constitutional equality of its six members.

RULE-87 — Secretary General Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.12–136.18

87.1 The Secretary General may administer preservation measures within the lawful authority of that office.

87.2 The Secretary General shall not acquire constitutional legislative authority through the emergency.

RULE-88 — Delegation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

88.1 Temporary administrative delegation may be used where necessary.

88.2 Delegation shall:

a. be documented where reasonably possible;
b. identify the function;
c. remain temporary; and
d. not transfer authority the delegating body does not possess.

RULE-89 — Remote Governance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

89.1 Meetings may use secure remote or hybrid formats where physical meetings are impossible or impractical.

RULE-90 — Inability to Meet

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

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90.1 Temporary inability of a constitutional body to meet shall not permanently transfer that body's powers elsewhere.

RULE-91 — Temporary Operational Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

91.1 Preservation Administration may make ordinary temporary operational decisions necessary to protect WUFO.

RULE-92 — No Permanent Structural Reform by Emergency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

92.1 Institutional preservation shall not be used to impose permanent:

a. membership restructuring;

b. Historical Confederation restructuring;

c. constitutional office restructuring;

d. voting-system change;

e. competition ownership transfer; or

f. another constitutional reform

without the ordinary authority required by the Statutes.

RULE-93 — No Permanent Commercial Disposal by Convenience

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

93.1 Emergency status shall not by itself justify permanent disposal of important WUFO rights or heritage assets.

RULE-94 — Essential Contracts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

94.1 Essential contracts may be maintained, amended or lawfully terminated as required for institutional survival.

RULE-95 — Non-Essential Contracts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

95.1 WUFO may seek lawful suspension, reduction, renegotiation or termination of nonessential contractual obligations where reasonably necessary.

RULE-96 — Employment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

96.1 Employment measures required by a genuine institutional crisis shall remain subject to:

a. REG-26;

b. applicable law; and

c. valid employment agreements.

RULE-97 — No Personal Asset Appropriation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.13

97.1 No officer or employee shall personally take WUFO assets because normal institutional operations have stopped.

RULE-98 — Creditor Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

98.1 Nothing in institutional preservation shall prevent lawful creditor enforcement where applicable.

RULE-99 — Preservation Is Not Insolvency Immunity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

99.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall not create immunity from binding insolvency, court or creditor law.

RULE-100 — Governing Emergency Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

100.1 Preserve what must survive.

100.2 Suspend only what cannot reasonably continue.

PART VII — EMERGENCY FINANCIAL CONTROL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

RULE-101 — Institutional Survival Priority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

101.1 During serious dormancy, preservation of WUFO's lawful existence shall take priority over unnecessary expenditure.

RULE-102 — REG-24 Continues

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

102.1 REG-24 shall continue to govern:

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a. budgets;
b. reserves;
c. restricted funds;
d. spending authority;
e. audit;
f. banking;
g. contracts; and
h. financial transparency
during institutional preservation.

RULE-103 — Emergency Budget

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

103.1 WUFO may adopt an emergency or preservation budget where ordinary budget assumptions are no longer realistic.

RULE-104 — Essential Expenditure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

104.1 Essential expenditure may include:
a. legal corporate compliance;
b. mandatory filings;
c. essential staff or contractors;
d. banking;
e. audit;
f. insurance;
g. records preservation;
h. cybersecurity;
i. intellectual-property maintenance;
j. essential premises; and
k. other legitimate preservation needs.

RULE-105 — Non-Essential Expenditure Reduction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

105.1 Non-essential expenditure may be postponed or reduced where necessary for survival.

RULE-106 — Protected Funds Remain Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

106.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall not automatically convert restricted or protected funds into unrestricted money.

RULE-107 — Restricted Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

107.1 Restricted funds may be used only according to their lawful restrictions unless a lawful amendment or mandatory legal process permits otherwise.

RULE-108 — Development Funds

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

108.1 Protected development funds shall remain subject to REG-24 and REG-25.

RULE-109 — Fiduciary Funds

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

109.1 Money already held by an Independent Fiduciary shall not become available for ordinary emergency administration merely because WUFO enters institutional preservation.

RULE-110 — Reserve Use

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

110.1 Approved institutional reserves may be used according to their lawful purpose.

RULE-111 — No Personal Emergency Fund

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

111.1 Preservation reserves shall not become personal discretionary money controlled by an officeholder.

RULE-112 — Banking Continuity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

112.1 WUFO shall seek to maintain secure institutional banking and custody arrangements.

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RULE-113 — Emergency Signatories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

113.1 Where an authorised signatory becomes unavailable, replacement authority shall follow lawful institutional and banking procedures.

RULE-114 — No Personal Bank Account

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

114.1 WUFO money shall not be transferred into a private personal account merely because institutional banking has become difficult.

RULE-115 — Financial Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

115.1 Emergency expenditure shall remain recorded and auditable.

RULE-116 — External Audit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

116.1 Independent external audit shall continue to the extent reasonably possible.

RULE-117 — Delayed Audit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

117.1 Where extraordinary circumstances temporarily prevent completion of an audit, WUFO shall preserve the records required for later completion.

RULE-118 — No Emergency Accounting Manipulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-126–132; STA / ART-136.9(h); STA / ART-136.11

118.1 Institutional emergency shall not justify deliberate falsification or destruction of financial records.

PART VIII — MEMBERSHIP, COMPETITIONS AND RIGHTS DURING DORMANCY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136.14–136.18

RULE-119 — Membership Continues

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.14(a)

119.1 Sporting dormancy shall not automatically cancel WUFO membership.

RULE-120 — Member Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

120.1 The Official Member Register shall be preserved.

RULE-121 — Historical Confederation Placement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

121.1 Dormancy shall not automatically change the Historical Confederation placement of a Member Association or any lawful subregional administrative placement applicable within that Confederation.

RULE-122 — Competition Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.14(c)

122.1 Historical competition records shall remain valid and preserved.

RULE-123 — Existing Champions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

123.1 Cancellation or suspension of future competition shall not erase previously recognised lawful champions or results.

RULE-124 — Existing Rankings

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

124.1 Historical rankings and competition records shall be preserved even where active ranking systems are temporarily suspended.

RULE-125 — Competition Rights

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

125.1 Existing competition rights shall be preserved where legally and practically possible.

RULE-126 — No Artificial Champion During Dormancy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

126.1 A competition that cannot be completed shall not automatically declare a champion without lawful competition authority.

RULE-127 — Suspended Sporting Processes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

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127.1 A sporting process may be temporarily suspended where continuation is impossible.

RULE-128 — Restart

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

128.1 Restart of suspended competition shall follow the applicable competition Regulation and a formally communicated restoration plan.

RULE-129 — No Commercial Seizure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

129.1 A sponsor, broadcaster, Host or creditor shall not acquire ownership of WUFO competitions merely because competition activity is temporarily dormant, except to the extent of legally enforceable rights actually held.

RULE-130 — Intellectual Property Continuity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

130.1 WUFO shall seek to maintain registrations and legal protections for material competition names, marks and other intellectual property where economically reasonable.

PART IX — PROTECTION OF RECORDS, ARCHIVES AND DIGITAL SYSTEMS DURING PRESERVATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

RULE-131 — Archive Preservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

131.1 Institutional preservation shall include active protection of important archives.

RULE-132 — Essential Record Priority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

132.1 Priority records should include:

a. Articles of Incorporation;

b. Statutes;

c. Regulations;

d. membership records;

e. Congress records;

f. Council records;

g. material contracts;

h. financial records;

i. competition records;

j. intellectual-property records;

k. heritage registers; and

l. other records necessary to reconstruct WUFO’s lawful institutional history.

RULE-133 — Redundant Copies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.10

133.1 Essential digital records should have redundant copies where reasonably possible.

RULE-134 — Geographic Redundancy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

134.1 WUFO may maintain important digital backups in more than one secure physical or cloud location.

RULE-135 — Cybersecurity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

135.1 Preservation administration shall maintain proportionate cybersecurity for essential records and systems.

RULE-136 — Access Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

136.1 Emergency status shall not mean unrestricted access to confidential institutional records.

RULE-137 — Preservation of Original Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

137.1 Where an important original physical record exists, reasonable measures shall be taken to preserve the original in addition to any digital copy.

RULE-138 — No Emergency Destruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

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138.1 Records shall not be destroyed merely to reduce storage costs where they form material World Football Heritage or are subject to legal retention obligations.

RULE-139 — Legal Hold

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

139.1 Records subject to litigation, investigation, audit or another legal hold shall be protected.

RULE-140 — Restoration Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.9(d)–(g); STA / ART-138

140.1 Records created during the preservation period shall themselves become part of the institutional archive.

PART X — RESTORATION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136.18–136.21

RULE-141 — Restoration Objective

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

141.1 Normal constitutional government and football activity shall resume as soon as reasonably possible after extraordinary circumstances permit.

RULE-142 — Restoration Plan

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

142.1 WUFO may prepare a Restoration Plan.

RULE-143 — Restoration Plan Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

143.1 The Plan may identify:

a. governance meetings;

b. staffing;

c. financial reopening;

d. competitions;

e. Member communications;

f. Historical Confederation coordination;

g. records;

h. technology;

i. contractual matters; and

j. implementation timetable.

RULE-144 — Constitutional Bodies Resume Their Powers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

144.1 Restoration shall return authority to the constitutional bodies that ordinarily possess it.

RULE-145 — Temporary Delegations End

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

145.1 Temporary preservation delegations shall end when no longer required.

RULE-146 — No Emergency Power Carryover

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

146.1 No extraordinary authority shall become permanent merely because it operated successfully during the emergency.

RULE-147 — Financial Restoration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

147.1 WUFO shall transition from an emergency budget to ordinary financial planning when feasible.

RULE-148 — Audit of Preservation Period

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

148.1 Material financial activity during the preservation period shall be included in external audit.

RULE-149 — Employment Restoration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

149.1 Staffing may be restored progressively according to actual institutional need and

REG-26.

RULE-150 — Competition Restoration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

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150.1 Competitions shall resume only where sporting, operational, legal and financial conditions permit.

RULE-151 — No Automatic Restoration of Cancelled Edition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

151.1 Restoration of WUFO shall not automatically require revival of a competition edition that has already become impossible or obsolete.

RULE-152 — Member Communication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

152.1 Members shall receive reasonable information concerning restoration of normal institutional operations.

RULE-153 — Preservation Report

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136

153.1 WUFO should prepare an institutional record summarising:

a. why preservation was declared;

b. principal measures taken;

c. duration;

d. material financial effects;

e. major suspended functions; and

f. restoration measures.

PART XI — VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION — CONSTITUTIONAL PRECONDITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-137

RULE-154 — Voluntary Dissolution Is Exceptional

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

154.1 Voluntary dissolution shall be treated as the most serious permanent institutional decision available to WUFO.

RULE-155 — Exclusive Membership Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.1–137.3

155.1 Voluntary dissolution belongs exclusively to the full lawful voting membership of WUFO acting through the constitutional process.

RULE-156 — Founder President Cannot Dissolve WUFO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

156.1 The Founder President shall not voluntarily dissolve WUFO acting alone.

RULE-157 — Presidential Body Cannot Dissolve WUFO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

157.1 The Presidential Body shall not voluntarily dissolve WUFO acting alone.

RULE-158 — Secretary General Cannot Dissolve WUFO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

158.1 The Secretary General shall not voluntarily dissolve WUFO.

RULE-159 — Councils Cannot Dissolve WUFO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

159.1 Neither WUFO Council shall voluntarily dissolve WUFO.

RULE-160 — Historical Confederation Cannot Dissolve WUFO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

160.1 No Historical Confederation shall voluntarily dissolve WUFO.

RULE-161 — Member Association Acting Alone Cannot Dissolve WUFO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

161.1 No individual Member Association shall voluntarily dissolve WUFO.

RULE-162 — Unanimity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.3

162.1 Voluntary dissolution shall require one hundred percent (100%) of all full lawful voting rights entitled to decide the matter to vote YES.

RULE-163 — Full 482-Vote Illustration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.7

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163.1 Where WUFO has 241 Members and each holds its two lawful Branch Votes, voluntary dissolution shall require all 482 lawful votes where the Statutes require unanimity.

RULE-164 — Changed Membership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.8

164.1 If the lawful number of voting rights changes, the threshold shall remain 100% of the full lawful voting rights then entitled to decide.

RULE-165 — Absence Does Not Reduce Unanimity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.4

165.1 Absence shall not reduce the required number of YES votes.

RULE-166 — Failure to Vote Does Not Reduce Unanimity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.5

166.1 Failure to vote shall not reduce the required number of YES votes.

RULE-167 — Abstention Does Not Approve

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.6

167.1 Abstention shall never constitute approval of voluntary dissolution.

RULE-168 — One Missing YES Prevents Dissolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

168.1 Where the full lawful threshold is not reached, the proposal shall fail.

RULE-169 — No Casting Vote

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

169.1 No casting vote shall exist for voluntary dissolution.

RULE-170 — REG-2 Voting Procedure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

170.1 Congress mandates, notice, voting mechanics and public voting records for voluntary dissolution shall be governed by REG-2.

PART XII — DISSOLUTION PROPOSAL, INFORMATION AND MEMBER MANDATES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-137.9–137.12

RULE-171 — Written Dissolution Proposal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

171.1 A voluntary dissolution proposal shall be written.

RULE-172 — Reason for Dissolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.9(a)

172.1 The proposal shall state the reason dissolution is proposed.

RULE-173 — Legal Consequences

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.9(b)

173.1 The proposal shall explain the principal known legal consequences.

RULE-174 — Liabilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.9(c)

174.1 The proposal shall explain the expected treatment of liabilities.

RULE-175 — Remaining Assets

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.9(d)

175.1 The proposal shall explain the proposed treatment of remaining assets.

RULE-176 — Heritage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.9(e)

176.1 The proposal shall explain the proposed preservation and custody of World Football Heritage.

RULE-177 — Other Material Consequences

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.9(f)

177.1 Other material consequences necessary for informed Member decision-making shall be disclosed.

RULE-178 — No Surprise Dissolution Vote

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.10

178.1 A voluntary dissolution proposal shall not be introduced as a surprise binding vote.

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RULE-179 — Advance Disclosure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.11

179.1 Member Associations shall receive the proposal sufficiently in advance to obtain valid internal mandates.

RULE-180 — Specific Mandate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

180.1 Each voting seat shall comply with the specific dissolution-mandate requirements established by REG-2.

RULE-181 — Material Change Requires New Mandate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

181.1 A material change to the dissolution proposal shall require new mandates before the binding vote.

RULE-182 — Authority to Study Is Not Authority to Dissolve

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.12

182.1 Authority to study dissolution shall not constitute authority to approve it.

RULE-183 — Authority to Negotiate Is Not Approval

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.9–137.12

183.1 Negotiation with creditors, custodians or potential asset recipients before the vote shall not constitute final approval of dissolution.

RULE-184 — Conditional Preparations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

184.1 WUFO may make conditional administrative preparations necessary to inform Members.

184.2 Such preparation shall state clearly that dissolution remains subject to unanimous approval.

RULE-185 — Independent Legal Advice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

185.1 WUFO should obtain appropriate independent legal advice before presenting a final voluntary dissolution plan.

RULE-186 — Financial Statement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

186.1 The proposal should include a reasonable statement of:

a. known assets;

b. liabilities;

c. restricted funds;

d. reserves;

e. significant contractual obligations; and

f. expected winding-up costs.

RULE-187 — Heritage Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

187.1 Material heritage assets should be identified before the final dissolution vote where reasonably possible.

RULE-188 — Potential Asset Recipients

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

188.1 The proposal may identify potential legally eligible recipient organisations.

RULE-189 — No Binding Asset Gift Before Approval

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

189.1 A proposed recipient shall not acquire ownership merely because it is identified in a dissolution proposal.

RULE-190 — Member Information Must Be Honest

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

190.1 Material information shall not be deliberately concealed in order to obtain unanimous dissolution approval.

PART XIII — EXECUTION AFTER VALID VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-137.13–137.20

RULE-191 — No Execution Without Valid Approval

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

191.1 WUFO shall not begin irreversible voluntary dissolution execution unless the constitutional dissolution resolution has been validly approved.

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RULE-192 — Formal Certification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

192.1 The unanimous dissolution result shall be formally certified before voluntary windingup begins.

RULE-193 — Dissolution Administrator

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

193.1 WUFO may appoint one or more qualified Dissolution Administrators.

RULE-194 — Professional Independence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

194.1 A Dissolution Administrator should possess appropriate legal, accounting, insolvency, corporate or asset-administration competence.

RULE-195 — Administrator Is Not New Owner

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

195.1 Appointment as Dissolution Administrator shall not create ownership of WUFO or its assets.

RULE-196 — Dissolution Plan Controls

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

196.1 Execution shall follow:

a. the valid Member resolution;

b. applicable law;

c. the Statutes;

d. this Regulation; and

e. lawful creditor obligations.

RULE-197 — Mandatory Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.19–137.20

197.1 Mandatory law and binding court orders shall prevail to the extent legally necessary.

RULE-198 — No Wider Override than Necessary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

198.1 Where mandatory law conflicts with a WUFO procedure, departure from WUFO procedure shall be limited to what the law actually requires.

RULE-199 — Operational Wind-Down

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

199.1 WUFO may progressively discontinue:

a. competitions;

b. programmes;

c. contracts;

d. offices;

e. employment; and

f. other activities

according to the approved winding-up process.

RULE-200 — Existing Legal Obligations Continue

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

200.1 Approval of dissolution shall not automatically cancel legal liabilities.

RULE-201 — Employees

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

201.1 Employment wind-down shall comply with REG-26 and applicable law.

RULE-202 — Contracts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

202.1 Contracts shall be completed, assigned, terminated, settled or otherwise handled lawfully.

RULE-203 — Competition Closeout

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

203.1 Outstanding competition matters shall be closed in an orderly manner where possible.

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RULE-204 — Development Funds

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

204.1 Restricted development funds shall be treated according to:

a. their legal restrictions;

b. REG-24;

c. REG-25;

d. applicable law; and

e. the lawful dissolution plan.

RULE-205 — Fiduciary Funds

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

205.1 Protected money held outside WUFO by an Independent Fiduciary shall remain subject to the governing fiduciary and legal obligations.

RULE-206 — Intellectual Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

206.1 Intellectual-property rights shall be transferred, preserved, licensed, retired or otherwise handled according to the lawful dissolution plan.

RULE-207 — Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

207.1 Institutional records shall not be abandoned during dissolution.

RULE-208 — Archive Custody

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

208.1 Archive custody shall be established before final institutional closeout where reasonably possible.

RULE-209 — Final Financial Accounts

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

209.1 Final financial accounts shall be prepared to the extent required by law and this Regulation.

RULE-210 — Final Audit

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

210.1 WUFO shall seek an independent final financial audit or equivalent legally required financial review.

PART XIV — LIABILITIES, CREDITORS AND REMAINING ASSETS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-137.13–137.18

RULE-211 — Liabilities First

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.13

211.1 WUFO shall first satisfy or make lawful provision for debts and liabilities before distributing remaining property.

RULE-212 — Known Creditors

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

212.1 Known creditors shall be treated according to applicable law.

RULE-213 — Contingent Liabilities

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

213.1 Reasonable provision may be required for unresolved contingent liabilities.

RULE-214 — Employee Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

214.1 Lawful employee obligations shall be included among liabilities.

RULE-215 — Tax and Public Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

215.1 Mandatory tax and public-law obligations shall be resolved as required by law.

RULE-216 — No Insider Priority Without Legal Basis

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

216.1 A WUFO officeholder shall not create preferential repayment to himself or herself without a legitimate legal basis.

RULE-217 — No Private Residual Distribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.14

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217.1 Remaining property shall not be distributed for private benefit merely because of a person’s relationship with WUFO.

RULE-218 — Founder Has No Residual Claim

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

218.1 The Founder shall have no private residual claim to WUFO assets.

RULE-219 — Founder President Has No Residual Claim

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

219.1 The Founder President shall have no private residual claim to WUFO assets.

RULE-220 — Member Associations Have No Residual Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

220.1 Member Associations shall not receive a private residual distribution merely because they are Members.

RULE-221 — Historical Confederations Have No Residual Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

221.1 Historical Confederations shall not receive a private residual distribution merely because of their constitutional relationship with WUFO.

RULE-222 — Directors and Officers Have No Residual Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

222.1 Directors and officers shall not receive residual assets merely because of office.

RULE-223 — Employees Have No Residual Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

223.1 Employees shall not receive residual WUFO property merely because of employment.

RULE-224 — Donors Have No Residual Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

224.1 A donor shall not receive residual WUFO property merely because the donor previously provided funding.

RULE-225 — Eligible Recipient Organisations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.15

225.1 After satisfaction or lawful provision for liabilities, remaining property shall be transferred only to one or more organisations legally eligible to receive it under applicable Canadian law.

RULE-226 — Preferred Purposes

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.16

226.1 Where legally possible, preference should be given to eligible organisations whose purposes include:

a. sport;

b. youth development;

c. education;

d. football development;

e. sporting history;

f. cultural or sporting heritage; or

g. another purpose consistent with WUFO’s historical mission.

RULE-227 — Due Diligence on Recipient

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

227.1 WUFO should verify that a proposed recipient is legally eligible and reasonably capable of carrying out the intended custodial or charitable purpose.

RULE-228 — No Sham Recipient

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

228.1 A shell, proxy or controlled entity shall not be used principally to transfer WUFO assets indirectly to an insider.

RULE-229 — No Asset Sale to Circumvent Non-Distribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

229.1 WUFO shall not sell an asset at artificial undervalue to an insider as a disguised private distribution.

RULE-230 — Fair Disposal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

230.1 Ordinary non-heritage assets may be sold or otherwise disposed of lawfully where required for winding-up.

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PART XV — WORLD FOOTBALL HERITAGE

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-138

RULE-231 — Permanent Heritage Recognition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.1–138.4

231.1 WUFO shall recognise and preserve material World Football Heritage for future generations.

RULE-232 — Founding Documents

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(a)

232.1 Founding documents may form part of World Football Heritage.

RULE-233 — Original Statutes and Regulations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(b)

233.1 Original adopted Statutes and Regulations may form part of World Football Heritage.

RULE-234 — Congress Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(c)

234.1 Material Congress records may form part of World Football Heritage.

RULE-235 — Competition Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(d)–(e)

235.1 Official competition and historical match records may form part of World Football Heritage.

RULE-236 — Trophies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(f)

236.1 WUFO trophies may constitute permanent Heritage Assets.

RULE-237 — Medals

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(g)

237.1 Historically significant medals may constitute Heritage Assets.

RULE-238 — Archives

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(h)

238.1 WUFO archives form part of its potential World Football Heritage.

RULE-239 — Photographs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(i)

239.1 Historically significant photographs may be preserved.

RULE-240 — Films and Audiovisual Recordings

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(j)

240.1 Historically significant films and audiovisual recordings may be preserved.

RULE-241 — Official Publications

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(k)

241.1 Historically significant official publications may be preserved.

RULE-242 — Historical Correspondence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(l)

242.1 Material historical correspondence may be preserved where lawful.

RULE-243 — Competition Designs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(m)

243.1 Historically significant competition designs, formats and development records may be preserved.

RULE-244 — Symbols and Marks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(n)

244.1 Historic institutional symbols and marks may form part of World Football Heritage.

RULE-245 — Historical Databases

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(o)

245.1 Historically significant databases may be preserved as Heritage Assets.

RULE-246 — Physical Objects

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(p)

246.1 Important physical objects associated with WUFO history may be preserved.

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RULE-247 — Other Significant Material

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.3(q)

247.1 Other material may be recognised where it possesses significant historical value to world football.

RULE-248 — Immediate Commercial Value Does Not Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.5

248.1 Heritage status shall not depend solely upon immediate commercial value.

RULE-249 — High Offer Is Not Sufficient Reason to Sell

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.6

249.1 An important historical asset shall not be sold merely because a private buyer offers a high price.

RULE-250 — Heritage Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138

250.1 WUFO shall maintain a Heritage Register or equivalent controlled record for major Heritage Assets.

PART XVI — HERITAGE CONSERVATION, USE AND ACCESS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-138.7–138.19

RULE-251 — Conservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.7(a)

251.1 WUFO may conserve Heritage Assets.

RULE-252 — Restoration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.7(b)

252.1 WUFO may restore Heritage Assets through appropriate professional methods.

RULE-253 — Digitisation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.7(c)

253.1 WUFO may digitise physical heritage material to improve preservation and access.

RULE-254 — Exhibition

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.7(d)

254.1 WUFO may exhibit Heritage Assets responsibly.

RULE-255 — Reproduction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.7(e)

255.1 WUFO may reproduce heritage material where it possesses the necessary rights.

RULE-256 — Licensing

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.7(f)

256.1 WUFO may license responsible use of heritage material.

RULE-257 — Lending

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.7(g)

257.1 Heritage Assets may be temporarily loaned to appropriate institutions under documented custody conditions.

RULE-258 — Other Responsible Use

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.7(h)

258.1 WUFO may make other responsible use of World Football Heritage consistent with preservation.

RULE-259 — Commercial Use Does Not Transfer Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.8

259.1 Licensing or commercial exploitation shall not automatically transfer permanent ownership of a Heritage Asset.

RULE-260 — Physical Archive

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.9

260.1 WUFO may maintain a physical archive.

RULE-261 — Digital Archive

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.9

261.1 WUFO may maintain a digital archive.

RULE-262 — Redundant Digital Preservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.10

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262.1 Essential digital heritage records should have redundant preservation copies.

RULE-263 — Protection against Destruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.11(a)

263.1 Important original records shall be protected against avoidable destruction.

RULE-264 — Protection against Unauthorised Alteration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.11(b)

264.1 Important original records shall be protected against unauthorised alteration.

RULE-265 — Protection against Private Removal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.11(c)

265.1 Institutional Heritage Assets shall be protected against improper private removal.

RULE-266 — Protection against Historical Falsification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.11(d)

266.1 WUFO shall protect historical records against deliberate falsification.

RULE-267 — Protection against Avoidable Loss

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.11(e)

267.1 Reasonable preservation measures shall be used to prevent avoidable loss of significant Heritage Assets.

RULE-268 — No Personal Ownership through Creation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.12

268.1 A person shall not personally own a WUFO historical asset merely because that person created it while acting for WUFO.

RULE-269 — No Personal Ownership through Custody

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138

269.1 Temporary custody while holding office shall not create ownership.

RULE-270 — Return on Departure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.13

270.1 An officer leaving WUFO shall return institutional records and property belonging to WUFO.

PART XVII — HISTORICAL ACCURACY, PRIVACY AND RESEARCH

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

RULE-271 — Embarrassing History Shall Not Be Destroyed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14

271.1 Historical records shall not be deliberately destroyed merely because they are:

a. embarrassing;

b. politically inconvenient; or

c. critical of a former administration.

RULE-272 — Institutional History Includes Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.23

272.1 WUFO shall preserve institutional history accurately, including:

a. achievements; and

b. documented failures.

RULE-273 — No Official Myth-Making through Record Destruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

273.1 An administration shall not destroy authentic records principally to manufacture a false historical narrative.

RULE-274 — Corrections to Historical Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

274.1 A factual correction may be added to a historical record.

274.2 The original record should remain preserved where legally appropriate.

RULE-275 — Historical Context

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

275.1 WUFO may add explanatory historical context without falsifying the underlying record.

RULE-276 — Privacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.15

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276.1 Legitimate personal privacy may restrict public access to particular records.

RULE-277 — Safeguarding

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

277.1 Safeguarding obligations may restrict public access.

RULE-278 — Legal Privilege

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

278.1 Legally privileged material may remain restricted.

RULE-279 — Data Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

279.1 Applicable data-protection obligations shall be respected.

RULE-280 — Restricted Access Is Not Destruction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.16

280.1 Restricted public access shall not require destruction where lawful preservation remains possible.

RULE-281 — Access Levels

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

281.1 WUFO may maintain reasonable archive-access classifications such as:

a. public;

b. institutional;

c. restricted;

d. legally privileged; or

e. preservation-only.

RULE-282 — Research Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

282.1 WUFO may permit responsible academic, historical or public-interest research access where lawful.

RULE-283 — Historical Drafting Materials

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144

283.1 Historical drafts, research notes and non-normative founding materials may be preserved separately from binding WUFO law.

RULE-284 — Historical Material Is Not Automatically Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

284.1 Preservation of an old draft or idea shall not make that material current WUFO law.

RULE-285 — Historical Founding Material — Non-Normative

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.2–144.6

285.1 Historical materials from the founding process — including drafts, idea repositories, research notes and drafting sources — remain non-normative unless a concept contained in them is formally adopted through the competent normative process.

RULE-286 — Drafting History

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

286.1 Drafting history may be retained as heritage even where a proposal was never adopted.

RULE-287 — Research Cooperation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.18

287.1 WUFO may cooperate with:

a. museums;

b. universities;

c. libraries;

d. public archives;

e. sporting heritage institutions; and

f. other appropriate nonprofit or public bodies.

RULE-288 — Cooperation Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

288.1 A material heritage cooperation arrangement should identify:

a. custody;

b. ownership;

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c. access;

d. conservation responsibilities;

e. reproduction rights; and

f. return conditions where relevant.

RULE-289 — Museum

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.17

289.1 WUFO may establish or support a permanent museum.

RULE-290 — Library or Repository

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.14–138.23; STA / ART-144

290.1 WUFO may establish a library, digital repository or equivalent heritage institution.

PART XVIII — HERITAGE DURING DORMANCY AND DISSOLUTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

RULE-291 — Dormancy Does Not End Heritage Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19

291.1 Institutional dormancy shall not terminate WUFO's heritage-preservation responsibility where preservation remains reasonably possible.

RULE-292 — Preservation Budget

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

292.1 Reasonable heritage-preservation costs may be treated as legitimate institutional preservation expenditure.

RULE-293 — Heritage Together Where Possible

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.17; STA / ART-138.21

293.1 Important World Football Heritage assets should remain together as a coherent historical collection where legally and practically possible.

RULE-294 — No Unnecessary Fragmentation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

294.1 WUFO shall avoid unnecessary dispersal of major heritage collections.

RULE-295 — Dissolution Custodian

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.20

295.1 In lawful dissolution, major Heritage Assets should be transferred to an appropriate lawful custodian capable of preserving them.

RULE-296 — Eligible Heritage Custodians

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

296.1 A custodian may include:

a. a qualified donee;

b. a public institution;

c. a heritage institution;

d. a university;

e. a museum;

f. an archive; or

g. another lawful equivalent custodian.

RULE-297 — Preservation Capacity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

297.1 Selection of a heritage custodian should consider:

a. legal eligibility;

b. conservation capacity;

c. institutional stability;

d. public or research access;

e. digital-preservation capacity; and

f. ability to maintain the collection coherently.

RULE-298 — No Founder Legacy Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.22

298.1 Permanent WUFO heritage shall not become the personal legacy property of the Founder.

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RULE-299 — No Later Officeholder Legacy Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

299.1 Permanent WUFO heritage shall not become the personal property of a later officeholder.

RULE-300 — Personal Papers Distinguished

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

300.1 Genuine personal papers legally belonging to an individual shall be distinguished from WUFO institutional records.

RULE-301 — Institutional Creation Presumption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

301.1 A record created, received or maintained by an officeholder principally in the course of WUFO institutional duties should ordinarily be treated as an institutional record, subject to applicable law and contractual rights.

RULE-302 — Heritage Transfer Agreement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

302.1 A material dissolution heritage transfer should be documented.

RULE-303 — Permanent Access Objective

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

303.1 Where legally possible, a heritage transfer should seek long-term conservation and reasonable future access.

RULE-304 — Final Heritage Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-138.19–138.22; STA / ART-137.17

304.1 A final dissolution inventory should identify major Heritage Assets and their lawful destination.

PART XIX — PROTECTION AGAINST DISSOLUTION CIRCUMVENTION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-137.21–137.23

RULE-305 — Unanimity Protection Is Itself Protected

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.21

305.1 The voluntary dissolution unanimity requirement shall not be reduced through ordinary constitutional amendment.

RULE-306 — Same Unanimity to Weaken the Requirement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

306.1 To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, amendment of the dissolution unanimity protection itself shall require the same one-hundred-percent approval.

RULE-307 — No Equivalent Process under Another Name

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.22

307.1 WUFO shall not create an alternative process whose real purpose is to achieve voluntary dissolution without satisfying STA / ART-137.

RULE-308 — Merger

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137.23

308.1 A merger shall not be used to defeat the unanimity requirement where its real purpose and effect is voluntary extinction of WUFO.

RULE-309 — Continuation Transaction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

309.1 A corporate continuation shall not be used as a disguised dissolution.

RULE-310 — Reorganisation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

310.1 A reorganisation shall not be used to evade the constitutional dissolution threshold.

RULE-311 — Asset Transfer

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

311.1 Transfer of substantially all WUFO assets shall not be used as a disguised means of voluntarily extinguishing WUFO.

RULE-312 — Shell Survival

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

312.1 WUFO shall not transfer all meaningful institutional substance away while leaving only an empty legal shell for the purpose of claiming that formal dissolution did not occur.

RULE-313 — Substance over Label

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

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313.1 Whether a transaction circumvents STA / ART-137 shall be assessed according to its real purpose and effect rather than its label alone.

RULE-314 — Ordinary Restructuring Remains Permitted

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

314.1 Legitimate restructuring, relocation, asset management or corporate continuation that preserves WUFO as the same functioning institution shall not automatically constitute dissolution.

PART XX — CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136–144

RULE-315 — Coordination with REG-1

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

315.1 REG-1 shall govern WUFO membership records and institutional Member identity.

315.2 REG-27 shall protect those records and their continuity during preservation or dissolution.

RULE-316 — Coordination with REG-2

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

316.1 REG-2 shall govern:

a. Joint Congress voting procedure;

b. Delegate credentials;

c. dissolution mandates;

d. advance notice;

e. the 100% voluntary dissolution vote; and

f. official voting records.

316.2 REG-27 shall govern what occurs institutionally after a valid dissolution decision.

RULE-317 — Coordination with REG-3

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

317.1 REG-3 shall govern Council composition and vacancies.

317.2 Institutional preservation shall not permanently alter Council architecture.

RULE-318 — Coordination with REG-4

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

318.1 REG-4 shall govern:

a. the Founder Presidency;

b. early termination of that office;

c. the Presidential Body;

d. the Secretary General; and

e. central administrative authority.

318.2 REG-27 shall govern preservation measures within that constitutional structure.

RULE-319 — Coordination with Competition Regulations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

319.1 The applicable Competition Regulation shall govern suspension, cancellation, continuation or restoration of a specific competition.

319.2 REG-27 shall govern institutional survival of WUFO itself.

RULE-320 — Coordination with REG-22

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

320.1 REG-22 shall govern serious misconduct, corruption, deliberate destruction of records and integrity offences within its jurisdiction.

RULE-321 — Coordination with REG-23

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

321.1 REG-23 shall govern anti-doping.

321.2 Preservation status shall not create authority to falsify or improperly destroy antidoping records.

RULE-322 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

322.1 REG-24 shall govern:

a. emergency budgets;

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b. reserves;
c. restricted funds;
d. spending authority;
e. liabilities;
f. financial accounts;
g. external audit;
h. banking;
i. contracts; and
j. financial transparency
during preservation and dissolution.

RULE-323 — Coordination with REG-25

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

323.1 REG-25 shall govern Football Development Programmes.

323.2 Protected development purpose shall remain respected during preservation or lawful winding-up.

RULE-324 — Coordination with REG-26

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

324.1 REG-26 shall govern:

a. employment;
b. remuneration;
c. employee benefits;
d. termination obligations; and
e. accrued compensation
during institutional preservation and dissolution.

RULE-325 — Coordination with REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–144

325.1 REG-28 shall govern:

a. permanent document coding;
b. version control;
c. publication;
d. Master Normative Index;
e. Decision Ledger;
f. historical versions; and
g. official institutional archives.

325.2 REG-27 shall govern preservation of the institution and heritage substance.

325.3 REG-28 shall govern the documentary system through which that material is coded, tracked and published.

PART XXI — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136.19; STA / ART-138; STA / ART-139–143

RULE-326 — Lower Operational Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.19; STA / ART-138; STA / ART-139–143

326.1 Implementation of REG-27 may use lower instruments including:

a. MAN — Institutional Preservation;
b. FOR — State of Institutional Preservation Declaration;
c. SCH — Essential Institutional Functions;
d. PRO — Preservation Administration;
e. PRO — Emergency Corporate Continuity;
f. PRO — Restoration of Normal Operations;
g. FOR — Preservation Period Report;
h. MAN — Voluntary Dissolution Execution;
i. FOR — Dissolution Plan;
j. FOR — Dissolution Asset & Liability Statement;
k. FOR — Dissolution Administrator Appointment;
l. PRO — Creditor and Liability Closeout;
m. PRO — Residual Asset Transfer;

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n. MAN — World Football Heritage;
o. SCH — World Football Heritage Register;
p. FOR — Heritage Asset Registration;
q. PRO — Heritage Conservation;
r. PRO — Heritage Digitisation;
s. PRO — Heritage Loan;
t. FOR — Heritage Custody Agreement;
u. PRO — Dissolution Heritage Transfer;
v. MAN — Institutional Archive Preservation; and
w. other instruments lawfully authorised under the WUFO normative system.
326.2 Final codes and versions shall be governed by REG-28.

RULE-327 — Lower Instruments Cannot Create Dissolution Power

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.19; STA / ART-138; STA / ART-139–143

327.1 No Manual, Protocol, Procedure, Form or Schedule may create a voluntary dissolution mechanism different from STA / ART-137.

RULE-328 — Lower Instruments Cannot Create Emergency Constitutional Power

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.19; STA / ART-138; STA / ART-139–143

328.1 No lower instrument may create permanent constitutional authority under the label of institutional preservation.

RULE-329 — Heritage Procedure Cannot Privatise Heritage

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.19; STA / ART-138; STA / ART-139–143

329.1 No archive or heritage Procedure shall transfer World Football Heritage to an officeholder merely through custody or possession.

PART XXII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-136–138

RULE-330 — Sporting Dormancy Is Not Institutional Death

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136.21

330.1 WUFO may temporarily stop organising football without ceasing to exist.

RULE-331 — Preserve Before Dissolve

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

331.1 Temporary crisis shall be answered through preservation where institutional survival remains reasonably possible.

RULE-332 — Emergency Is Not Dissolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

332.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall never be interpreted as voluntary dissolution.

RULE-333 — No Executive Dissolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

333.1 No executive, administrative or Regional body may voluntarily terminate WUFO acting alone.

RULE-334 — Every Lawful Vote Must Say YES

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-137

334.1 Voluntary dissolution requires one hundred percent of all full lawful voting rights entitled to decide the matter.

RULE-335 — One Missing YES Stops Voluntary Dissolution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

335.1 Absence, non-participation, failure to vote or a NO vote prevents voluntary dissolution.

RULE-336 — Liabilities Come First

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

336.1 WUFO shall satisfy or lawfully provide for liabilities before residual asset distribution.

RULE-337 — No Private Residual Ownership

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

337.1 No Founder, Member, Historical Confederation, officer, employee or other insider owns WUFO’s residual assets by virtue of relationship with the institution.

RULE-338 — Heritage Is Not Ordinary Liquidation Inventory

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

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338.1 Major World Football Heritage shall not be treated merely as disposable property whose only purpose is to maximise sale proceeds, subject always to mandatory law and creditor rights.

RULE-339 — History Survives Officeholders

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

339.1 WUFO history shall not belong personally to the person who happened to hold office when an event occurred.

RULE-340 — History Includes Success and Failure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

340.1 WUFO shall preserve an accurate institutional history, not merely a flattering institutional history.

RULE-341 — No Destruction for Political Convenience

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

341.1 Authentic historical records shall not be deliberately destroyed merely because a later administration finds them embarrassing or inconvenient.

RULE-342 — Heritage Should Remain Coherent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

342.1 Major Heritage Assets should remain together where legally and practically possible.

RULE-343 — Dissolution Does Not Mean Historical Erasure

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

343.1 Even if WUFO is ever lawfully dissolved, its historical record should survive through an appropriate lawful custodian.

RULE-344 — No Founder Legacy Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

344.1 The Founder does not personally own World Football Heritage.

RULE-345 — No Successor Legacy Property

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

345.1 No later President, Historical Confederation President, Secretary General, director or employee shall personally own World Football Heritage merely because of office.

RULE-346 — Normal Government Returns

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

346.1 A State of Institutional Preservation shall end when normal constitutional government can reasonably resume.

RULE-347 — Final Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-136–138

347.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

WUFO exists for an indefinite duration.

A cancelled competition is not the death of the institution.

Sporting dormancy is not institutional death.

War, disaster, pandemic, severe financial crisis, legal restriction or another extraordinary event may force WUFO to reduce operations, but they do not automatically extinguish WUFO.

When normal football cannot continue, preserve the institution so football can return.

Preserve legal existence.

Preserve required corporate officeholders and filings.

Preserve essential accounts and reserves.

Preserve membership.

Preserve records.

Preserve intellectual property.

Preserve World Football Heritage.

Emergency powers are temporary.

Emergency administration does not rewrite the Constitution.

An inactive constitutional body does not permanently lose its authority merely because another part of WUFO remains operational.

Normal constitutional government returns when the emergency ends.

Institutional preservation is not dissolution.

No Founder President can voluntarily dissolve WUFO.

No Presidential Body can voluntarily dissolve WUFO.

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No Secretary General can voluntarily dissolve WUFO.
No Council can voluntarily dissolve WUFO.
No Historical Confederation can voluntarily dissolve WUFO.
Voluntary dissolution belongs to the full lawful voting membership.
Every lawful vote must say YES.
At 241 Members and 482 full lawful Branch Votes, voluntary dissolution requires 482 YES votes.
One missing YES prevents voluntary dissolution.
Authority to study dissolution is not authority to dissolve.
Authority to negotiate dissolution is not authority to dissolve.
Liabilities come before residual assets.
WUFO assets do not become private property at dissolution.
Remaining assets go only to legally eligible organisations under applicable Canadian law.
Where legally possible, sport, youth, education, football development and sporting heritage should remain preferred purposes.
World Football Heritage belongs to the institution and to future generations.
A high private purchase offer does not by itself justify selling an important historical asset.
WUFO may conserve, restore, digitise, exhibit, reproduce, license and lend its heritage responsibly.
Commercial use does not automatically transfer permanent ownership.
The Founder does not own WUFO history.
Later officeholders do not own WUFO history.
History includes achievements and documented failures.
Restricted public access is sometimes necessary. Historical destruction is not.
WUFO may one day stop playing matches.
Its history must not disappear with the last whistle.

REG-27 — INSTITUTIONAL PRESERVATION, VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION & WORLD FOOTBALL HERITAGE

REG-28 — PUBLICATION, DOCUMENTATION, CODING, VERSION CONTROL, MASTER NORMATIVE INDEX, DECISION LEDGER & INSTITUTIONAL ARCHIVES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-139–144
Related Statutory Standards: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-39–41; STA / ART-132; STA / ART-138

PART I — PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND GENERAL DOCUMENTATION PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-139–144

RULE-1 — Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

1.1 This Regulation establishes the WUFO system governing:
a. the official legal and operational document hierarchy;
b. permanent document coding;
c. Article, Regulation and Rule numbering;
d. stable identifiers for lower operational instruments;
e. English master legal drafting;
f. French and Spanish translations;
g. adoption and publication status;
h. version control;
i. historical versions;
j. the Master Normative Index;
k. the Decision Ledger;
l. placement of adopted but unplaced decisions;
m. amendment, supersession and repeal records;
n. the Complete Operating Manual;
o. the Illustrated Public Blueprint;
p. the Legal & Regulatory Corpus;
q. public access to binding WUFO law;

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r. operational Schedules and technical instruments;

s. official competition and governance records;

t. institutional archives;

u. historical drafting materials;

v. the historical founding materials Historical Drafting Materials;

w. cross-reference reconciliation; and

x. permanent traceability of WUFO institutional decisions.

1.2 This Regulation shall provide the permanent documentary infrastructure through which WUFO law, operations and institutional history remain identifiable.

1.3 REG-28 shall not create substantive authority that does not exist in the governing legal instrument.

RULE-2 — One Coherent Documentation System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.1

2.1 WUFO shall maintain one coherent publication and documentation system for:

a. constitutional documents;

b. Regulations;

c. operational instruments;

d. official records; and

e. public explanatory materials.

RULE-3 — One Legal System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.3–139.10

3.1 WUFO shall operate through one legal system with a clear hierarchy.

3.2 Different documents may provide different levels of detail.

3.3 Different levels of detail shall not create different legal systems.

RULE-4 — Higher Instrument Prevails

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.4; STA / ART-139.9

4.1 Applicable mandatory law shall be respected.

4.2 The Articles of Incorporation shall prevail within their lawful superior authority.

4.3 A lower WUFO instrument shall not contradict a higher WUFO instrument.

RULE-5 — No Lower Document May Rewrite Higher Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.8–139.10

5.1 A Manual, Protocol, Procedure, Form, Schedule, explanatory publication or administrative instruction shall not:

a. amend;

b. suspend;

c. repeal;

d. override; or

e. secretly alter

the Statutes or a valid Regulation.

RULE-6 — Binding and Explanatory Material Are Different

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

6.1 WUFO shall distinguish clearly between:

a. binding normative instruments;

b. operational instruments;

c. official records; and

d. explanatory publications.

6.2 An explanatory document shall not become binding merely because it is official or publicly distributed.

RULE-7 — Current Law Must Be Identifiable

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.6–141.13; STA / ART-143

7.1 A person consulting the official WUFO system should be able reasonably to determine:

a. what instrument is current;

b. what version is in force;

c. what has been amended;

d. what has been superseded;

e. what has been repealed; and

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f. what is historical only.

RULE-8 — Historical Traceability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

8.1 WUFO shall preserve sufficient documentary history to identify material changes over time.

RULE-9 — No Secret Normative Instrument

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

9.1 A document shall not become binding WUFO law merely because it exists privately within:

a. an email;

b. an internal memorandum;

c. an unpublished draft;

d. informal conversation;

e. research notes; or

f. another unofficial record.

9.2 Binding legal effect shall require lawful authority and placement within the official WUFO normative system.

RULE-10 — REG-28 Is Documentary, Not Legislative Supremacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

10.1 REG-28 governs documentation and traceability.

10.2 It shall not use documentary administration to alter the substance of another competent WUFO decision.

PART II — DEFINITIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-139–144

RULE-11 — Official WUFO Document

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

11.1 Official WUFO Document means a document formally issued, adopted, registered, published or preserved through the official WUFO documentation system.

RULE-12 — Normative Instrument

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

12.1 Normative Instrument means an official WUFO instrument containing binding constitutional, regulatory or operational requirements within its lawful authority.

RULE-13 — Operational Instrument

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

13.1 Operational Instrument means a subordinate official instrument implementing higher WUFO law through practical detail.

RULE-14 — Explanatory Publication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

14.1 Explanatory Publication means an official communication intended principally to explain WUFO rather than create binding law.

RULE-15 — Permanent Code

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.1

15.1 Permanent Code means the stable identifier assigned to an official WUFO document or instrument and preserved across language versions and later versions.

RULE-16 — Parent Instrument

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

16.1 Parent Instrument means the higher WUFO instrument from which a subordinate instrument derives its authority.

RULE-17 — Version

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

17.1 Version means an identifiable published or archived state of an official document at a particular point in its legal or operational history.

RULE-18 — Current Version

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

18.1 Current Version means the version identified by the official documentation system as presently operative or authoritative for its intended purpose.

RULE-19 — Historical Version

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.2–143.4

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19.1 Historical Version means a preserved former version that is no longer the current operative text.

RULE-20 — Effective Date

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

20.1 Effective Date means the date upon which an adopted provision or instrument becomes legally or operationally effective according to the competent decision or applicable law.

RULE-21 — Master Normative Index

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.6

21.1 Master Normative Index means the official WUFO register identifying normative instruments, permanent codes, titles, status, versions and relationships.

RULE-22 — Decision Ledger

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.7

22.1 Decision Ledger means the permanent traceability record for material constitutional, regulatory and institutional decisions.

RULE-23 — Material Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

23.1 Material Decision means a decision whose legal, sporting, governance, financial, commercial, operational or institutional importance requires permanent traceability.

RULE-24 — Sealed Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

24.1 Sealed Decision means a material decision formally confirmed through the authorised WUFO institutional or founding process and requiring permanent placement or traceability.

24.2 Ordinary brainstorming shall not become a Sealed Decision merely because a participant described an idea as important.

RULE-25 — UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.10

25.1 UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN means the internal status assigned to a material adopted or sealed decision that has not yet received its final normative or operational home.

PART III — OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FAMILIES AND NORMATIVE HIERARCHY

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-139

RULE-26 — Articles of Incorporation — INC

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.2

26.1 Articles of Incorporation shall use the permanent code:

INC

RULE-27 — Statutes — STA

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.2

27.1 The WUFO Statutes shall use the permanent code:

STA

RULE-28 — Statutory Articles — ART

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.2

28.1 Articles within the Statutes shall use:

ART

28.2 The ordinary citation form shall be:

STA / ART-#

RULE-29 — Statutory Schedules — STA / SCH

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.3

29.1 A Schedule formally incorporated into the Statutes may use the code:

STA / SCH

29.2 Its authority shall derive from the lawful statutory incorporation.

RULE-30 — Regulations — REG

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.2; STA / ART-139.6

30.1 Regulations shall use the permanent code:

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REG

30.2 Regulations shall develop detailed binding rules required to implement the Statutes.

RULE-31 — Rules — RULE

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.2; STA / ART-139.7

31.1 Rules within a Regulation shall use:

RULE

31.2 A RULE forms part of its parent Regulation.

RULE-32 — Manuals — MAN

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.2; STA / ART-139.7

32.1 Manuals shall use:

MAN

32.2 A Manual may organise substantial operational detail under higher WUFO law.

RULE-33 — Protocols — PRT

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.2; STA / ART-139.7

33.1 Protocols shall use:

PRT

33.2 A Protocol may establish detailed technical or controlled operating requirements within higher authority.

RULE-34 — Procedures — PRO

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.2; STA / ART-139.7

34.1 Procedures shall use:

PRO

34.2 A Procedure shall describe an authorised operational process.

RULE-35 — Forms — FOR

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.2; STA / ART-139.7

35.1 Forms shall use:

FOR

35.2 A Form shall collect, record, certify or communicate information required by higher WUFO law.

RULE-36 — Forms Cannot Create New Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139

36.1 A Form shall not create a substantive legal condition merely because a field appears on the Form.

RULE-37 — Manual Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139

37.1 A Manual shall identify the higher authority under which it operates.

RULE-38 — Protocol Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139

38.1 A Protocol shall identify the higher authority under which it operates.

RULE-39 — Procedure Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139

39.1 A Procedure shall identify the higher authority under which it operates.

RULE-40 — Hierarchy Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139.10

40.1 The governing principle shall be:

One legal system. Clear hierarchy. No lower document may rewrite a higher rule.

PART IV — PERMANENT CODING AND STABLE IDENTIFIERS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-141

RULE-41 — Every Official Instrument Receives a Permanent Code

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.1

41.1 Every official WUFO normative instrument shall receive a permanent code.

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RULE-42 — Same Code in Every Language

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

42.1 The permanent code shall remain identical in:

a. English;

b. French; and

c. Spanish.

RULE-43 — Permanent Code Does Not Change with Translation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

43.1 Translation shall not create a new permanent document code.

RULE-44 — Permanent Code Does Not Change with Ordinary Amendment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

44.1 An amendment shall normally create a new version of the same permanent instrument rather than a new unrelated code.

RULE-45 — No Reuse of Retired Code

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

45.1 A permanent code assigned to a repealed, superseded or historical instrument shall not be reassigned to a different instrument.

RULE-46 — Document Title May Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

46.1 The title of an instrument may lawfully change through amendment.

46.2 A title change shall not automatically require a new permanent code where institutional continuity remains clear.

RULE-47 — Stable Lower-Instrument Identifiers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.5

47.1 Manuals, Protocols, Procedures, Forms and Schedules shall receive stable identifiers suitable for:

a. citation;

b. version control; and

c. historical tracking.

RULE-48 — Parent Association

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

48.1 A lower instrument shall be linked in the Master Normative Index to the Regulation, Statute or other authority from which it derives.

RULE-49 — Operational Schedule Identifier

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

49.1 A non-statutory operational Schedule required by a Regulation may use the descriptive identifier:

SCH

49.2 An operational SCH shall remain subordinate to its parent instrument.

RULE-50 — Operational Schedule Citation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

50.1 An operational Schedule should be identified through its parent relationship, for example:

REG-18 / SCH — World League Division Register

or another stable form established by the Documentation Manual.

RULE-51 — Agreements — AGR

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

51.1 The existing descriptive identifier:

AGR

may be used for a material institutional agreement record.

51.2 AGR is an administrative document identifier and shall not become an independent normative level above WUFO law.

RULE-52 — Agreement Cannot Amend WUFO Law by Label

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

52.1 An AGR shall remain subject to the authority and approval required by the Statutes and applicable Regulation.

RULE-53 — Specialised Codes — CODE

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

53.1 The existing descriptive identifier:

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CODE

may be used for a specialised subordinate Code expressly authorised by a Regulation, including an Integrity Code or Disciplinary Code.

53.2 A CODE shall identify its parent legal authority in the Master Normative Index.

RULE-54 — CODE Is Not Constitutional Supremacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

54.1 Use of the title CODE shall not give a subordinate Code authority over the Statutes or a Regulation.

RULE-55 — Secondary Identifiers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-141

55.1 SCH, AGR and CODE may function as specialised secondary identifiers where already authorised within the regulatory corpus.

55.2 They shall not displace the permanent normative hierarchy established by STA / ART-139.

RULE-56 — Permanent Identifier Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

56.1 WUFO shall maintain a controlled register of assigned permanent and authorised secondary identifiers.

RULE-57 — No Duplicate Permanent Identifier

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

57.1 Two unrelated current instruments shall not share the same complete permanent identifier.

RULE-58 — Coding Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

58.1 A clerical coding error may be corrected through the official version-control process.

RULE-59 — Coding Correction Does Not Change Substance

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

59.1 Correction of an incorrect code shall not alter the substantive legal decision.

RULE-60 — Coding Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

60.1 A permanent code identifies the institutional instrument through time.

PART V — CONTINUOUS NUMBERING AND OFFICIAL CITATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-141.2-141.5

RULE-61 — Continuous Statutory Article Sequence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.2

61.1 Statutory Article numbering shall remain continuous.

61.2 Article numbering shall not restart when a new Chapter begins.

RULE-62 — Continuous Regulation Sequence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.3

62.1 WUFO Regulations shall use one continuous REG sequence across WUFO.

RULE-63 — No Regional Restart of REG Numbers

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

63.1 A Historical Confederation or department shall not create a second independent WUFO REG-1 sequence.

RULE-64 — RULE Sequence Restarts within Each Regulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.4

64.1 Every Regulation shall begin its internal Rule sequence at:

Example: RULE-1

RULE-65 — RULE Number Is Read with Parent REG

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

65.1 RULE-1 of REG-5 and RULE-1 of REG-18 are different Rules.

65.2 Formal citation should identify the parent Regulation where ambiguity is possible.

RULE-66 — Official Regulation Citation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

66.1 A Regulation may be cited as:

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REG-#

RULE-67 — Official Rule Citation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

67.1 A Rule may be cited as:

REG-# / RULE-#

RULE-68 — Statutory Article Citation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

68.1 A Statutory Article may be cited as:

STA / ART-#

RULE-69 — Paragraph Citation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

69.1 A numbered paragraph may be cited through its established decimal number, for example:

REG-28 / RULE-69 / 69.1

RULE-70 — Lettered Subparagraphs

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

70.1 Lettered subparagraphs shall remain part of the numbered paragraph to which they belong.

RULE-71 — Parts and Chapters

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

71.1 PART and Chapter headings organise material.

71.2 Unless expressly provided otherwise, they shall not possess an independent legal hierarchy above the provisions contained within them.

RULE-72 — New Regulations after REG-28

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

72.1 Any future WUFO Regulation adopted after the current REG-28 sequence shall receive the next available REG number.

72.2 Existing REG numbers shall not be recycled merely to preserve a preferred total number of Regulations.

RULE-73 — Repealed Regulation Number

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

73.1 A repealed Regulation number shall remain historically associated with that Regulation.

73.2 It shall not be reused for a different subject.

RULE-74 — Avoid Renumbering Existing Rules

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

74.1 Amendments should preserve existing Rule citations where reasonably possible.

RULE-75 — Deleted or Repealed Rule Position

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

75.1 Where preservation of historical citation requires it, an abolished Rule position may be identified as:

REPEALED

or

RESERVED

rather than silently renumbering every later Rule.

PART VI — ENGLISH MASTER DRAFTING AND PLAIN INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-140

RULE-76 — English Master

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.1

76.1 The master language of WUFO legal drafting is English. The English master is the controlling legal text; the French and Spanish editions are official translations and are not independently controlling texts.

RULE-77 — English First

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.2

77.1 The English master shall ordinarily be drafted and finalised before corresponding French and Spanish translations are completed.

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RULE-78 — Parallel Drafting Exception

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

78.1 A competent WUFO body may expressly authorise parallel drafting.

RULE-79 — Plain International English

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.3

79.1 WUFO legal drafting shall use Plain International English where this can be done without reducing legal precision.

RULE-80 — Direct Sentences

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.4

80.1 Sentences should be direct.

RULE-81 — Consistent Terminology

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

81.1 The same legal concept should normally use the same term throughout the WUFO corpus.

RULE-82 — Avoid Unnecessary Legal Ornament

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.4

82.1 Unnecessary legal ornament and avoidable archaic language should be excluded.

RULE-83 — Legal Precision Remains Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

83.1 Plain drafting shall not remove precision necessary to protect:

a. rights;

b. formulas;

c. thresholds;

d. duties;

e. jurisdiction; or

f. due process.

RULE-84 — Abbreviation at First Use

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.5

84.1 Each abbreviation shall be written out at first use in each independent document before the abbreviation is used alone.

RULE-85 — Defined Terms

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

85.1 A defined term should retain the same meaning within the instrument unless the text expressly provides otherwise.

RULE-86 — Numerical Consistency

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

86.1 Material numbers should be stated consistently.

86.2 A written number and numerical figure shall not intentionally contradict one another.

RULE-87 — Percentages and Formulas

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

87.1 Financial, voting and sporting formulas shall be drafted in a form capable of reliable reproduction.

RULE-88 — Dates

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

88.1 Material effective dates and deadlines shall be stated clearly enough to avoid avoidable ambiguity.

RULE-89 — Cross-References

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

89.1 Cross-references shall use the permanent coding and citation system where reasonably possible.

RULE-90 — Drafting Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.10

90.1 The governing principle shall be:

Easy to read. Easy to translate. Hard to misunderstand.

PART VII — FRENCH AND SPANISH TRANSLATIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-140.2; STA / ART-140.6–140.9

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RULE-91 — Official Translation Languages

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

91.1 WUFO may maintain official French and Spanish translations of its legal and principal operational instruments.

RULE-92 — Same Permanent Code

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.6

92.1 A translation shall preserve the same permanent document code as the English master.

RULE-93 — Same Article Number

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

93.1 A translation shall preserve the same Article numbers.

RULE-94 — Same Regulation Number

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

94.1 A translation shall preserve the same REG number.

RULE-95 — Same Rule Number

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

95.1 A translation shall preserve the same RULE numbers.

RULE-96 — Same Formulas

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.7

96.1 Translation shall not change:

a. percentages;
b. thresholds;
c. formulas;
d. numerical allocations;
e. term limits; or
f. voting requirements.

RULE-97 — Same Rights and Obligations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

97.1 Translation shall preserve the same legal rights, duties and protections as the adopted source text.

RULE-98 — No New Rule through Translation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.7

98.1 A translation shall not create a rule absent from the adopted source text.

RULE-99 — No Removed Protection

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

99.1 A translation shall not remove a protection contained in the adopted source text.

RULE-100 — No Translation Amendment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.9

100.1 Translation shall not become an informal method of amending the underlying law.

RULE-101 — Translation Quality Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

101.1 Material legal translations should receive appropriate linguistic and legal review before official publication.

RULE-102 — Translation Glossary

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

102.1 WUFO may maintain an official multilingual terminology glossary to promote consistent legal translation.

RULE-103 — Permanent Terminology

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

103.1 Established institutional terms should be translated consistently unless a correction is required.

RULE-104 — Translation Version Link

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

104.1 Each official translation shall be linked in the Master Normative Index to the corresponding English master version.

RULE-105 — Translation Error

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140.8

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105.1 If a translation error, ambiguity, discrepancy, inconsistency, translation difficulty or difference of interpretation is identified, WUFO shall compare the translation with the adopted English master. The English master prevails and the translation shall be corrected through the official version-control process.

RULE-106 — Translation Correction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

106.1 A translation error may be corrected through the official version-control process.

RULE-107 — Translation Correction Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

107.1 A material translation correction shall be traceable.

RULE-108 — No Substantive Re-Adoption for Pure Translation Correction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

108.1 A correction that changes only an inaccurate translation and does not alter the adopted source text shall not be treated as a substantive amendment to the source law.

RULE-109 — Unresolved Translation Conflict

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

109.1 Where an unresolved conflict exists between a translation and the adopted English master, the adopted English master shall control the WUFO legal interpretation, subject to mandatory law.

RULE-110 — Translation Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

110.1 One adopted legal meaning shall be expressed through all official language versions.

PART VIII — ADOPTION, EFFECTIVE STATUS AND OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-141–143

RULE-111 — Draft Is Not Adopted Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

111.1 A document marked DRAFT shall not be treated as adopted WUFO law merely because it is professionally formatted or publicly circulated.

RULE-112 — Competent Adoption Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

112.1 A Normative Instrument shall obtain the approval required by the Statutes and applicable WUFO law.

RULE-113 — Publication Does Not Replace Adoption

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

113.1 Publishing an unauthorised text shall not convert it into valid law.

RULE-114 — Adoption Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

114.1 A material adopted instrument shall have a traceable adoption record.

RULE-115 — Effective Date

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

115.1 An adopted instrument shall identify its Effective Date where required.

115.2 The Effective Date shall arise from the competent decision or applicable law.

RULE-116 — Publication Date and Effective Date May Differ

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

116.1 Publication Date and Effective Date shall be recorded separately where they are different.

RULE-117 — Current Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

117.1 Every principal normative instrument shall have an identifiable current status.

RULE-118 — IN FORCE

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

118.1 IN FORCE means the instrument or provision is currently operative.

RULE-119 — AMENDED

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

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119.1 AMENDED means the instrument remains operative subject to one or more formally adopted amendments incorporated or linked through the documentation system.

RULE-120 — SUPERSEDED

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

120.1 SUPERSEDED means the instrument or version has been replaced by a later valid instrument or version.

RULE-121 — REPEALED

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

121.1 REPEALED means the binding authority of the instrument or provision has been formally withdrawn.

RULE-122 — EXPIRED OR SUNSET

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

122.1 EXPIRED or SUNSET may identify an event-specific or temporary instrument whose operative period has ended.

RULE-123 — HISTORICAL

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

123.1 HISTORICAL means the material remains preserved for traceability but is not current operative law.

RULE-124 — DRAFT

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

124.1 DRAFT means the text remains under preparation and has not received final adoption.

RULE-125 — PENDING APPROVAL

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

125.1 PENDING APPROVAL means a proposal has entered a formal approval process but is not yet in force.

RULE-126 — UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

126.1 UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN shall be used as required by STA / ART-141.10.

RULE-127 — Status Must Not Be Misleading

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

127.1 A superseded or repealed document shall not be displayed in a manner reasonably likely to make a reader believe that it is current law.

RULE-128 — Official Publication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.1

128.1 Current Statutes and other principal binding legal instruments shall be reasonably accessible through the official WUFO publication system.

RULE-129 — Publication after Material Change

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

129.1 A newly adopted material version should be published as soon as reasonably practicable after adoption and any required legal formalities.

RULE-130 — Publication Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

130.1 Adoption determines legal authority.

130.2 Publication makes that authority identifiable and accessible.

PART IX — MASTER NORMATIVE INDEX

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-141.6

RULE-131 — Master Normative Index Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

131.1 WUFO shall maintain a Master Normative Index.

RULE-132 — Official Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

132.1 The Master Normative Index shall constitute the central official register of WUFO normative instruments.

RULE-133 — Permanent Code

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

133.1 Each Index entry shall identify the instrument’s permanent code.

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RULE-134 — Official Title

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

134.1 Each Index entry shall identify the official title.

RULE-135 — Document Family

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

135.1 Each entry shall identify whether the instrument is:

a. INC;
b. STA;
c. STA / SCH;
d. REG;
e. MAN;
f. PRT;
g. PRO;
h. FOR; or
i. another authorised subordinate or record category.

RULE-136 — Parent Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.6

136.1 A subordinate instrument shall identify its parent authority where applicable.

RULE-137 — Current Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.6–141.8

137.1 The Index shall identify current status.

RULE-138 — Current Version

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

138.1 The Index shall identify the Current Version or Effective Date.

RULE-139 — Language Versions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.6

139.1 The Index shall identify available official language versions.

RULE-140 — Adoption Source

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

140.1 Where reasonably practicable, the Index shall identify the decision or authority by which the instrument was adopted.

RULE-141 — Amendment Relationship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.6

141.1 The Index should identify material amendment relationships.

RULE-142 — Supersession Relationship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.6

142.1 A superseded instrument or version should identify the successor instrument or version.

RULE-143 — Repeal Relationship

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.6

143.1 A repealed instrument should identify the repeal decision where reasonably practicable.

RULE-144 — Historical Versions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

144.1 The Index should provide or point toward the preserved historical versions.

RULE-145 — Public Location

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

145.1 Publicly accessible instruments should identify an official publication location.

RULE-146 — Restricted Instruments

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

146.1 An Index entry may identify the existence and status of a restricted instrument without publishing protected content where confidentiality lawfully applies.

RULE-147 — No Phantom Instrument

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

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147.1 An instrument shall not be represented as current WUFO law if no identifiable authoritative text can be located.

RULE-148 — Index Correction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

148.1 A factual Index error may be corrected without amending the underlying law.

RULE-149 — Index Does Not Create Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.6

149.1 Listing a document in the Master Normative Index shall not give it greater authority than the instrument lawfully possesses.

RULE-150 — Master Normative Index Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

150.1 Every official WUFO instrument should be locatable, identifiable and status-labelled.

PART X — DECISION LEDGER, SEALED DECISIONS AND UNPLACED MATERIAL

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-141.7–141.13

RULE-151 — Decision Ledger Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.7

151.1 WUFO shall maintain a Decision Ledger or equivalent permanent traceability record.

RULE-152 — Material Decisions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

152.1 The Decision Ledger shall record material constitutional and regulatory decisions.

152.2 It may also record other material institutional decisions where permanent traceability is useful.

RULE-153 — Decision Identification

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

153.1 Each Ledger entry shall receive a stable traceability reference.

RULE-154 — Decision Date

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

154.1 The Ledger shall identify the date of the material decision.

RULE-155 — Decision-Making Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.7–141.13

155.1 The Ledger shall identify the body or authority that made the decision.

RULE-156 — Subject

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

156.1 The Ledger shall identify the subject of the decision.

RULE-157 — Decision Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.8

157.1 The Ledger shall identify, where reasonably possible, whether the decision is:

a. in force;

b. amended;

c. superseded;

d. repealed;

e. pending placement;

f. event-specific and expired; or

g. otherwise inactive.

RULE-158 — Normative Home

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

158.1 A decision incorporated into permanent WUFO law shall identify its final normative home.

RULE-159 — Source Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

159.1 The Ledger should identify the source record supporting the decision, including where applicable:

a. Congress decision;

b. Council decision;

c. Presidential Body decision;

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d. technical decision;

e. founding decision;

f. formally approved agreement; or

g. another valid source.

RULE-160 — Sealed Decisions Must Receive a Home

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.9

160.1 A Sealed Decision shall not remain permanently only in:

a. informal conversation;

b. drafting notes;

c. historical chat records;

d. research notes; or

e. another unstructured source.

160.2 It shall receive an appropriate permanent normative or operational home.

RULE-161 — UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.10

161.1 A material decision awaiting final placement shall be identified:

UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN

RULE-162 — Placement Responsibility

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

162.1 The documentation function shall track UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN items until an appropriate home is confirmed.

RULE-163 — Placement Does Not Permit Substantive Reinvention

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

163.1 Placement shall implement the adopted decision.

163.2 Placement shall not change the substance merely because different wording appears more convenient.

RULE-164 — Drafting Adjustment during Placement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

164.1 Reasonable legal drafting, terminology and cross-reference adjustment may occur during placement where the adopted substance remains unchanged.

RULE-165 — Material Change Requires Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.7, 141.13

165.1 A material change to an adopted decision during placement shall require the authority necessary for the changed substance.

RULE-166 — Higher Law Controls

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

166.1 An unplaced decision shall not silently override a higher instrument.

RULE-167 — Conflict Flag

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

167.1 Where an unplaced decision appears inconsistent with current higher law, the Decision Ledger shall flag the inconsistency for reconciliation.

RULE-168 — No Silent Choice

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

168.1 Documentation staff shall not silently choose between genuinely conflicting substantive decisions.

RULE-169 — Informal Conversation Is Not Automatically a Sealed Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.7

169.1 Ordinary conversation, brainstorming or suggestion shall not be treated as a Sealed Decision without evidence of formal confirmation or adoption.

RULE-170 — Sealed versus Historical Idea

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

170.1 The Decision Ledger shall distinguish between:

a. a formally sealed or adopted decision requiring placement; and

b. a historical idea preserved only for study.

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RULE-171 — Superseded Decision

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.11

171.1 A superseded decision shall not be silently treated as current.

RULE-172 — Decision Chain

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

172.1 Where a decision is amended or superseded, the Ledger should identify the relationship between the earlier and later decisions.

RULE-173 — No Deletion to Hide History

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

173.1 A Ledger entry shall not be deleted merely because a later decision supersedes it.

RULE-174 — Decision Ledger Access

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

174.1 WUFO may provide public access to appropriate portions of the Decision Ledger while protecting legitimate confidential information.

RULE-175 — Decision Ledger Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.13

175.1 Every binding decision must have a home.

175.2 Every material decision must be traceable.

PART XI — AMENDMENTS, SUPERSESSION, REPEAL AND CONSOLIDATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-141.8–141.12

RULE-176 — Formal Amendment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

176.1 A substantive amendment shall be adopted through the authority required for the instrument being amended.

RULE-177 — Amendment Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

177.1 A material amendment shall create a traceable record.

RULE-178 — Amendment Date

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

178.1 The amendment record shall identify the adoption date.

RULE-179 — Effective Date

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

179.1 The amendment record shall identify the Effective Date where different from the adoption date.

RULE-180 — Provision Changed

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

180.1 The amendment record should identify the provision or provisions changed.

RULE-181 — Previous Text Preserved

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.12

181.1 Enough historical information shall be preserved to determine what the earlier text provided.

RULE-182 — New Text Identifiable

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

182.1 The amended text shall be identifiable as the current text after its Effective Date.

RULE-183 — No Silent Amendment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

183.1 A substantive change shall not be inserted silently into the current master text.

RULE-184 — Consolidated Text

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

184.1 WUFO may maintain a consolidated current text incorporating valid amendments.

RULE-185 — Consolidation Does Not Create New Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

185.1 Consolidation shall reproduce adopted law and shall not create substantive changes by editorial convenience.

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RULE-186 — Supersession

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

186.1 Where a new instrument replaces an older instrument, the relationship shall be recorded as SUPERSEDED.

RULE-187 — Partial Supersession

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

187.1 Where only part of an instrument is superseded, the affected portion shall be identifiable.

RULE-188 — Repeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

188.1 A repealed provision shall be marked or archived so that it is not mistaken for current law.

RULE-189 — No Code Reuse after Repeal

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

189.1 Repeal shall not free the permanent code for unrelated reuse.

RULE-190 — Event-Specific Sunset

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

190.1 An event-specific Regulation may remain historically relevant after its operative sporting period for:

a. audit;
b. settlement;
c. legal obligations;
d. records;
e. sanctions;
f. heritage; or
g. other surviving matters.

RULE-191 — Historical Status after Sunset

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

191.1 Expiration of an event-specific operational period shall not require destruction of the Regulation.

RULE-192 — Restatement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

192.1 WUFO may issue a formally approved consolidated restatement where substantial drafting reorganisation is necessary.

RULE-193 — Restatement Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.8–141.12

193.1 A restatement shall require the authority appropriate to any substantive legal changes it contains.

RULE-194 — Editorial Consolidation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

194.1 Purely editorial consolidation may correct:

a. typography;
b. formatting;
c. non-substantive numbering errors;
d. broken cross-references; or
e. other clerical defects

without changing legal meaning.

RULE-195 — Amendment Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141

195.1 Change the law openly.

195.2 Preserve the history of what changed.

PART XII — VERSION CONTROL AND HISTORICAL VERSIONS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-141–143

RULE-196 — Version Control Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

196.1 Official legal and material operational instruments shall be subject to controlled versioning.

RULE-197 — Version Identifier

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.4

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197.1 A published legal instrument should identify:

a. its permanent code; and

b. its version or Effective Date.

RULE-198 — Version Method

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

198.1 The exact technical syntax for version numbers may be established through the Documentation & Version Control Manual.

RULE-199 — Substantive Version

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

199.1 A substantive amendment shall produce an identifiable new legal version or amended consolidated version.

RULE-200 — Editorial Version

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

200.1 A non-substantive correction may produce an updated editorial version while preserving the same substantive legal effect.

RULE-201 — Current Version Marking

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

201.1 The official publication system shall clearly identify the Current Version.

RULE-202 — Historical Version Preservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.2

202.1 Historical versions of material legal instruments shall be preserved.

RULE-203 — Historical Does Not Mean Current

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.3

203.1 Preservation of an old version shall not mean that the old version remains legally in force.

RULE-204 — Version Comparison

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

204.1 WUFO should maintain sufficient records to determine material differences between successive versions.

RULE-205 — Amendment History

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

205.1 A material legal document should maintain or link to an amendment history.

RULE-206 — Publication Replacement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

206.1 When a new current version is published, the previous public version should be moved to historical status rather than silently overwritten without trace.

RULE-207 — Electronic Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

207.1 WUFO may use appropriate technical methods to verify the integrity of official electronic publications.

RULE-208 — Official Source

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

208.1 The official WUFO publication system shall identify the authoritative electronic or physical source for current documents.

RULE-209 — Uncontrolled Copies

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

209.1 A downloaded, printed or locally saved copy may become outdated.

209.2 Where status matters, the official current source shall be consulted.

RULE-210 — Language Version Alignment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

210.1 English, French and Spanish versions shall identify the same substantive version where they correspond to the same adopted text.

RULE-211 — Translation Lag

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

211.1 Where an official translation is not yet available for the newest adopted English version, the documentation system shall identify that fact clearly.

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RULE-212 — Withdrawn Erroneous Publication

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

212.1 An accidentally published incorrect file may be withdrawn and replaced.

212.2 The correction shall be recorded where the error was material.

RULE-213 — Historical File Integrity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

213.1 Historical files shall not be edited in a manner that falsely makes an earlier version appear different from what was actually issued.

RULE-214 — Archive Copy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

214.1 A preserved archive copy of each material legal version should be maintained.

RULE-215 — Version Control Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141–143

215.1 A reader should be able to answer:

What version was in force on this date?

PART XIII — THREE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION PRODUCTS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-142

RULE-216 — Three Complementary Products

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.1

216.1 WUFO shall maintain three complementary publication products.

RULE-217 — Complete Operating Manual

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.2–142.3

217.1 The first publication product shall be the:

Complete Operating Manual

RULE-218 — Illustrated Public Blueprint

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.4–142.5

218.1 The second publication product shall be the:

Illustrated Public Blueprint

RULE-219 — Legal & Regulatory Corpus

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.6–142.7

219.1 The third publication product shall be the:

Legal & Regulatory Corpus

RULE-220 — One Institutional System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.8

220.1 The three products shall describe one WUFO institutional system.

RULE-221 — Different Detail Is Not Different Policy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.9

221.1 Different levels of detail shall not be treated as different policies.

RULE-222 — No Intentional Contradiction

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

222.1 The three publication products shall not intentionally contradict one another.

RULE-223 — Binding Law Controls

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.10

223.1 Where explanatory material conflicts with binding law, the binding legal instrument shall prevail.

RULE-224 — Operating Manual Subject to Higher Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.11

224.1 An operational process described in the Complete Operating Manual remains subject to the Statutes and Regulations.

RULE-225 — Publication Updates

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.12

225.1 The three products shall be updated where material changes make an existing explanation inaccurate.

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RULE-226 — Legal & Regulatory Corpus Content

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

226.1 The Legal & Regulatory Corpus shall contain, as applicable:

a. Articles of Incorporation;

b. Statutes;

c. incorporated Statutory Schedules;

d. Regulations;

e. incorporated legal Schedules; and

f. other formally adopted binding legal materials.

RULE-227 — Complete Operating Manual Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

227.1 The Complete Operating Manual shall explain how WUFO functions end to end.

RULE-228 — Operating Manual Integration

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

228.1 The Complete Operating Manual may connect:

a. Statutes;

b. Regulations;

c. Rules;

d. Manuals;

e. Protocols;

f. Procedures;

g. Forms;

h. competition systems; and

i. institutional responsibilities.

RULE-229 — Operating Manual Is Not Constitutional Supremacy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

229.1 The Complete Operating Manual shall not override binding law.

RULE-230 — Illustrated Public Blueprint Purpose

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

230.1 The Illustrated Public Blueprint shall explain WUFO clearly and accessibly.

RULE-231 — Public Blueprint Audience

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

231.1 The Blueprint may be designed for:

a. Members;

b. players;

c. supporters;

d. media;

e. public authorities;

f. commercial partners; and

g. the general public.

RULE-232 — Public Blueprint Methods

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

232.1 The Blueprint may use:

a. concise text;

b. diagrams;

c. tables;

d. maps;

e. illustrations;

f. timelines; and

g. other accessible explanatory methods.

RULE-233 — Public Blueprint Is Not a Substitute for Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

233.1 A simplified diagram or explanation shall not replace the binding legal text when legal interpretation is required.

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RULE-234 — Three-Product Cross-Check

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

234.1 Material updates should include a reasonable review of whether corresponding changes are required in the other publication products.

RULE-235 — Publication Product Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142.13

235.1 The governing principle shall be:

One system. Three publication products. No contradiction.

PART XIV — LOWER OPERATIONAL INSTRUMENTS, SCHEDULES AND OPERATING BENCHMARKS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

RULE-236 — Ordinary Execution Detail Belongs Lower

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.9

236.1 Detailed technical and execution matters should normally be placed in lower operational instruments where constitutional protection is unnecessary.

RULE-237 — Technical Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

237.1 Detailed technical standards may be maintained through appropriate Manuals, Protocols, Procedures or Schedules.

RULE-238 — Forms

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

238.1 Detailed filing and certification requirements may be maintained through controlled Forms.

RULE-239 — Travel Standards

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

239.1 Travel classes, hotel standards and booking procedures should normally be maintained below the Statutes.

RULE-240 — Administrative Deadlines

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

240.1 Ordinary execution deadlines may be placed in Procedures or Schedules where lawful flexibility is appropriate.

RULE-241 — Operating Benchmarks

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.5–143.6

241.1 WUFO may maintain non-constitutional operating benchmarks.

RULE-242 — Benchmark Does Not Become Constitutional Minimum

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

242.1 An operating benchmark shall not become a constitutional minimum merely because it is repeatedly used.

RULE-243 — Benchmark Does Not Become Constitutional Maximum

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

243.1 An operating benchmark shall not become a constitutional maximum merely because it appears in an official Manual.

RULE-244 — Historical 100-Staff Benchmark

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.7–143.8

244.1 Approximately one hundred permanent central staff may remain a mature-stage operational planning benchmark.

244.2 It shall not create:

a. a right to employ one hundred persons;

b. a duty to employ one hundred persons; or

c. a constitutional cap of one hundred persons.

RULE-245 — Schedule Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

245.1 An operational Schedule shall identify the Regulation, Manual or other authority it implements.

RULE-246 — Schedule Cannot Amend Formula

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

246.1 A Schedule shall not alter a protected statutory or regulatory formula unless the higher law expressly authorises such change.

RULE-247 — Form Version Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

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247.1 Official Forms shall be version controlled where outdated versions could affect rights or administration.

RULE-248 — Protocol Version Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

248.1 Material Protocols shall be version controlled.

RULE-249 — Procedure Version Control

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139; STA / ART-143

249.1 Material Procedures shall be version controlled.

RULE-250 — Lower-Instrument Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.10

250.1 Preserve constitutional rules in the Statutes.

250.2 Place ordinary execution detail where it can be administered properly.

PART XV — OFFICIAL RECORDS, SUBJECT REGISTERS AND INSTITUTIONAL ARCHIVES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

RULE-251 — Official Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

251.1 REG-28 shall govern the documentary preservation and traceability framework for official records created under other WUFO Regulations.

RULE-252 — Membership Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

252.1 Membership, accession, admission and territorial records created under REG-1 shall be preserved through the official documentation system.

RULE-253 — Congress Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

253.1 Congress:

a. notices;

b. agendas;

c. credentials;

d. mandates;

e. minutes;

f. voting records; and

g. decisions

shall be permanently traceable as required by REG-2.

RULE-254 — Council Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

254.1 Council composition, rotation, elections, recommendations, vacancies and Joint Membership Sitting records shall be preserved.

RULE-255 — Governance and Appointment Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

255.1 Material Founder Presidency, Presidential Body, Secretary General, delegation and appointment records shall be traceable.

RULE-256 — Technical Law Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

256.1 Laws amendments, Experimental Laws, Trial Protocols, technical votes and Trial Registers shall be version controlled and historically preserved.

RULE-257 — Referee Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

257.1 Material referee Protocols, procedures, technical decisions and integrity records shall be preserved according to applicable confidentiality requirements.

RULE-258 — Calendar Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

258.1 Official International Calendar versions, emergency changes and major calendar decisions shall remain historically traceable.

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RULE-259 — Club and Transfer Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

259.1 Material club licensing, ownership, transfer and international-registration instruments shall be registered and preserved according to the applicable Regulation.

RULE-260 — Eligibility Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

260.1 Representative-Team eligibility registrations, decisions and material supporting records shall remain traceable.

RULE-261 — WUFO Championship Cup Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

261.1 Material WUFO Championship Cup records may include:

a. Host Agreements;

b. competition Schedules;

c. Category Draw records;

d. Host Cluster Registers;

e. Host Position Rotation Registers;

f. certification records;

g. results;

h. ticketing Schedules;

i. commercial rights records; and

j. historical competition documentation.

RULE-262 — World League Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

262.1 Material World League records may include:

a. Founding Placement Snapshots;

b. Official Ranking Snapshots;

c. Division Registers;

d. fixtures;

e. promotion and relegation records;

f. funding Schedules; and

g. official results.

RULE-263 — Other Competition Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

263.1 Women’s, Youth, Futsal, Beach Football, Historical Confederation Championship and Champion of Champions records shall remain historically traceable.

RULE-264 — Integrity, Anti-Doping and Financial Records

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

264.1 Material:

a. disciplinary decisions;

b. integrity decisions;

c. anti-doping records;

d. financial records;

e. audit records;

f. development records; and

g. employment records

shall be preserved according to the governing substantive Regulation and applicable confidentiality rules.

RULE-265 — Archive Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-35; STA / ART-141–143; STA / ART-138

265.1 The documentary system shall preserve enough evidence to reconstruct WUFO’s institutional decisions and operations over time.

PART XVI — HISTORICAL IDEA WAREHOUSE AND NON-NORMATIVE FOUNDING MATERIALS

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-144

RULE-266 — Historical Drafts May Be Preserved

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.1

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266.1 WUFO may preserve historical drafts.

RULE-267 — Idea Repositories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144

267.1 WUFO may preserve idea repositories and research notes for institutional memory and future study.

RULE-268 — Historical Founding Process Repositories

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.2

268.1 Historical idea repositories, drafts, research notes and other drafting sources from the founding process shall be treated only as non-normative materials for institutional memory and future study.

shall be treated as an idea warehouse and historical drafting source.

RULE-269 — Historical Materials Are Not Automatically Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.3

269.1 Historical drafting materials shall not automatically constitute:

a. WUFO law;

b. policy;

c. Regulation; or

d. institutional commitment.

RULE-270 — KEEP

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.4

270.1 A concept reviewed from historical drafting materials may be classified:

KEEP

where the substance should be retained for possible formal incorporation.

RULE-271 — ADAPT

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144

271.1 A concept may be classified:

ADAPT

where the underlying idea should be retained but requires substantive or drafting modification before possible adoption.

RULE-272 — REMOVE

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144

272.1 A concept may be classified: REMOVE where it should not be incorporated into current WUFO policy or law.

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RULE-273 — Review Record

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144

273.1 A KEEP, ADAPT or REMOVE review should be traceable where the matter is material.

RULE-274 — KEEP Does Not Automatically Make Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.5

274.1 A KEEP classification shall not make the concept binding.

RULE-275 — ADAPT Does Not Automatically Make Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144

275.1 An ADAPT classification shall not make the concept binding.

RULE-276 — Formal Adoption Required

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.5

276.1 A KEEP or ADAPT concept becomes binding only when:

a. formally adopted through the competent WUFO process; and

b. placed in the appropriate normative instrument.

RULE-277 — REMOVE Is Not Current Policy

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.6

277.1 A REMOVE concept shall not be treated as current WUFO policy merely because it remains visible in a historical file.

RULE-278 — Informal Materials Do Not Override Adopted Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.7

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278.1 Informal conversations, brainstorming notes, unpublished drafts and research materials shall not override adopted WUFO law.

RULE-279 — Historical Preservation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.8

279.1 Historical non-normative material may nevertheless remain preserved in the institutional archive and World Football Heritage.

RULE-280 — Historical Idea Governing Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144.9

280.1 Historical ideas may inform the future.

280.2 Only formally adopted WUFO rules govern the institution.

PART XVII — LEGACY CROSS- REFERENCE RECONCILIATION AND CROSS-REGULATION COORDINATION

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-139–143

RULE-281 — Canonical Closing Regulation Sequence

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

281.1 For the current consolidated WUFO Regulations architecture, the closing sequence shall be identified as:

a. REG-24 — Finance, 17-Line Budget Architecture, Reserves, Audit & Transparency;

b. REG-25 — Football Development Programmes, National Football Development Programme, U6 Development Cohort & Accelerated Development Pathways;

c. REG-26 — Staff, Remuneration, Benefits & Employment Controls;

d. REG-27 — Institutional Preservation, Voluntary Dissolution & World Football Heritage; and

e. REG-28 — Publication, Documentation, Coding, Version Control, Master Normative Index, Decision Ledger & Institutional Archives.

RULE-282 — Historical Documentation References to REG-27

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

282.1 Earlier Regulations drafted before insertion of the current REG-27 may contain crossreferences assigning:

a. document coding;

b. version control;

c. publication;

d. translation;

e. Master Normative Index;

f. Decision Ledger; or

g. institutional archive functions

to REG-27.

282.2 Where the context clearly concerns those documentary functions, the reference shall be understood as a historical numbering reference to the present REG-28.

RULE-283 — Editorial Correction of Historical REG-27 Documentation References

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

283.1 Such documentary cross-references shall be corrected to REG-28 in the next controlled consolidated edition.

283.2 The correction shall be editorial and shall not alter substantive law.

RULE-284 — General Cross-Reference Reconciliation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

284.1 Where insertion, renumbering or consolidation of later Regulations leaves a clearly obsolete cross-reference, WUFO may correct the reference through the official documentation system where:

a. the intended subject is objectively clear;

b. no substantive legal choice is required; and

c. the correction does not change rights, duties, formulas or authority.

RULE-285 — Genuine Ambiguity

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

285.1 Where a cross-reference error creates genuine uncertainty concerning substantive legal effect, documentation staff shall not resolve the issue silently.

285.2 The issue shall be referred to the competent authority for formal reconciliation.

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RULE-286 — Coordination with REG-24

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

286.1 REG-24 shall govern financial:

a. accounting;

b. audit;

c. transparency;

d. protected distributions; and

e. financial records.

286.2 REG-28 shall govern coding, publication, versioning and archival traceability of those records.

RULE-287 — Coordination with REG-27

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

287.1 REG-27 shall govern:

a. institutional preservation;

b. voluntary dissolution; and

c. World Football Heritage.

287.2 REG-28 shall govern the documentary coding, version control and archive systems supporting those functions.

RULE-288 — Confidentiality under Other Regulations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

288.1 REG-28 publication and archive obligations shall remain subject to legitimate confidentiality required under:

a. integrity law;

b. anti-doping law;

c. employment law;

d. financial law;

e. safeguarding;

f. personal-data protection;

g. legal privilege; and

h. other applicable law.

RULE-289 — Documentation Does Not Override Substantive Regulation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

289.1 The Regulation governing the substantive subject shall determine the legal rights and obligations.

289.2 REG-28 shall determine how the resulting documents and decisions are identified, published, versioned and preserved.

RULE-290 — Master Cross-Reference Register

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–143

290.1 WUFO may maintain a controlled cross-reference register identifying:

a. current Regulation numbers;

b. historical numbering references;

c. corrected references; and

d. material cross-regulation relationships.

PART XVIII — FINAL SAFEGUARDS AND GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

Principal Statutory Authority: STA / ART-139–144

RULE-291 — No Lower Instrument May Rewrite Higher Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

291.1 No Manual, Protocol, Procedure, Form, Schedule, Code, Agreement label or explanatory publication shall override higher WUFO law.

RULE-292 — Permanent Codes Stay Permanent

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

292.1 A permanent identifier shall not be casually changed to make a new document appear older, more authoritative or historically continuous when it is not.

RULE-293 — Every Binding Decision Must Have a Home

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-141.9–141.13

293.1 A binding WUFO decision shall not remain indefinitely trapped in informal drafting history.

293.2 It shall receive an appropriate permanent home.

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RULE-294 — Every Official Rule Must Be Traceable

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

294.1 A later reader should be able to identify:

a. where a Rule came from;

b. whether it is current;

c. what changed it; and

d. what replaced it where applicable.

RULE-295 — No Silent Supersession

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

295.1 A superseded Rule shall not be presented silently as current law.

RULE-296 — Historical Versions Survive

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-143.2–143.3

296.1 Historical legal versions shall remain preserved even though they no longer govern.

RULE-297 — Translation Does Not Rewrite Law

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-140

297.1 English, French and Spanish shall express the same adopted legal substance.

RULE-298 — Three Publications — One System

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-142

298.1 The Complete Operating Manual, Illustrated Public Blueprint and Legal & Regulatory Corpus shall describe the same WUFO system at different levels of detail.

RULE-299 — Historical Materials Inform — They Do Not Automatically Govern

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-144

299.1 Historical drafts, idea repositories, informal conversations and research materials may inform future development.

299.2 They shall not override formally adopted WUFO law.

RULE-300 — Final Governing Principles

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-139–144

300.1 The governing principles of this Regulation shall be:

One WUFO. One legal system. One documentary hierarchy.

Applicable mandatory law and the Articles of Incorporation are respected.

The Statutes protect the constitutional architecture.

Regulations implement the Statutes.

Rules implement each Regulation.

Manuals, Protocols, Procedures and Forms provide progressively more detailed operation.

A lower document never rewrites a higher rule.

INC means Articles of Incorporation.

STA means Statutes.

ART identifies Articles within the Statutes.

REG identifies Regulations.

RULE identifies Rules within a Regulation.

MAN identifies Manuals.

PRT identifies Protocols.

PRO identifies Procedures.

FOR identifies Forms.

Statutory Schedules may use STA / SCH.

Operational Schedules, Agreements and specialised Codes may receive stable secondary identifiers without creating a new superior normative level.

Permanent codes remain the same in every official language.

Statutory Articles use one continuous sequence.

RULE numbering restarts at RULE-1 inside each Regulation.

A new Regulation receives the next available REG number. Old numbers are not recycled.

The English master is drafted first unless parallel drafting is expressly authorised.

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WUFO law uses Plain International English wherever legal precision permits.
Easy to read. Easy to translate. Hard to misunderstand.
French and Spanish preserve the same permanent codes, numbers, rights, formulas, thresholds and obligations.
Translation corrects language. Translation does not amend law.
The Master Normative Index tells WUFO what official instruments exist and what status they have.
The Decision Ledger tells WUFO what material decisions were made and where they went.
A sealed decision cannot remain forever inside informal conversation.
If a binding decision has no final home, mark it:

UNPLACED — MUST ASSIGN.

Do not silently invent the missing home.
Do not silently choose between genuine conflicts.
Higher law controls until the conflict is lawfully reconciled.
An amendment is visible.
A supersession is visible.
A repeal is visible.
A historical version remains preserved.
Historical preservation does not mean historical law remains in force.
A reader must be able to determine what text governed at a particular time.
WUFO maintains three publication products:
The Complete Operating Manual.
The Illustrated Public Blueprint.
The Legal & Regulatory Corpus.
One system. Three publication products. No contradiction.
If explanatory material conflicts with binding law, binding law wins.
Current principal WUFO law should be reasonably accessible.
Operating benchmarks are useful tools. They are not constitutional law merely because they appear in a Manual.
Approximately one hundred central employees may remain a planning benchmark. It is not a minimum, maximum or entitlement.
Ordinary technical details belong where they can be administered properly.
Official competition records survive the competition.
Official decisions survive the officeholder who made them.
Historical versions survive the administration that replaced them.
historical founding materials is an idea warehouse.
KEEP means consider formal retention.
ADAPT means consider formal modification.
REMOVE means do not treat the historical concept as current policy.
KEEP and ADAPT do not create law by themselves.
Formal adoption and proper placement create WUFO law.
Informal conversations do not override adopted WUFO law.
Historical ideas may inform the future.
Historical records preserve the past.
Every binding decision must have a home.
Every official rule must be traceable.
Every current instrument must be identifiable.
Every superseded instrument must be recognisable as superseded.
Every material historical version must remain recoverable.
WUFO should never have to ask:
“What did we decide?”
“Where did we put it?”
“Which version is current?”
or
“Did somebody silently change the rule?”

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The documentation system exists so those questions always have an answer.

REG-28 — PUBLICATION, DOCUMENTATION, CODING, VERSION CONTROL, MASTER NORMATIVE INDEX, DECISION LEDGER & INSTITUTIONAL ARCHIVES

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FOUNDING CONSTITUTIONAL ADDENDUM

Statutory Articles 145–148 and REG-28 / PART XIX

23 September 2026

This Addendum is physically appended to the Corpus in order to preserve all pre-existing Article, Regulation, Rule, page and hyperlink identifiers. It forms binding WUFO law. Earlier provisions remain in place except to the extent that this Addendum expressly creates a special founding exception or supersedes an inconsistent earlier rule.

STA / ART-145 — Embryonic and Foundational Activation of Reserved Founding Membership Positions

145.1 During the Embryonic Period and throughout the Foundational Period, the Founder President may, in his sole institutional discretion, activate any vacant one of the two hundred and forty-one (241) original Reserved Founding Membership Positions.

145.2 Activation may be granted to the football body originally identified in the Founding Membership Schedule, a lawful institutional successor, or an alternative association established or being developed for the same football jurisdiction, including a newly constituted association created specifically to build WUFO football from an initial or minimal institutional base.

145.3 An alternative association shall not be required to possess pre-existing national scale, prior recognition by FIFA or another external football organisation, an existing national league system, a minimum number of clubs or players, or pre-existing financial strength. The Founder President may require only such evidence as is reasonably necessary to establish genuine identity, territorial connection, good faith, acceptance of WUFO law and a credible commitment to develop football within the designated jurisdiction.

145.4 Activation under this Article shall not require approval of the Joint Membership Sitting, the thirty-eight (38) YES threshold, a Congress, a Historical Confederation or another WUFO body.

145.5 Where more than one alternative applicant seeks the same vacant position, the Founder President may determine which applicant is best placed to receive the institutional home and may impose proportionate founding conditions. No applicant has an automatic entitlement to the position.

145.6 Only one Member Association may occupy a Reserved Founding Membership Position at any time. Once validly activated, the Member Association holds the same constitutional membership status as every other WUFO Member Association.

145.7 An originally identified football body that declined, did not accept or did not activate its invitation shall not retain a perpetual right to displace a Member Association later validly admitted to that jurisdiction. Later cooperation, integration, merger or institutional transfer may occur only through a lawful process that respects the existing Member Association.

145.8 The special authority in this Article exists only while the Founder Presidency lawfully exists during the Embryonic and Foundational Periods and ends permanently with the end of the Founder Presidency.

145.9 This Article is a specific founding exception and shall control during its period of application over any inconsistent requirement in STA / ART-20, REG-1 / RULE-5, REG-2 / RULE-4 or REG-3 / RULE-8 concerning the recognition or activation of an alternative association for one of the original 241 Reserved Founding Membership Positions.

Primary Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-301; REG-28 / RULE-302; REG-28 / RULE-303; REG-28 / RULE-304; REG-28 / RULE-305. Related: STA / ART-3; STA / ART-4; STA / ART-9; STA / ART-20; STA / ART-21; REG-1 / RULE-5; REG-3 / RULE-8.

STA / ART-146 — Comprehensive Foundational Adaptation and Institutional Restatement

146.1 The founding Statutes, Regulations and other components of the WUFO Integrated Legal and Regulatory Corpus were adopted before the full membership, financial, sporting, confederational, administrative and operational reality of WUFO could be known.

146.2 During the Embryonic Period and throughout the Foundational Period, the Founder President may amend, rewrite, reformulate, reorganise, consolidate, replace or comprehensively restate any part or the entirety of the WUFO Corpus where actual circumstances materially differ from the assumptions underlying the founding architecture and adaptation is reasonably necessary for WUFO to function, survive, develop, stabilise or execute its purposes.

146.3 This authority extends to governance; institutional bodies; membership architecture; the 241 founding positions; Historical Confederations and continental or subregional relationships; economic distribution, percentages and financial models; competitions, tournaments, formats, rankings and calendars; hosting; audiovisual and commercial systems; development programmes; administration; staffing; documentation; and every other constitutional, regulatory or operational system contained in the founding Corpus.

146.4 A provision shall not be immune from founding adaptation merely because the original Corpus described it as permanent, protected, fixed, founding or otherwise enduring. No original structure, percentage, competition model, institutional body or drafting assumption shall be preserved solely because it appeared in the founding Corpus where subsequent reality demonstrates that another structure is reasonably necessary for WUFO.

146.5 During the Embryonic and Foundational Periods, this Article constitutes a special founding amendment and restatement authority of the Founder President. Its exercise shall not require prior approval by a WUFO body whose ordinary constitutional power would otherwise apply, and shall not be prevented because such body is not yet constituted, representative or operational.

146.6 A comprehensive restatement may create transitional structures, merge or divide Regulations, relocate provisions, renumber newly replaced material, replace financial or competition architecture, and adopt any other implementation mechanism reasonably required by WUFO's actual circumstances.

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146.7 A restatement under this Article constitutes the continuation and evolution of the same World Union Football Organisation. It shall not create a new organisation, require a change of WUFO's name, interrupt its institutional history, or by itself extinguish its assets, rights, obligations, contracts, records or lawful institutional relationships.

146.8 This authority remains subject to mandatory applicable law, the legal requirements of WUFO's Articles of Incorporation where a separate corporate act is legally required, and vested rights or binding obligations that cannot lawfully be altered solely by internal regulation.

146.9 Every material restatement shall be adopted in writing, identify its effective date, identify the provisions or architecture it supersedes to the extent reasonably practicable, and preserve the prior version in the official WUFO historical and version-control record.

146.10 The special authority in this Article ends permanently with the end of the Founder Presidency. Thereafter, amendments and restatements shall follow the ordinary constitutional allocation of powers then in force.

Primary Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-306; REG-28 / RULE-307; REG-28 / RULE-308; REG-28 / RULE-309; REG-28 / RULE-310. Related: STA / ART-21; STA / ART-139; STA / ART-141; REG-28 / RULE-176.

STA / ART-147 — Secretary General and Founder President Remuneration Rate and WUFO Salary Primacy

147.1 The statutory full gross annual remuneration rate of the Secretary General and the Founder President shall be seven hundred thousand United States dollars (US$700,000) in 2026 real value.

147.2 The rate established in Article 147.1 may increase only through the approved inflation mechanism necessary to preserve its real economic value. It shall not be increased above that real value through market adjustment, performance bonus, discretionary increase or another mechanism.

147.3 Where a material WUFO financial crisis, insufficient lawful liquidity or actual financial capacity makes full payment imprudent or unsustainable, the remuneration may be temporarily reduced, partially paid, deferred or otherwise adjusted downward. Such an adjustment does not permanently alter the 2026 real-value reference rate.

147.4 No WUFO employee, officer, executive officeholder or other person receiving recurring institutional remuneration from WUFO may receive annual salary or fixed cash remuneration exceeding the applicable Secretary General rate. The Founder President may receive the same rate but may not exceed it.

147.5 A bonus, guaranteed allowance, recurring service payment, consultancy arrangement or other compensation device shall not be used to circumvent Article 147.4. Properly documented official travel, reimbursement of genuine business expenses and ordinary lawful employment benefits are not salary for this purpose and shall not be used to disguise additional remuneration.

147.6 The Founder President retroactive-recognition and deferred-payment rules in STA / ART-135 remain applicable, using the remuneration rate established by this Article. A temporary financial-capacity reduction for another officeholder creates no automatic arrears unless an applicable contract, law or express WUFO decision provides otherwise.

147.7 This Article supersedes the US$600,000 figures and any inconsistent salary-ceiling language in STA / ART-134, STA / ART-135 and REG-26. Independent review, budget disclosure, audit, benefits, expense and anti-circumvention controls continue to apply except to the extent inconsistent with the fixed statutory rate established here.

Primary Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-311; REG-28 / RULE-312; REG-28 / RULE-313; REG-28 / RULE-314. Related: STA / ART-133; STA / ART-134; STA / ART-135; REG-26 / RULE-278.

STA / ART-148 — Sub-Union Balance in Geographic Council Representation

148.1 The four geographic Councillors allocated to each Historical Confederation in the Men's Football Council and the Women's Football Council shall always come from four distinct WUFO Member Associations.

148.2 Where a Historical Confederation contains four or more recognised Sub-Unions, the four geographic Councillors shall come from four different Sub-Unions and four different Member Associations. Where more than four Sub-Unions exist, representation shall rotate as equitably as practicable between successive Council terms so that no recognised Sub-Union is permanently excluded.

148.3 Where a Historical Confederation contains three recognised Sub-Unions, each Sub-Union shall supply one geographic Councillor and the fourth seat shall be allocated to the Sub-Union containing the greatest number of active WUFO Member Associations. The two Councillors from that Sub-Union must come from different Member Associations. Where the largest Sub-Union cannot be determined because of an equality, the additional seat shall rotate on an equitable basis.

148.4 Where a Historical Confederation contains two recognised Sub-Unions, the four geographic seats shall be distributed two (2) and two (2), with all four Councillors coming from four distinct Member Associations.

148.5 Where only one recognised Sub-Union exists, the four Councillors may come from that Sub-Union but shall still come from four distinct Member Associations. Where a Confederation has not yet established recognised Sub-Unions, the four seats shall be distributed geographically as equitably as practicable and shall still come from four distinct Member Associations.

148.6 No Member Association may provide more than one geographic Councillor within the four-seat allocation of the same Historical Confederation in the same Football Council. The same Member Association may participate separately in the Men's and Women's Councils where otherwise lawful.

148.7 A Sub-Union remains a subregional structure and does not become a WUFO Member Association, a separate Historical Confederation, the owner of a Council seat or the holder of a permanent veto merely because this Article requires subregional balance.

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148.8 This Article supplements STA / ART-17 and STA / ART-18 and controls over REG-3 / RULE-3 to the extent necessary to make Sub-Union balance mandatory while preserving the existing four-distinct-Member-Associations requirement.

Primary Implementation: REG-28 / RULE-315; REG-28 / RULE-316; REG-28 / RULE-317; REG-28 / RULE-318; REG-28 / RULE-319. Related: STA / ART-8; STA / ART-17; STA / ART-18; REG-3 / RULE-3.

REG-28 / PART XIX — EMBRYONIC AND FOUNDATIONAL ADAPTATION, REMUNERATION AND SUB-UNION BALANCE

RULE-301 — Purpose and Special Founding Status

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-145

301.1 This Part implements the special founding authorities and safeguards established by STA / ART-145–148 and is appended without renumbering any pre-existing WUFO Article, Regulation or Rule.

RULE-302 — Alternative Associations May Begin from an Initial Base

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-145

302.1 An alternative association seeking a vacant original Reserved Founding Membership Position may be newly constituted and may begin from a small organisational base. Existing national scale or prior external football recognition is not a prerequisite to Founder President activation under STA / ART-145.

RULE-303 — Founder President Activation Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-145

303.1 During the Embryonic and Foundational Periods, the Founder President decides whether and to whom a vacant original Reserved Founding Membership Position is activated, subject to STA / ART-145.

RULE-304 — No Joint Membership Vote for Founding Activation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-145

304.1 An activation under STA / ART-145 requires no Joint Membership Sitting and no thirty-eight (38) YES vote. REG-1 / RULE-5, REG-2 / RULE-4 and REG-3 / RULE-8 continue to govern outside the specific founding exception established by STA / ART-145.

RULE-305 — One Jurisdiction, One Occupying Member Association

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-145

305.1 Only one Member Association may occupy each original Reserved Founding Membership Position. A body originally invited but not activated shall not automatically displace a Member Association later validly activated under STA / ART-145.

RULE-306 — Comprehensive Restatement Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-146

306.1 During the Embryonic and Foundational Periods, the Founder President may issue a written Foundational Restatement Instrument amending, replacing or comprehensively restating any part or all of the WUFO Corpus as authorised by STA / ART-146.

RULE-307 — Scope of Foundational Adaptation

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-146

307.1 Foundational adaptation may reach governance, membership, confederational structure, Sub-Unions, economic distribution, financial percentages, competitions, tournaments, calendars, hosting, commercial and audiovisual models, development systems, administration, staffing and any other part of the founding architecture.

RULE-308 — Effect of Restatement

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-146

308.1 A valid Foundational Restatement Instrument takes effect on the date stated in it and supersedes inconsistent prior Corpus provisions to the extent stated or necessarily implied by the restatement.

RULE-309 — Same WUFO Continues

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-146

309.1 A restructuring or comprehensive restatement under STA / ART-146 is an institutional evolution of the same WUFO and does not by itself create a successor organisation or require a new organisational name.

RULE-310 — Record and End of Special Authority

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-146; STA / ART-141

310.1 Every material restatement shall be preserved and traceable. The special Founder President restatement authority ends permanently when the Founder Presidency ends.

RULE-311 — US$700,000 Full Annual Remuneration Rate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-147

311.1 The Secretary General and Founder President each have a statutory full gross annual remuneration rate of US$700,000 in 2026 real value, subject to the financial-capacity adjustment in RULE-312.

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RULE-312 — Inflation Only; Downward Financial-Crisis Adjustment

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-147

312.1 The US$700,000 real-value rate may rise only by the approved inflation mechanism. A material financial crisis, insufficient liquidity or financial incapacity may justify a temporary downward adjustment, partial payment or lawful deferral.

RULE-313 — Nobody in WUFO May Earn More

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-147

313.1 No WUFO employee, officer, executive officeholder or recurring institutional service provider may receive annual salary or fixed cash remuneration above the applicable Secretary General rate. The Founder President may equal, but not exceed, that rate.

RULE-314 — No Remuneration Circumvention

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-147

314.1 Benefits, expenses, bonuses, allowances, consultancy devices or other payment forms shall not be structured to evade the remuneration limit. Genuine official expenses and ordinary lawful benefits remain separate where properly documented.

RULE-315 — Four Seats, Four Distinct Member Associations

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-148

315.1 Each Historical Confederation shall fill its four geographic seats in each Football Council from four distinct WUFO Member Associations.

RULE-316 — Four or More Sub-Unions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-148

316.1 Where four or more recognised Sub-Unions exist, the four geographic Councillors shall come from four different Sub-Unions and four different Member Associations, with equitable rotation where more than four Sub-Unions exist.

RULE-317 — Three Sub-Unions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-148

317.1 Where three recognised Sub-Unions exist, each receives one geographic seat and the fourth goes to the Sub-Union with the greatest number of active WUFO Member Associations, subject to the distinct-Member requirement and equitable rotation in case of equality.

RULE-318 — Two, One or No Recognised Sub-Unions

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-148

318.1 Two recognised Sub-Unions use a two-and-two distribution. One recognised Sub-Union may supply all four seats. Where none is yet recognised, geographic balance shall be achieved as equitably as practicable. In every case the four Councillors must come from four distinct Member Associations.

RULE-319 — Sub-Union Status and No Duplicate Member Seat

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-148; STA / ART-8

319.1 No Member Association may supply more than one of its Confederation's four geographic Councillors in the same Football Council. Sub-Union balance does not convert a Sub-Union into a WUFO Member Association, separate Confederation, permanent seat owner or veto-holder.

RULE-320 — Addendum Governing Effect and Traceability

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-145; STA / ART-146; STA / ART-147; STA / ART-148; STA / ART-141

320.1 This Part and STA / ART-145–148 are binding additions to the Corpus. They preserve all earlier numbering and identifiers, control over inconsistent earlier provisions only to the extent expressly stated, and shall remain traceable through the official version-control system.

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SECOND FOUNDING CONSTITUTIONAL ADDENDUM

STA / ART-149 and REG-2 / REG-3 Supplemental Parts

23 September 2026

This Second Addendum is physically appended to the Corpus so that no pre-existing Article, Regulation, Rule, page or hyperlink identifier is renumbered. It is binding WUFO law and supplements the Founding Constitutional Addendum of 23 September 2026.

STA / ART-149 — Branch-Specific Representative Structures, Independent Mandates and Activation of Branch Rights

149.1 Each WUFO Member Association remains one institutional Member. For WUFO purposes, however, it shall maintain, establish or recognise genuine separate representative mechanisms through which the interests of Men's Football and Women's Football can independently exercise the rights assigned to their respective WUFO Branches.

149.2 This Article does not require the creation of two separate legal associations. A Member may use an existing Women's Football Association, Council, Assembly, Committee, Commission, representative League body, Branch Unit, Mandate College or equivalent structure, and an equivalent Men's structure, provided that the functional requirements of this Article are satisfied.

149.3 A compliant Women's Football mechanism must possess genuine authority, for WUFO purposes, to determine the substantive voting mandate of the Member Association's Women's Congress seat and to endorse or nominate any Member-derived candidate for the Women's Football Council where such endorsement or nomination is required.

149.4 Every person exercising a vote in the internal decision that determines the Women's Football WUFO mandate or Member-derived Women's Council nomination shall be a woman genuinely participating in or representing Women's Football in that jurisdiction. Non-voting professional or technical advisers of either sex may assist.

149.5 Appointment of a woman as Delegate, Councillor or officeholder does not by itself constitute Women's Football representation. A woman carrying instructions imposed by a non-compliant general, executive or Men's Football body shall not be treated as holding a valid Women's Branch mandate merely because she is a woman.

149.6 The same principle applies symmetrically to the Men's Branch. An existing general Member body may satisfy the Men's Branch mechanism where it genuinely represents Men's Football through a distinct decision process and does not exercise substantive control over the Women's Branch mandate.

149.7 A Member Association's General Assembly, President, Board, Executive Committee or Secretary General may certify, record, formalise or transmit a Branch mandate where necessary under domestic law or the Member's statutes, but may not alter, reverse or substitute the substantive instruction lawfully determined by the competent Branch mechanism.

149.8 Where a Member Association has not established or recognised a compliant Women's Football mechanism, its Women's Congress seat remains permanently reserved to that Member but is inactive. No Women's Congress Delegate shall be accredited and no Women's Branch vote may be cast until compliance is certified. The same rule applies symmetrically to a Men's Congress seat that lacks a compliant Men's Branch mechanism.

149.9 A Branch seat that is constitutionally inactive under this Article is not an absence, abstention or failure to vote under STA / ART-37 and shall not be included in the active voting membership or active voting denominator of the relevant Congress or Joint Congress. Percentage or fractional thresholds shall be calculated against the active qualified voting membership. A fixed-number threshold expressly derived from a stated fully activated body size shall be proportionally recalculated at the same ratio and rounded upward unless the governing provision expressly declares the absolute number irreducible notwithstanding Branch non-activation.

149.10 A Member Association may provide a geographic Councillor to the Women's Football Council only while its Women's Branch rights are active under this Article. The Councillor must be a woman and the Member Association's competent Women's Football mechanism must validly endorse or nominate her in accordance with the Confederation selection process. A woman nominated only by a non-compliant general or Men's body is not eligible.

149.11 Where a recognised Sub-Union is temporarily unable to supply an eligible Women's Football Council representative because none of its Member Associations has an active compliant Women's Branch mechanism, the corresponding geographic seat may be filled temporarily by an eligible woman from another compliant Member Association of the same Historical Confederation.

149.12 Temporary substitution under Article 149.11 shall preserve four distinct Member Associations and shall distribute temporary seats among the compliant Sub-Unions as evenly as practicable. Where only two Sub-Unions can supply eligible Members, the temporary distribution should ordinarily be two-and-two. Where three can do so, it should ordinarily be two-one-one.

149.13 A temporary Sub-Union substitution creates no permanent entitlement. As soon as a previously unrepresented Sub-Union has an eligible Member Association and a lawful representative is available, the seat shall return to that Sub-Union at the earliest practicable time under the applicable replacement procedure. Temporary service counts within the Council term cycle under STA / ART-29.

149.14 Where the Historical Confederation does not have enough eligible Member Associations to fill all four geographic Women's Council seats even after temporary substitution, the remaining seat or seats shall remain vacant and shall not be included

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in the active Council voting denominator until lawfully filled.

149.15 The four direct Women's Football Council constituency seats for Players, Referees, Supporters and Clubs remain governed by their own genuinely representative Women's Football selection processes and do not become Member Association seats under this Article.

149.16 WUFO shall apply this Article proportionately to the actual development level of each Member. A small or developing Member is not required to create unnecessary bureaucracy and may establish a simple interim Women's Football Mandate College or equivalent body using the genuine Women's Football constituencies available in that jurisdiction. WUFO shall support the progressive development of such structures.

149.17 This Article is a specific constitutional safeguard of Branch independence. To the extent necessary to give it effect, it supplements and controls over inconsistent application of STA / ART-14, STA / ART-18, STA / ART-28, STA / ART-32, STA / ART-37 and STA / ART-148. It does not divide a Member Association into two legal Members.

Primary Implementation: REG-2 / RULE-11; REG-2 / RULE-12; REG-2 / RULE-13; REG-2 / RULE-14; REG-2 / RULE-15; REG-2 / RULE-16; REG-2 / RULE-17; REG-2 / RULE-18; REG-3 / RULE-9; REG-3 / RULE-10; REG-3 / RULE-11; REG-3 / RULE-12; REG-3 / RULE-13; REG-3 / RULE-14. Related: STA / ART-13; STA / ART-14; STA / ART-18; STA / ART-28; STA / ART-29; STA / ART-32; STA / ART-37; STA / ART-148.

REG-2 / SUPPLEMENTAL PART IV — BRANCH-SPECIFIC MANDATES AND ACTIVE VOTING MEMBERSHIP

RULE-11 — Branch-Specific Mandate Principle

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-13; STA / ART-14

11.1 The Member Association owns its institutional WUFO seats. The relevant Football Branch, through a compliant Branch representative mechanism, determines the substantive mandate of its Branch seat. The Delegate carries that mandate.

RULE-12 — Acceptable Branch Representative Mechanisms

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-28

12.1 WUFO shall recognise function rather than institutional title. An Association, Council, Assembly, Committee, Commission, representative League body, Branch Unit, Mandate College or equivalent arrangement may qualify if it genuinely represents the relevant Branch and possesses the decision authority required by STA / ART-149.

RULE-13 — Women's Football Controls the Women's Mandate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149

13.1 The substantive Women's Congress mandate shall be decided by women genuinely participating in or representing Women's Football. A general executive body may not replace that decision. Non-voting advisers may assist without acquiring the Branch vote.

RULE-14 — Men's Branch and Existing General Structures

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149

14.1 The Men's Branch shall also have a genuine mandate process. An existing general Member structure may serve that purpose where it genuinely represents Men's Football through a distinct process and does not control the Women's Branch mandate.

RULE-15 — Certificate of Branch Mandate

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-33

15.1 A Certificate of Mandate shall identify the Branch, the compliant mechanism that adopted the instruction, the relevant decision date and the authorised Delegate. Certification by the Member's General Assembly or officers shall not alter the substantive Branch instruction.

RULE-16 — No Token Representation; Inactive Branch Seat

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149

16.1 Appointment of a woman alone does not activate a Women's Branch seat. Where the required representative mechanism does not exist or did not validly determine the mandate, the seat remains reserved but inactive and the Delegate shall not be accredited for that Branch vote. The same principle applies symmetrically to the Men's Branch.

RULE-17 — Active Voting Denominator

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-37

17.1 Constitutional Branch non-activation is not absence, abstention or failure to vote. An inactive Branch seat is excluded from the active voting denominator. Percentage and fractional thresholds use the active qualified membership; a fixed-number threshold derived from a stated fully activated body size shall use the same ratio against active qualified membership, rounded upward, unless the governing provision expressly makes the absolute number irreducible despite Branch non-activation.

RULE-18 — Proportionate Certification and Development Support

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-28

18.1 WUFO shall certify Branch compliance through proportionate documentation and shall not demand unnecessary scale, wealth or bureaucracy. WUFO may recognise an interim Mandate College or equivalent mechanism and shall provide reasonable guidance

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to Members developing compliant Branch representation.

REG-3 / SUPPLEMENTAL PART IV — WOMEN’S COUNCIL BRANCH QUALIFICATION AND TEMPORARY SUB-UNION SUBSTITUTION

RULE-9 — Member Eligibility for a Women’s Geographic Council Seat

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-18

9.1 A geographic Women’s Football Council Councillor may come only from a Member Association whose Women’s Branch rights are active under STA / ART-149. She must be validly endorsed or nominated through that Member’s compliant Women’s Football mechanism, subject to the Historical Confederation selection process.

RULE-10 — No Token Council Nomination

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149

10.1 A woman nominated solely by a general, executive or Men’s Football body without a compliant Women’s Football mechanism shall not satisfy the Women’s Council eligibility requirement.

RULE-11 — Temporary Sub-Union Substitution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-148

11.1 Where a Sub-Union cannot temporarily supply an eligible Women’s geographic Councillor, its seat may be filled by an eligible woman from another compliant Member Association of the same Historical Confederation. The substitute must come from a different Member Association from every other geographic Councillor of that Confederation.

RULE-12 — Equitable Temporary Distribution

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-148

12.1 Temporary substitution shall be distributed as evenly as practicable among Sub-Unions able to supply eligible Members. Two eligible Sub-Unions should ordinarily use a two-and-two distribution; three should ordinarily use a two-one-one distribution. No temporary arrangement creates a permanent Sub-Union entitlement.

RULE-13 — Return of the Seat When Eligibility Exists

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-29

13.1 When a previously unrepresented Sub-Union obtains an eligible Member Association and a lawful representative is available, the temporary substitute seat shall return to that Sub-Union at the earliest practicable time. The temporary Councillor has no protected right to complete the entire term solely because she filled the substitute seat, and service counts within the current term cycle.

RULE-14 — Vacancy, Active Council Denominator and Direct Seats

Statutory Basis: STA / ART-149; STA / ART-18

14.1 If fewer than four eligible Member Associations remain available after lawful temporary substitution, any unfilled geographic Women’s Council seat remains vacant and is excluded from the active Council voting denominator until filled. The direct Players, Referees, Supporters and Clubs seats remain governed by their own Women’s constituency representation rules.

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THIRD FOUNDING CONSTITUTIONAL ADDENDUM

INCORPORATED 2030 SCENARIO A — NEW WORLD COMPETITION SCHEDULE

SCH — 2030 EXISTING GLOBAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP — SCENARIO A NEW WORLD COMPETITION SCHEDULE

24 September 2026

LEGAL STATUS AND INTERPRETATION

This Schedule is incorporated into the WUFO Legal & Regulatory Corpus pursuant to STA / ART-65.24–65.27, REG-12 / RULE-14 and REG-12 / RULE-54. It completes the detailed South American Scenario A calendar without renumbering or altering any pre-existing Article, Regulation or Rule.

The names of the non-South-American opponent teams used below are fictional or illustrative planning placeholders. The five South American Host Team labels identify the intended host-team slot architecture. Nothing in this Schedule itself grants qualification or group placement; all participation remains subject to the lawful 2030 sporting qualification and draw instruments under REG-12 / RULE-57 and RULE-73–RULE-76.

The fictional identity of an illustrative opponent does not make the venue, match slot, stadium rotation, recovery pattern or 24-match distribution illustrative. Those elements are the binding content of this Schedule, subject only to lawful operational adjustment under REG-12 / RULE-64.

BINDING SCENARIO A ARCHITECTURE

• 64 teams — 16 groups of four — Groups A, E, I and M form the New World Block.

• New World Block — 24 additional group-stage matches across Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Asunción, Santiago and Rio de Janeiro.

• The first and second placed teams in A, E, I and M advance; eight New World qualifiers then travel to the Old World for the Round of 32. No New World knockout hosting right is created.

MATCHWEEK 1 — FIRST GROUP MATCHES

Day	Group	Fixture / planning labels	Binding host city
1	A	Uruguay vs Sweden	Montevideo
1	A	Australia vs Gabon	Asunción
2	E	Argentina vs Norway	Buenos Aires
2	E	China vs Honduras	Santiago
3	I	Paraguay vs North Macedonia	Asunción
3	I	South Africa vs Qatar	Montevideo
4	M	Brazil vs Chile	Rio de Janeiro
4	M	Nicaragua vs Iran	Buenos Aires

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MATCHWEEK 2 — SECOND GROUP MATCHES

Day	Group	Fixture / planning labels	Binding host city
1	A	Uruguay vs Australia	Montevideo
1	A	Sweden vs Gabon	Santiago
2	E	Argentina vs China	Buenos Aires
2	E	Norway vs Honduras	Asunción
3	M	Brazil vs Nicaragua	Rio de Janeiro
3	M	Chile vs Iran	Santiago
4	I	Paraguay vs South Africa	Asunción
4	I	North Macedonia vs Qatar	Buenos Aires

MATCHWEEK 3 — FINAL GROUP MATCHES

The two final matches of each group shall be played simultaneously. Different groups on the same closing day may use different kickoff windows.

Day	Group	Fixture / planning labels	Binding host city
1	A	Uruguay vs Gabon	Montevideo
1	A	Sweden vs Australia	Santiago
2	E	Argentina vs Honduras	Buenos Aires
2	E	Norway vs China	Rio de Janeiro
3	I	Paraguay vs Qatar	Asunción
3	I	North Macedonia vs South Africa	Montevideo
4	M	Brazil vs Iran	Rio de Janeiro
4	M	Chile vs Nicaragua	Santiago

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BINDING VENUE ROTATION AND FINAL DISTRIBUTION

Matchweek	Operational day	Cities used
Matchweek 1	Day 1	Montevideo + Asunción
Matchweek 1	Day 2	Buenos Aires + Santiago
Matchweek 1	Day 3	Asunción + Montevideo
Matchweek 1	Day 4	Rio de Janeiro + Buenos Aires
Matchweek 2	Day 1	Montevideo + Santiago
Matchweek 2	Day 2	Buenos Aires + Asunción
Matchweek 2	Day 3	Rio de Janeiro + Santiago
Matchweek 2	Day 4	Asunción + Buenos Aires
Matchweek 3	Day 1	Montevideo + Santiago
Matchweek 3	Day 2	Buenos Aires + Rio de Janeiro
Matchweek 3	Day 3	Asunción + Montevideo
Matchweek 3	Day 4	Rio de Janeiro + Santiago

FINAL 24-MATCH VENUE DISTRIBUTION

City	Matchweek 1	Matchweek 2	Matchweek 3	TOTAL
Montevideo	2	1	2	5
Buenos Aires	2	2	1	5
Asunción	2	2	1	5
Santiago	1	2	2	5
Rio de Janeiro	1	1	2	4
TOTAL	8	8	8	24

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BRAZIL–CHILE HOSTING BALANCE

Uruguay: three of three group matches in Montevideo. Argentina: three of three in Buenos Aires. Paraguay: three of three in Asunción. Brazil: three of three in Rio de Janeiro. Chile: two of three in Santiago.

The planned South American Host-Team match outside its own principal city is Brazil–Chile in Rio de Janeiro. Brazil receives its three group matches at home, but Rio receives only four total New World matches. Chile accepts one group match in Rio, while Santiago receives five total New World matches, one more than Rio.

This is an integrated compensation mechanism. Brazil receives the full three-match Host-Team benefit while its city receives one fewer tournament match; Chile yields one Host-Team match in Santiago while Santiago receives one additional tournament match.

RECOVERY, INTEGRITY AND OPERATIONAL SAFEGUARDS

Within each South American matchweek block, the rotation shall avoid use of the same stadium on consecutive operational days. The final group-closing sequence is Montevideo + Santiago; Buenos Aires + Rio; Asunción + Montevideo; Rio + Santiago.

Where Montevideo or Rio is reused after approximately two days, kickoff and operating windows shall provide approximately 48 hours or more of real recovery. Santiago’s closing reuse is approximately 72 hours. Pitch efficiency shall never override player welfare or REG-7 recovery standards.

The worldwide intended group-closing sequence remains: Day 1 A–B–C–D; Day 2 E–F–G–H; Day 3 I–J–K–L; Day 4 M–N–O–P.

OPERATIONAL ADJUSTMENTS AND MATERIALITY

Kickoff times, certified stadium identity within the designated host city, broadcast sequencing and other non-material execution details may be adjusted where necessary under REG-12 / RULE-64.

For purposes of this Schedule, an adjustment that changes the city totals 5–5–5–5–4, removes the Brazil–Chile compensation, changes A/E/I/M New World status, changes the 24-match New World total, or transfers a knockout match to the New World is material and shall not be treated as an ordinary non-material Schedule adjustment.

CONTROLLING CROSS-REFERENCES

Primary: STA / ART-65.12–65.27; REG-12 / RULE-14; REG-12 / RULE-44–RULE-64. Sporting qualification and draw: REG-12 / RULE-73–RULE-76. Recovery and welfare: STA / ART-48; REG-7. Scenario A integrity: REG-12 / RULE-197–RULE-209.

Governing principle: the teams are determined by sport; the South American Scenario A match architecture is determined by this Schedule.

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