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Based on Art. 10 of the Law on Associations and Foundations of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of B&H No. 32/01, 42/03, 63/08 and 76/11), FIFA Statutes and UEFA Statutes, the General Assembly of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Football Federation, at the session held on 25.08.2020, adopted

## **STATUTE OF THE BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA FOOTBALL FEDERATION**

### **I DEFINITION OF TERMS**

- FIFA: Federation Internationale de Football Association (International Football Association)
- UEFA: Union des Associations Europeennes de Football (European Football Union)
- IFAB: International Football Association Board (International Football Board that adopts the Laws of the Game)
- Federation: Bosnia and Herzegovina Football Federation, consisting of two football federations at the entity level:
  - Football Federation of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (abbreviated: FF FBH)
  - Football Association of the Republic of Srpska (abbreviated FA RS)
- Federations: Two football federations, organized at the entity level and officially recognized as members of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Football Federation, i.e., the Football Federation of the Federation of B&H and the Football Association of the Republic of Srpska. Furthermore, it is possible that there are associations of clubs or individuals (coaches, referees, etc.)
- Cantonal or regional football associations: Football organizations defined in accordance with the legal structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina and officially affiliated to the FF FBH and the FA RS
- Official: Each member of the committee or commission and individuals such as referees, assistant referees, coaches and other individuals responsible for technical, administrative and medical issues in the BHFF, leagues or clubs
- Player: Any footballer registered in accordance with the applicable FIFA regulations
- Organized football: Football controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game
- General Assembly: The highest legislative body of the BHFF
- Executive Board: Executive body of the BHFF
- Member: Legal or natural person accepted by the General Assembly into the membership of the BHFF
- Ordinary courts: Ordinary courts in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which resolve disputes in accordance with the jurisdiction prescribed by the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina and other laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Arbitration Tribunal: An independent and impartial arbitral tribunal operating in place of a regular court within the scope of its work and jurisdiction, established in accordance with the state laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- CAS: Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne (Switzerland)

*NOTE: Terms referring to natural persons are valid for both grammatical genders, and each term in the singular is valid for the plural and vice versa.*

## **II GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Scope**

#### **Article 1**

This Statute, in accordance with the law, regulates the following issues: name and seat of the BHFF, abbreviated name, address, goals, rights and duties of affiliated members, BHFF bodies, competencies, voting rules, use and disposal of the BHFF funds, publicity of work, representation, dispute resolution, termination of the Federation and disposal of funds, financial sources, amendments to the Statute and other issues.

### **Legal Status**

#### **Article 2**

- 1 Bosnia and Herzegovina Football Federation (hereinafter: the BHFF) is an organization of the type of association, in which the FF FBH and the FA RS are equally united. It is based on an indefinite period of time.
- 2 The BHFF is a non-governmental, non-political, independent sports association of public interest, which was established by merging two entity football federations, in order to promote and develop football in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 3 The BHFF is, in accordance with its character, organization and goals, an independent football association at the level of B&H, with the task to organize and promote football sports in B&H, in accordance with this Statute and decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board of the BHFF, as well as the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA and UEFA.

### **Name, Seat and Characteristics**

#### **Article 3**

- 1 The name of the sports association is:
  - NOGOMETNI/FUDBALSKI SAVEZ BOSNE I HERCEGOVINE;
  - НОГОМЕТНИ/ФУДБАЛСКИ САВЕЗ БОСНЕ И ХЕРЦЕГОВИНЕ;
  - NOGOMETNI/FUDBALSKI SAVEZ BOSNE I HERCEGOVINE;
  - BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA FOOTBALL FEDERATION.
- 2 The abbreviated name of the sports association is:
  - NS/FS BiH;
  - HC/FC БиХ;
  - NS/FS BiH;
  - BHFF.
- 3 The seat of the Federation is in Sarajevo, Bulevar Meše Selimovića Street no. 95.
- 4 The BHFF has its validly registered sign, flag, seal and stamp, in accordance with state legislation.
  - The emblem of the Federation is round, blue-yellow. In the centre of the sign are the contours of B&H shown on a football, around which is the text written in Latin and Cyrillic letters: BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA БОСНА И ХЕРЦЕГОВИНА NOGOMETNI/FUDBALSKI SAVEZ НОГОМЕТНИ/ФУДБАЛСКИ САВЕЗ.
  - The seal of the Federation is round, with a diameter of 30 (thirty) millimeters, in which the name of the Federation is written in concentric circles in English, in the centre of which are the contours of B&H shown on a football.

- 5 The form and content of the sign, flag, text of the seal and stamp shall be determined by the BHFF Executive Board.

## **Legal Subjectivity, Languages and Obligations**

### **Article 4**

- 1 The BHFF has the status of a legal entity, with rights and obligations established by applicable law and this Statute.
- 2 The BHFF is entered in the register of the competent ministry of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with the Law on Registration of Associations and Foundations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 3 The BHFF is responsible for its obligations with its own assets (full responsibility).
- 4 The BHFF has its own bank account.
- 5 The official languages of the BHFF are those languages defined by the Constitution of B&H, with equal use of the Latin and Cyrillic alphabets.
- 6 The BHFF is a member of FIFA and UEFA. Accordingly, it undertakes:
  - a) to respect the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the spirit and rule of fair-play;
  - b) to comply with the applicable Laws of the Game, as adopted by IFAB and the Laws of the Futsal Game and the Laws of the Beach Soccer Game, published by the FIFA Executive Committee;
  - c) to comply with the Statutes, regulations and directives of FIFA and UEFA, as well as the decisions taken within those organizations, and to ensure that these decisions are respected by all its members;
  - d) to recognize the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland), as set out in the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes and the UEFA Statutes;
  - e) to participate in competitions organized by FIFA and UEFA, in accordance with the relevant competition regulations, and in particular to pay the required registration fees;
  - f) that all disputes of a state character arising from the application of its Statute or regulations, or in connection with them, shall be submitted exclusively to an independent and impartial arbitral tribunal, established in accordance with the laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which shall reach a final settlement;
  - g) to conduct its activities independently and ensure that these activities are not influenced by third parties, and to adopt a procedure that guarantees complete independence in the election or appointment of members of the BHFF statutory bodies;
  - h) to ensure that its members, clubs, players, officials, match representatives and player agents – through their statutes, licenses, registrations, or any other written document, agree to:
    - i. adhere to the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the spirit of fair-play;
    - ii. to respect Article 5 of this Statute, with regard to neutrality and non-discrimination;
    - iii. to adhere to the applicable Laws of the Game, as published by IFAB, as well as the Laws of the Futsal Game and Laws of the Beach Soccer Game, as published by the FIFA Executive Board;

- iv. to undertake by the Statute, regulations and directives of the BHFF, FIFA and UEFA, as well as by the decisions made in accordance with them, to comply with them;
  - v. to recognize the competence of the CAS, as set out in the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes and the UEFA Statutes;
  - vi. all disputes of a state nature that result from or arise from the application of the BHFF Statute, regulations, directives or decisions made on the basis of the Statute or in connection with any contract, are ultimately solved before the exclusive jurisdiction of an independent and impartial arbitral tribunal, that is the tribunal in Lausanne (Switzerland), as stated in the relevant provisions of the FIFA and UEFA Statutes, until the regulations of Bosnia and Herzegovina establish an appropriate arbitral tribunal in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which meets the minimum requirements of FIFA and UEFA. The CAS will provide final solutions to such disputes without the participation of a regular court, unless expressly prohibited by applicable law in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 7 The BHFF cooperates with the Olympic Committee of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as with other sports organizations.

### **Neutrality and Non-discrimination**

#### **Article 5**

- 1 The BHFF is neutral in political and religious issues.
- 2 Discrimination of any kind, against any country, individual or group of people, on the grounds of ethnic origin, sex, language, politics or any other reason, is strictly prohibited and may be sanctioned by suspension, exclusion or other disciplinary measures.

### **Laws of the Game**

#### **Article 6**

- 1 The BHFF and each of its affiliated members play organized football in accordance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB, or with the Laws of the Futsal Game and Laws of the Beach Soccer Game, issued by the FIFA Executive Committee.
- 2 Only IFAB or the FIFA Executive Committee may prescribe or amend the relevant Laws of the Game.

### **Players, Referees, Coaches, Medical Staff, Officials and Other Participants in Organized Football**

#### **Article 7**

- 1 The status of players and the provisions on their transfer are governed by the Executive Board in accordance with the applicable FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.
- 2 The Executive Board regulates the registration of players, referees, coaches, medical staff, officials, as well as other individuals who participate in organized football. The conditions of such registration may include the completion of certain education, training and/or medical tests.

## Goals and Activities of the Federation

### Article 8

- 1 The goals and activities of the Federation are as follows:
  - a) to deal with all issues related to football on the entire territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
  - b) to continuously promote all types of football and to regulate and control it on the entire territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in terms of fair-play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, especially through youth and development programs;
  - c) to organize competitions in organized football in all its forms at the state level, by defining, where necessary, the areas of competence of the entity football federations that constitute it;
  - d) to maintain contacts and cooperate with FIFA and UEFA, as well as with the football federations that are their affiliated members;
  - e) to protect and respect the rights and interests of its members and to resolve disputes between them;
  - f) to promote football in the spirit of peace and fair-play, without any discrimination;
  - g) to respect the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship in accordance with the principles of fair-play;
  - h) to prevent any methods or practices that endanger the integrity of matches or competitions or increase the abuse of the BHFF;
  - i) to control or supervise friendly football matches of all forms, which are played on the territory of the BHFF;
  - j) to organize and monitor refereeing on the territory of the BHFF and define the areas of competence delegated to the entity federations;
  - k) to establish appropriate anti-doping measures and programs;
  - l) to organize and conduct club licensing;
  - m) to ensure the imposition of disciplinary measures prescribed by the relevant BHFF legal bodies;
  - n) to protect the integrity of domestic competitions;
  - o) managing all competitions held at the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina and defining the conditions of their organization;
  - p) defining general organizational and administrative principles for football in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
  - q) preparation and implementation of programs and regulations for education and professional training of staff for work in football in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
  - r) participation in international competitions, organization and management of all national teams;
  - s) maintaining contacts with FIFA and UEFA and, if necessary, proposing representatives to the bodies of those organizations;
  - t) defining the powers granted to entity federations or any association at the level of the BHFF, as well as their rights and obligations;
  - u) ensuring that its members involved can take all decisions on any membership issue independently of any external body;

- v) ensuring that no natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) exercises control in more than one club, whenever the integrity of a match or competition may be compromised;
- w) that in accordance with the law, and for the purpose of performing for-profit activities related to the basic activities of the Federation, as well as for the purpose of financing the activities of the Federation, it may establish business companies and other legal entities;
- x) To implement the directives from FIFA and UEFA, and in accordance with the decisions of the BHFF Executive Board, at lower organizational levels (FF FBH and FA RS) in accordance with the Instruction / Regulations on implementation of decisions and other acts in football organization of B&H, which will be adopted by the BHFF Executive Board no later than 6 (six) months from the date of entry into force of the Decision on Amendments to the BHFF Statute.

### **III MEMBERSHIP**

#### **BHFF Members**

##### **Article 9**

- 1 The BHFF is currently consisted of the following two federations:
  - a) Football Federation of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FF FBH), consisting of ten (10) cantonal / county football federations, and
  - b) Football Association of the Republic of Srpska (FA RS), which consists of seven (7) regional football associations.
- 2 The territorial base of these two associations corresponds to the entities, as defined by the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 3 Members of the BHFF may be club associations, as well as professional associations (coaches, referees, etc.), if they meet the conditions prescribed by this Statute, and if they are subordinate to the BHFF which recognizes them.

#### **Admission to Membership**

##### **Article 10**

- 1 The BHFF General Assembly, based on the recommendation of the BHFF Executive Board, accepts and suspends or expels from membership any member of the BHFF.
- 2 Any legal entity wishing to become a member of the BHFF must report in writing to the General Secretariat, which submits a written report to the Executive Committee.
- 3 The request contains the following:
  - a) a copy of the legally valid Statute and regulations, the founding document and proof of registration with the competent state authority;
  - b) a statement that all domestic matches will be played on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
  - c) a statement that the applicant undertakes to always respect the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of the BHFF, FIFA, UEFA, and to ensure that all its members, clubs, officials, players and coaches comply with them;
  - d) a statement that the applicant agrees to abide by the applicable Laws of the Football Game published by IFAB, as well as the Laws of the Futsal Game and the Laws of the Beach Soccer Game, published by the FIFA Executive Board;

- e) a statement acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Court (CAS) in Lausanne (Switzerland), as set out in the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes and the UEFA Statutes;
  - f) a statement that it agrees that in the last instance all disputes of a domestic nature, arising from or related to the application of the BHFF Statute, regulations, directives or decisions made under that Statute, or related to any contract, shall be forwarded exclusively to the jurisdiction of an independent and impartial arbitral tribunal, in particular the CAS in Lausanne (Switzerland), as stated in the relevant provisions of the FIFA, UEFA and BHFF Statutes, until the legislation of Bosnia and Herzegovina establishes an appropriate arbitral tribunal, which meets the minimum requirements of FIFA and UEFA. CAS will issue final dispute resolutions without regular courts, unless explicitly prohibited by the applicable legislation of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
  - g) a statement showing that the legal composition of the applicant for membership in the BHFF, regardless of its legal structure, guarantees that it is able to make all its decisions independently of any external body;
  - h) a file containing details of the applicant's organizational structure (e.g., number of clubs, players, officials, referees, coaches, assets and bodies, etc.);
  - i) a list of its officials, indicating those who are authorized signatories with the right to execute legally binding agreements with third parties;
  - j) a statement that the applicant agrees to organize and participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of the BHFF;
  - k) a copy of the minutes from the last session of the General Assembly of the applicant or from its founding meeting;
  - l) a statement that the applicant will ensure that its members, clubs, officials, players, coaches, medical staff, etc. comply with the requirements set forth in above subparagraphs b) to g) through the statute, registration, license or any other written and signed document.
- 4 Associations of individuals (such as referees, coaches, etc.) must further organize their activities throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and state this in their application.
  - 5 Associations or groups of clubs must further declare that no legal or natural person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) has control over more than one club or group, whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be compromised.

### **Application and Procedure for Admission to Membership**

#### **Article 11**

- 1 The General Assembly shall adopt special regulations governing the admission procedure.
- 2 The Executive Board shall recommend to the General Assembly whether or not to admit any applicant to membership.
- 3 The applicant may present to the General Assembly the reasons for his application for membership.
- 4 The General Assembly, on the basis of its full discretion, makes the final decision on the application of a candidate for membership in the BHFF. Delegates have the right to vote, and the results of that vote take effect immediately.

## **Members' rights**

### **Article 12**

- 1 Members have the following rights:
  - a) to participate in the BHFF General Assembly, to receive its agenda in advance, to be invited to the General Assembly within the prescribed time, and to exercise their right to vote;
  - b) to make proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the General Assembly;
  - c) to nominate candidates for election to all bodies of the BHFF;
  - d) to submit a request for convening an Extraordinary General Assembly;
  - e) to be informed about the activities of the BHFF, through its official bodies;
  - f) to participate in competitions (if applicable) and/or other sports activities organized by the BHFF;
  - g) to exercise all other rights arising from the Statute and regulations of the BHFF.
- 2 The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions of the Statute and applicable regulations.

## **Members' Duties**

### **Article 13**

- 1 Members have the following duties:
  - a) to fully and always respect the Statute, regulations, directives and decisions of the BHFF bodies, as well as the decisions of the CAS made on appeal on the basis of this Statute;
  - b) to participate in competitions organized by the BHFF (if applicable);
  - c) to pay membership fees and other fees, as defined by the BHFF;
  - d) to adopt a statutory provision specifying that a member, as well as its affiliated members, clubs, officials, players, coaches, etc. must:
    - i. comply with the Statute, regulations, directives of FIFA, UEFA and the BHFF, as well as decisions of other bodies;
    - ii. respect the principles of loyalty, integrity, sportsmanship and fair-play;
    - iii. comply with the Laws of the Football Game issued by IFAB, or the Laws of the Futsal Game and the Laws of Beach Soccer Game, issued by the FIFA Executive Committee;
    - iv. recognize the CAS as an independent and impartial arbitral tribunal for national and international issues, as defined in this Statute, as well as in the FIFA and UEFA Statutes, and accept any decision of the CAS;
    - v. avoid any form of discrimination, as defined in Article 5 of this Statute;
    - vi. ensure that their executive body is freely elected and that their other statutory bodies are elected or appointed in a completely independent manner, without the influence of third parties;
    - vii. ensure that elected delegates or substitute delegates to the BHFF General Assembly have the duty to attend the ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly;
    - viii. ensure that appointed or elected members or substitute members of a statutory body of the BHFF have a duty to attend the meetings to which they are invited;



- ix. ensure that clubs can make all their decisions independently of third parties and regardless of the corporate structure chosen by the club, and taking into account competition integrity regulations;
  - e) to conduct their business independently and to ensure that their business is not influenced by third parties;
  - f) to hold an electoral General Assembly in the same year as the BHFF, and between 30 and 90 days before the date of the electoral BHFF General Assembly;
  - g) to ensure that the term of office of their Presidents is a maximum of four years;
  - h) to respect and promote the unity of the BHFF;
  - i) not to maintain any contacts with the member associations of FIFA and UEFA without the prior approval of the BHFF; the same applies to any association that is suspended or excluded from FIFA or UEFA, including affiliated members;
  - j) to comply fully with all other duties arising from this Statute and other regulations.
- 2 FF FBH and FA RS undertake to work closely with the BHFF, in order to develop and improve football at all levels, as well as to organize competitions at the level of B&H.
  - 3 FF FBH and FA RS have the right and obligations related to competitions in their jurisdiction. In accordance with the regulations of the BHFF, they also have the obligation to:
    - a) register clubs and individuals (players, coaches, referees and officials) and keep records of them;
    - b) approve stadiums and other football facilities located on their territory;
    - c) provide the BHFF all necessary information at its request.
  - 4 They may assign the above rights and duties to the jurisdiction of cantonal or regional federations, with the consent of the BHFF.
  - 5 If any member violates the above duties, it may lead to sanctions provided for in this Statute. The competent BHFF legal bodies may impose further sanctions.

### **Withdrawal from Membership and Dissolution of a Member**

#### **Article 14**

- 1 A member of the BHFF may be withdrawn from membership in the BHFF with effect from the end of the financial year. Notice of withdrawal must reach the BHFF General Secretariat no later than six months before the end of the financial year and must be sent by registered letter.
- 2 Withdrawal does not release the member, which wants to withdraw, from the obligation to pay all its financial obligations to the BHFF and other members of the BHFF.
- 3 Withdrawal entails the loss of the status of a member of the BHFF with all its rights, with immediate effect.
- 4 The same consequences apply in the case of a dissolution of a member of the BHFF.
- 5 If the FF FBH or the FA RS withdraws from the BHFF, the application of the statutory provisions for that entity ceases, while the BHFF continues its activities as a recognized state association affiliated to FIFA and UEFA.

### **Suspension**

#### **Article 15**

- 1 The General Assembly is responsible for the suspension of its member. The Executive Board may, in turn, suspend a member for a serious breach of its membership obligations,

and such decision shall take effect immediately. The suspension is in force until the next General Assembly, unless it is revoked by the Executive Board in the meantime.

- 2 The suspension shall be confirmed at the next General Assembly, if it is supported by three-fourths majority of all duly elected delegates in the General Assembly. If not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted.
- 3 The suspended member loses all its rights from membership.
- 4 The suspended member retains its duties, in accordance with Article 13 above.
- 5 Legal bodies may impose further sanctions.

### **Exclusion**

#### **Article 16**

- 1 The BHFF General Assembly has the right to exclude a member of the BHFF, if that member:
  - a) fails to meet its financial obligations to the BHFF;
  - b) seriously and/or repeatedly violates the Statute, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, UEFA or the BHFF;
  - c) seriously endangers the interests and unity of the BHFF.
- 2 The expelled member loses all its rights and duties prescribed by the Statute, regulations, directives and decisions of the BHFF bodies. However, the suspended or expelled member is not released from the obligation to pay all its financial obligations to the BHFF, its own or the obligations of its other members.

## **IV HONORARY MEMBERS**

#### **Article 17**

- 1 Based on proposal of the BHFF Executive Board, the BHFF General Assembly may assign the status of an honorary member of the BHFF. This status is awarded for special merit in football/soccer.
- 2 Based on the proposal of BHFF Executive Board, the honorary member from paragraph 1 of this article may be invited to attend meeting of the BHFF General Assembly as a guest, without opportunity to participate in discussion and in decision-making agenda items at the session of the BHFF General Assembly.

## **V ORGANIZATION**

### **BHFF Bodies and Independence**

#### **Article 18**

- 1 The BHFF has the following decision-making bodies:
  - a) General Assembly (legislative body);
  - b) Executive Board (executive body);
  - c) President (representative body);
  - d) Legal bodies;
  - e) General Secretary (administrative body).

- 2 The BHFF has the following consultative bodies:
  - a) Standing Committees;
  - b) Ad-hoc Committees;
- 3 In performing their functions, all members of the decision-making bodies or consultative bodies of the BHFF must comply with the FIFA Code of Ethics, as well as this Statute, regulations, directives and decisions made by the BHFF bodies.
- 4 A member of any statutory body of the BHFF defined in paragraph 1 may not at the same time be a member of any other BHFF body, a delegate of the General Assembly or a member of the CAS.
- 5 A member of such statutory bodies of the BHFF may not participate in decision-making on any issue in which a conflict of interest exists or may arise.
- 6 The distribution of members in the statutory bodies of the BHFF should reflect the principles defined in the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina (i.e., two thirds (2/3) of the members of a body represent the FF FBH, and one third (1/3) of the members represent the FA RS).
- 7 Voting by proxy in a statutory body is not allowed.
- 8 Each member of a body or authority of the BHFF has one vote.

### **Conditions for the Status of a Member of the BHFF Body**

#### **Article 19**

- 1 In order to become a candidate for a statutory body in the BHFF, that person must meet all the following conditions. He or she must:
  - a) be an active member in a football organization in the FF FBH or the FA RS or in one of their statutory members;
  - b) be a citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
  - c) have a permanent residence in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
  - d) attach a CV containing information on education, professional experience and activities in a football organization;
  - e) submit proof that no disciplinary sanction has been imposed by the disciplinary bodies of the BHFF, the FA RS or the FF FBH, i.e., that it is not kept in the register of disciplinary sanctions imposed for violations of regulations for the following disciplinary sanctions:
    - ban on performing the function for a period longer than 3 (three) months,
    - exclusion from the club or exclusion from any football organization.

The imposed disciplinary sanction must be confirmed by the BHFF Disciplinary Commission.

- f) that he has not been convicted by a final judgment and that he is not kept in the register of convicted persons for a criminal offense committed with intent, for which he was sentenced to imprisonment for 3 (three) months and more.  
That he has not been convicted by a final judgment and that he is not kept in the register of convicted persons for a criminal offense in the field of sports, regardless of the type of criminal sanction;
- g) that candidates for members of bodies and authorities on the day of appointment to the bodies of the BHFF may not be older than 75 years.

- 2 The requirements of paragraphs 1c) and 1f) of this Article shall apply to the General Secretary and to other staff of the General Secretariat. However, the Executive Board may make further requests to them through the Organizational Regulations.
- 3 If a person during his/her term in the BHFF ceases to meet one of the conditions specified in paragraph 1, then that person immediately loses the status of a member of the given body of the BHFF.

## **VI BHFF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Highest Body of the BHFF**

#### **Article 20**

- 1 The BHFF General Assembly is the highest governing and decision-making body of the BHFF.
- 2 The BHFF General Assembly may sit as an ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly, which is regulated in detail by the Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly.
- 3 The following persons are invited to attend the General Assembly:
  - a) delegates of the BHFF members;
  - b) members of the BHFF Executive Board;
    - a. honorary presidents and honorary members of the BHFF;
    - b. presidents and first vice presidents of the FF FBH and the FA RS;
    - c. general secretaries of the FF FBH and the FA RS; and
    - d. other invited guests of the BHFF Executive Board.
- 4 Only delegates of the BHFF members have the right to vote at the BHFF General Assembly. All other persons attending the General Assembly do not have the right to vote.

### **Composition of the BHFF General Assembly**

#### **Article 21**

- 1 The BHFF General Assembly consists of sixty (60) delegates, that is:
  - a) forty (40) delegates representing the FF FBH;
  - b) twenty (20) delegates representing the FA RS.

### **Delegates of the General Assembly**

#### **Article 22**

- 1 The FF FBH General Assembly elects forty (40) delegates and twenty (20) substitute delegates for a term of four (4) years in accordance with the Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly.
- 2 The FA RS Assembly elects 20 delegates and 10 substitute delegates for a term of 4 years in accordance with the Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly.
- 3 A delegate who is unable to attend the General Assembly for any reason must immediately contact the BHFF General Secretary to appoint a replacement. After obligatory consultations with the relevant General Secretary of the member (FF FBH or FA RS), the BHFF General Secretary appoints the substitute delegates, after receiving an updated list of available substitute delegates from the given General Secretary. Such appointed substitute delegate shall attend the BHFF General Assembly instead of the delegate who is unable to do so.

- 4 Delegates or substitute delegates referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be elected at least 2 (two) months before the holding of any BHFF General Assembly.
- 5 The mandate of the delegate or substitute delegate referred to in items 1 and 2 of this Article shall be terminated by a decision of the assembly that elected him/her for the following reasons:
  - a) Resignation;
  - b) Dismissal due to termination of fulfilment of conditions from Article 19, paragraph 1 of this Statute;
  - c) Death.
- 6 In the event of termination of the term of office of a delegate or substitute delegate for the reasons provided for in paragraph 5 of this Article, the competent entity assembly shall conduct a re-election procedure for the delegate or substitute delegate for the remaining term.

### **Quorum of Attendance at the General Assembly**

#### **Article 23**

- 1 The General Assembly (ordinary and extraordinary) may validly make decisions if more than three quarters (3/4) of the delegates are present.
- 2 In the event that no quorum is reached, the General Assembly shall sit on the same agenda the following day at the same place and at the same time. This second session must be attended by an absolute majority (50% + 1) of all delegates, in order to make valid decisions.
- 3 If this quorum is not reached again, the BHFF Executive Board shall convene a new General Assembly on the same agenda within 15 working days. The BHFF General Secretary sends invitations to members and delegates. A quorum of the majority is not necessary for that session.

### **Jurisdiction of the General Assembly**

#### **Article 24**

- 1 The BHFF General Assembly is held in accordance with the Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly.
- 2 The General Assembly has the following competencies:
  - a) adopts the agenda;
  - b) appoints three delegates as verifiers of the minutes;
  - c) adopts the minutes of the previous General Assembly (if applicable);
  - d) adopts and amends the BHFF Statute;
  - e) adopts and amends the Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly;
  - f) adopts the annual reports of the Executive Board and legal bodies;
  - g) elects 13 regular members and 15 substitute members of the Executive Board on the basis of a list of candidates approved by the FF FBH Assembly and the FA RS Assembly, which includes at least 19 candidates from the FF FBH and at least 9 candidates from the FA RS, and dismisses up to 15 members of the Executive Board;
  - h) elects the President, the First Vice-President and the Second Vice-President from among the members of the Executive Board;
  - i) elects and dismisses the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and regular and substitute members of legal bodies;
  - j) appoints the working bodies of the General Assembly in accordance with the Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly (i.e., the Voting Committee and the Verification Committee);
  - k) receives the report of the independent auditor;

- l) considers and adopts the Report on execution (realization) of the plan of revenues and expenditure of the BHFF;
  - m) adopts the BHFF Revenue and Expenditure Plan for the next financial year;
  - n) adopts and amends the competition structures on the territory of B&H;
  - o) adopts new and abolishes existing competitions at the level of B&H;
  - p) considers and adopts programs and plans for all types of competitions at the level of the BHFF, at the international level, all at the proposal of the Executive Board, and to host the final tournaments of FIFA and UEFA competitions;
  - q) confers the titles of honorary president or honorary member;
  - r) receives, suspends and expels members of the BHFF;
  - s) decides on the dissolution of the BHFF;
  - t) makes decisions regarding agenda items based on the requests of members, in accordance with this Statute;
  - u) revokes the mandate of one or several members of any BHFF body.
- 3 All necessary documents related to the issues falling under the competence of the General Assembly of the BHFF are prepared by the Executive Board of the BHFF with the support of competent bodies and the Secretariat General.

### **Ordinary General Assembly**

#### **Article 25**

- 1 The ordinary BHFF General Assembly is held once a year. The BHFF Executive Board determines the place, date and time and prepares the draft agenda. The General Assembly is usually held in the first half of the calendar year.
- 2 The General Secretary shall notify the members and delegates, as well as the General Secretariat of the FF FBH and the FA RS, at least forty-five (45) days in advance, and submit the draft agenda to them.
- 3 The BHFF members may submit to the General Secretary a proposal for an agenda item no later than thirty (30) days prior to the General Assembly. This proposal should include a written request with a brief explanation and any necessary supporting materials.
- 4 The Executive Board shall consider these proposals and, if necessary, amend the agenda accordingly.
- 5 The General Secretary shall send an invitation to the General Assembly, together with the final agenda, the activity report of the Executive Board, financial statements and audit report, and all other relevant documents and the list of candidates to be elected, invited persons at least ten (10) days before General Assembly.
- 6 The agenda of the ordinary General Assembly may be changed, provided that three quarters of the delegates present at the General Assembly and with the right to vote agree with such a proposal.
- 7 Prior to the General Assembly, the Verification Committee, based on the report of the General Secretary, verifies whether the delegates of the regular General Assembly as well as candidates for any body or authority of the BHFF meet all requirements of this Statute and Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly.

### **Extraordinary General Assembly**

#### **Article 26**

- 1 The extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the Executive Board at any time.

- 2 The BHFF Executive Board convenes an extraordinary General Assembly if the Executive Board of the FF FBH or the FA RS requests an extraordinary General Assembly on behalf of its Federation. Such a written request must contain agenda items with a brief explanation of the request. The extraordinary General Assembly shall be held within 30 days of receipt of the written request. If the extraordinary General Assembly is not convened, the members who requested it may convene the General Assembly in cooperation with FIFA and UEFA.
- 3 The General Secretary shall send a written invitation at least ten (10) days before the extraordinary General Assembly. The invitation contains the agenda as well as other accompanying documents.
- 4 When the extraordinary General Assembly is convened at the initiative of the Executive Board, it must draw up an agenda. When the extraordinary General Assembly is convened at the request of a member, the agenda must contain the item presented by that member. The Executive Board may add other items.
- 5 The agenda of the extraordinary General Assembly cannot be changed during holding that General Assembly.

### **Chairperson of the General Assembly**

#### **Article 27**

- 1 The ordinary or extraordinary General Assemblies are chaired by the BHFF President. In case of absence of the President, the Assembly is chaired by the BHFF First Vice-President, or in case of his absence, the meeting is chaired by the Second Vice-President.
- 2 If the President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President are prevented from attending the meeting, the General Assembly shall appoint a chairperson.

### **Elections**

#### **Article 28**

- 1 By a rule, elections are held by secret ballot. Exceptionally, the Assembly can decide by majority vote in cases where only one candidate has been proposed for president, first vice-president or second vice-president, then the election to these positions is carried out by acclamation.
- 2 The President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President and the regular members of the Executive Board are elected at the Assembly, based on the list of candidates approved by the General Assemblies of the FF FBH and the FA RS.
- 3 From the list of candidates, the General Assembly elects four members of the Executive Board, representing the regional associations of the FA RS, then nine members representing the cantonal/county federations of the FF FBH. However, regional associations of the FA RS and cantonal/county federations from which a given president has already been elected (FF FBH President and FA RS President) cannot nominate candidates for elections to the Executive Board.
- 4 The candidate from each cantonal or regional federation, who receives the largest number of valid votes from the delegates present at the BHFF General Assembly is elected to the Executive Board. If two candidates from the same federation receive the same number of votes in the first ballot, a second round of voting is held only for those two candidates. From the second ballot onwards, the candidate with the highest number of valid votes shall be

elected. If the candidate is not elected in the second or third ballot, because each of them still wins the same number of valid votes, the election of that member of the Executive Board is closed and reopened at the extraordinary General Assembly convened by the Executive Board to complete the election of members of the Executive Board. A given member may not forward new candidate/candidates for election to the new extraordinary General Assembly, unless the electoral General Assembly so decides, given the current resignation of the candidate(s) who participated in those elections. In the case of a cantonal/county or regional association already ex officio represented in the BHFF Executive Board, the General Assembly shall elect, in accordance with this provision, a substitute member from among the two proposed candidates.

- 5 Following the election of thirteen members of the Executive Board for an appropriate term, the General Assembly shall elect a President, a First Vice-President and a Second Vice-President.
- 6 Only elected members of the Executive Board and two ex-officio members of the Executive Board are candidates for election to these three positions, and the BHFF General Assembly begins with the election of the President, then the First Vice-President, and concludes with the Second Vice-President. Candidates elected by the extraordinary General Assembly to complete the election of the Executive Board may be candidates for the above-mentioned three functions, only if those three functions must be elected at the same extraordinary General Assembly.
- 7 A member of the Executive Board who receives at least 3/4 of the valid votes of the delegates present at the General Assembly in the first round of voting is elected President. The candidate with the highest number of valid votes is elected from the second round of voting onwards. From the first round of voting onwards, the candidates with the lowest number of valid votes obtained shall be eliminated from the next rounds of voting. If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, a second round of voting is held, only between those candidates, while all other candidates are automatically eliminated from the next round of voting. If the candidate is not elected in the second or third round of voting, due to the continuously same number of valid votes, the candidate who had the largest number of valid votes during the first voting in the elections for the Executive Board shall be elected. The same principle applies to the election of the First and Second Vice-Presidents. If the General Assembly still does not have a valid election result, the Executive Board must convene an extraordinary General Assembly to complete the ongoing elections, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.
- 8 Blank or invalid ballots are not taken into account when counting votes.
- 9 The term of office of members of the Executive Board and members of legal bodies begins after the end of the electoral session, and ends after the end of the next electoral General Assembly, convened in the fourth year.
- 10 Elections of members of the BHFF legal bodies shall be conducted in accordance with the same electoral process described in this Article. Candidates must apply in accordance with the Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly.

### **Quorum for Decision-Making**

#### **Article 29**

- 1 The BHFF General Assembly (ordinary or extraordinary) makes decisions by a 3/4 majority of the total number of delegates of the General Assembly, when considering the following issues that have been validly announced in the agenda:
  - a) adoption and amendments to the BHFF Statute;
  - b) adoption and amendments to the Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly;
  - c) adoption and changes of the competition system in B&H;



- d) admission, suspension and expulsion of members of the BHFF;
- e) decision on dissolution of the BHFF.
- 2 Other decisions are made if they are supported by an absolute majority (50% + 1) of the General Assembly delegates present.

### **Decisions and Entry into Force**

#### **Article 30**

- 1 The number of valid votes counted decides about a majority. Blank or invalid ballots or any other form of abstinence are ignored when calculating the majority.
- 2 A decision requiring a vote shall be taken by rising hands, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.
- 3 Decisions taken by the General Assembly shall take effect immediately, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.

### **Minutes**

#### **Article 31**

- 1 The General Secretary shall appoint a member of staff to keep the minutes of the session of the General Assembly.
- 2 The minutes shall be verified within four weeks of the meeting, and shall be verified by three (3) delegates appointed for that task.
- 3 These verified minutes shall be deemed adopted if within thirty (30) days of its sending to all members of the BHFF and the General Secretary does not receive any objections to it by registered mail.
- 4 In the event that comments are submitted, the minutes shall be placed for final adoption on the agenda of the next session of the General Assembly.

### **Amendments to the Statute**

#### **Article 32**

- 1 The General Assembly is responsible for amending the Statute.
- 2 The BHFF Executive Board or the Executive Board of the Entity Federations must submit proposals for amendments to the Statute to the General Secretariat in writing with a brief explanation.

## **VII EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Structure and Composition**

#### **Article 33**

- 1 The Executive Board is the executive body of the BHFF.
- 2 The Executive Board consists of fifteen (15) members:
  - a) President;
  - b) First Vice-President;
  - c) Second Vice-President;
  - d) twelve (12) regular members.

- 3 The Executive Board must consist of:
  - a) Ten (10) members from the FF FBH, including the duly elected President of the FF FBH, who is ex-officio a member of the BHFF Executive Board;
  - b) Five (5) members from the FA RS, including the duly elected President of the FA RS, who is ex-officio a member of the BHFF Executive Board.
- 4 Neither the FF FBH nor the FA RS can have one of its members of the Executive Board in the same mandate as the President and the First Vice-President. Furthermore, the FF FBH may not have more than two (2) of the above functions.
- 5 If the elected President represents one Entity (FF FBH or FA RS), then the First Vice-President must automatically be elected from among the members of the Executive Board from the other Entity (FA RS or FF FBH).
- 6 The election of the Second Vice-President is open only to candidates from the Executive Board representing the FF FBH.

### **Candidacy, Term of Office and Replacement**

#### **Article 34**

- 1 The Executive Board must be elected through free elections.
- 2 At least 20 days before the electoral General Assembly, the FF FBH and the FA RS shall submit to the General Secretary a list of candidates (including their CVs) for the Executive Board, containing:
  - a) from the FF FBH at least 18 names representing 9 cantonal/county football federations, but not more than two (2) candidates each; the cantonal/county federation from which the FF FBH President is nominated, proposes at least one (1) candidate for the election of a substitute member.
  - b) from the FA RS, at least 8 names representing 6 regional associations, but not more than two (2) candidates each; the regional association from which the FA RS President is nominated, proposes at least one (1) candidate for the election of a substitute member.
- 3 The term of office of the members of the Executive Board and their substitute members elected at the level of the BHFF is four years. However, the President may not be elected from the same Entity (FF FBH or FA RS) for more than two consecutive terms.
- 4 The term of office of the members of the Executive Board ex-officio is defined by the Statute of the given member of the BHFF (FF FBH or FA RS), and it also applies to their term of office at the level of the BHFF.
- 5 Each member of the Executive Board may be re-elected.
- 6 Those candidates who are not elected as members of the Executive Board are candidates for the election of substitute members of the Executive Board, with the same term of office, who represent their cantonal or regional federations. The candidate of one of the relevant cantonal or regional federations who receives the most valid votes shall be elected as a substitute member.
- 7 Such substitute member shall replace the appropriate elected member until the next ordinary General Assembly, when a new member is elected, in the case of:
  - a) death,
  - b) resignation,
  - c) dismissal,
  - d) inability to perform duties due to serious illness or accident, in the opinion of the Executive Board,
    - a. automatic replacement, because a member of the Executive Board does not attend the meetings without a justified reason, as stated in Article 37, paragraph 4 of the Statute

- 8 If the President of the FF FBH or the FA RS must be replaced for any reason defined in paragraph 7 above, or for reasons defined, or decided by the FF FBH or the FA RS, a position in the BHFF Executive Board shall be stopped automatically at the same time. A validly elected substitute member from the appropriate cantonal/county or regional federation replaces the outgoing ex-officio member until a new President of the FF FBH or the RA RS is elected. Such a substitute member becomes only a regular member of the BHFF Executive Board, and for the remainder of the term at the BHFF level may not assume the position of President, First Vice-President or Second Vice-President of the BHFF, unless so decided by the BHFF Executive Board.

## **Jurisdiction of the Executive Board**

### **Article 35**

- 1 The Executive Board has the following responsibilities:
- a) defines the strategy of the BHFF and its members in all aspects of football and ensures its implementation in accordance with the Statute and regulations of the BHFF;
  - b) makes appropriate decisions and forms directives related to the obligations of the BHFF at the international level;
  - c) adopts the Organizational Regulations of the General Secretariat;
  - d) determines proposals for the development of football and improvement programs at the BHFF level and gives instructions to its members in that regard;
  - e) determines the proposal of the Revenue and Expenditure Plan and the proposal of the Report on the execution (realization) of the Revenue and Expenditure Plan;
  - f) adopts the calendar of competitions at the BHFF level, which is harmonized with the international match calendar issued by FIFA;
  - g) adopts and gives amendments to regulations at the BHFF level;
  - h) adopts and changes the competition rules for competitions played under the auspices of the BHFF, including the registration of players and officials;
  - i) appoints and dismisses technical staff of the BHFF national teams;
  - j) establishes ad hoc (temporary) committees, if necessary, at any time;
  - k) appoints and dismisses the chairperson, vice-chairpersons, regular members and members of the standing and ad hoc committees;
  - l) considers and adopts the reports of the standing and ad hoc committees and the General Secretariat, unless otherwise provided by the regulations of the BHFF, UEFA and FIFA;
  - m) proposes to the General Assembly candidates for the title of honorary president and honorary member;
  - n) determines the conditions for the election of the General Secretary and defines his Description of Tasks and Duties;
  - o) appoints and dismisses the General Secretary on the proposal of the President;
  - p) on the basis of the conducted tender procedure, elects an independent auditor for the audit of the BHFF financial statements;
  - q) monitors the legality of the work of the General Secretariat in accordance with the established legal framework and decisions of the BHFF;
  - r) prepares and convenes regular and extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly;
  - s) dismisses members of the BHFF bodies;
  - t) temporarily suspends a member of the BHFF until the next General Assembly;

- u) dismisses the current member of the Executive Board and appoints an appropriate substitute member, when Article 34, paragraph 7 of the Statute applies;
  - v) approves all agreements with agencies, TV companies, sponsors, betting companies, as well as all bank loan agreements;
  - w) appoints, for the remaining term and until the next General Assembly, the President, the First and the Second Vice-Presidents, in the event of a vacancy;
  - x) refuses to recognize an elected member of the executive body of any member of the BHFF or their members on the basis of the influence of third parties – this provision applies in cases where the body is elected or appointed temporarily, to resolve a certain issue related to business and activity management.
- 2 The Executive Board decides on all other issues that are not within the competence of another statutory body of the BHFF.

### **Sessions and Agenda**

#### **Article 36**

- 1 As a rule, the BHFF Executive Board meets once a month. The session is convened and chaired by the President. The General Secretary sends such invitations to all members, with date, place and time, at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting. At the written request of at least five (5) members, the President is obliged to convene a session of the BHFF Executive Board, which must be held within the next ten (10) working days.
- 2 Members of the BHFF Executive Board may submit to the General Secretary the topics for the agenda, including a short explanation, at least ten (10) working days before the session.
- 3 The General Secretary, the final agenda approved by the President, shall be delivered to the members of the BHFF Executive Board at least seven (7) days before the session.
- 4 The session of the BHFF Executive Board is not open to the public. The Executive Board may invite third parties to attend a session of the Executive Board. These third parties do not have the right to vote, but they are allowed to express their opinion with the permission of the Executive Board.
- 5 The General Secretary shall attend the sessions of the Executive Board in a consultative capacity.

### **Quorum of Presence**

#### **Article 37**

- 1 The Executive Board may take valid decisions if at least 12 members are present.
- 2 If this quorum is not reached, the Executive Board shall automatically meet on the following working day at the same place and at the same time, to consider the same agenda.
- 3 At the second session, the Executive Board may validly make decisions if at least eight (8) members are present.
- 4 If a member of the BHFF Executive Board does not attend at least three duly convened meetings during the same calendar year without a justified reason, the Executive Board must dismiss such member and replace him with an appropriate substitute member until the next General Assembly.
- 5 If a member of the Executive Board leaves a duly convened meeting without just cause, the Executive Board may, at its discretion, temporarily dismiss such member and replace him with an appropriate substitute member until the next General Assembly.

### **Quorum for Decision-Making and Entry into Force**

### **Article 38**

- 1 The Executive Board makes valid decisions if more than two thirds (2/3) of the present members vote for them, of which one vote must be from the FA RS and 2 (two) votes from the FF FBH (one representative from the cantonal and one representative from the county federation).
- 2 At the rescheduled session, valid decisions are made if the absolute majority (i.e., 50% + 1) of the present members voted for them, with at least 1 (one) vote of the representatives from FA RS and 2 (two) votes of the representatives from FF FBH (/1/ one representative from the cantonal federation and /1/ one representative from the county federation). In the event of an equal number of votes, the vote of the President shall be deemed to be decisive for the adoption of a valid decision.
- 3 The Executive Board may take decisions only on those issues that have been duly put in the agenda.
- 4 Decisions of the Executive Board shall take effect immediately, unless the Executive Board decides otherwise.

### **BHFF Emergency Committee**

#### **Article 39**

- 1 The BHFF Emergency Committee deals with all issues that need to be resolved immediately, between two meetings of the Executive Board.
- 2 The BHFF Emergency Committee consists of six (6) members:
  - a) President;
  - b) First Vice-President;
  - c) Second Vice-President;
  - d) Three (3) other regular members of the Executive Board, appointed by the President, on a case-by-case basis, and in accordance with their availability and with the avoidance of conflicts of interest.
  - e) Four (4) members must represent the FF FBH, and two (2) the FA RS.
- 3 The General Secretary shall, at the request of the President, convene meetings of the Emergency Committee. If the meeting cannot be convened within a reasonable time, decisions can be made by other means of communication (telephone, fax, letter or e-mail).
- 4 If the President, the First Vice-President and/or the Second Vice-President are unable to attend or have a conflict of interest, the composition of the Emergency Committee shall be completed by appointing further regular members of the Executive Board, in the order of the highest-ranked and impartial member or, in the event that only regular members are available, by their age.
- 5 A member of the Executive Board who ultimately has the right to appoint members of the Emergency Committee for a particular case shall also chair in place of the President.
- 6 The General Secretary shall provide administrative support to the Emergency Committee and may attend meetings in an advisory capacity.
- 7 The minutes of the meetings of the Emergency Committee shall be delivered to all members of the Executive Board, in writing, within 3 days.

## **Competences and Decision-Making**

### **Article 40**

- 1 The Emergency Committee shall be empowered to take decisions on urgent matters falling within the competence of the Executive Board.
- 2 The Emergency Committee shall take valid decisions if all appointed members attend the meeting or are involved in the decision-making process. A decision is made if it is supported by at least five members, but consensus must always be sought.
- 3 Unless otherwise decided, such decision shall take effect immediately.
- 4 At the next meeting of the Executive Board, the Chairperson of the Emergency Committee shall inform all members of the deliberations and decisions, as well as of the execution of those decisions.

## **President and Vice-Presidents of the BHFF**

### **Article 41**

- 1 The President represents and acts on behalf of the BHFF and is responsible for the following:
  - a) Implementation of decisions taken by the General Assembly and the Executive Board, as well as the Emergency Committee, through the General Secretariat;
  - b) Ensuring the effective functioning of the BHFF bodies, in order to achieve the objectives described in this Statute and programs approved by the General Assembly or another competent body;
  - c) Supervision of the work of the General Secretariat through the competent bodies and authorities of the BHFF, external audit and other forms of supervision and control in accordance with the law;
  - d) Maintaining relations between the BHFF and its members, FIFA, UEFA and all other member associations, as well as political authorities and all other organizations;
  - e) Representation of the Federation in all international activities;
  - f) Convening and preparing meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Board, the Emergency Committee, as well as the joint meetings of the Vice-Presidents, which he chairs, with the support of the General Secretary;
  - g) In order to coordinate activities at the BHFF level, the President may convene consultative meetings to which the Vice-Presidents and the General Secretary shall be invited;
  - h) Coordinating the work of the General Assembly, the Executive Board and the Emergency Committee;
  - i) Signing of all acts adopted at the sessions of the General Assembly, the Executive Board and the Emergency Committee chaired by him;
  - j) Monitoring the work of legal bodies, as well as standing and ad hoc committees;
  - k) Proposing the adoption or amendment of regulations of the Federation;
  - l) Preparation of strategic plan and other plans of the BHFF.
  - m) Selects advisers from legal, economic, sports and other fields in accordance with the indicated needs.
- 2 The President may act and make independent decisions determined by this Statute and other general acts of the BHFF, or are in the implementation of activities that are within his competence.
- 3 Only the President may propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary and, if necessary, appoint an acting General Secretary and conclude an employment contract with him.
- 4 The President is accountable to the General Assembly for his work.

- 5 The Vice-Presidents are responsible for participating in the activities of the BHFF at the domestic and international level, in accordance with the decision of the President.
- 6 The President may delegate certain duties, powers and responsibilities to the Vice-Presidents.
- 7 In the absence of the President or the impediment to the performance of his duties, the First Vice-President shall assume his powers and duties. If the First Vice-President is also absent, the Second Vice-President shall assume his powers and duties. If none of these members are able to take office, the Executive Board shall appoint a deputy from among its members, until the next General Assembly.

### **Dismissal of an Individual or Body**

#### **Article 42**

- 1 The BHFF Executive Board may temporarily dismiss a legal body, a member of a legal body or a member of the Executive Board appointed by the General Assembly, in the following cases:
  - a) If a suspension measure is imposed on a member of a legal body or the Executive Board, by a competent body or authority of the BHFF during disciplinary proceedings, a member of the legal body or a member of the Executive Board may be temporarily dismissed until the end of disciplinary proceedings;
  - b) If the competent body or authority of the BHFF has confirmed the measure of suspension or disciplinary sanction imposed by other competent disciplinary bodies of the entity or lower level.
  - c) If a member of a legal body or the Executive Board has ceased to meet the requirements for a member of a statutory body provided for in Article 19.
- 2 The temporarily dismissed legal body, member of the legal body or member of the Executive Board shall lose all rights and obligations based on membership in the legal body, i.e., the Executive Board, and shall be replaced in the manner and according to the procedure provided by this Statute.
- 3 The General Assembly, at the proposal of the BHFF Executive Board or at the proposal of the temporarily dismissed member, makes a final decision on dismissal of a legal body, member of a legal body or member of the Executive Board, in the manner and procedure provided for their election.

## **VIII COMMITTEES**

### **Standing and Ad Hoc (temporary) Committees**

#### **Article 43**

- 1 The BHFF Standing Committees are advisory bodies of the Executive Board:
  - a) Finance Committee;
  - b) Competition Committee;
  - c) Technical Committee;
  - d) Committee for Sports Medicine;
  - e) Committee for Referees and Refereeing;
  - f) Youth Football Committee;
  - g) Women's Football Committee;
  - h) Futsal Committee;
  - i) Player Status and Transfer Committee;

- j) Legal Committee;
  - k) Stadium and Security Committee;
  - l) Media Committee;
  - m) Marketing and TV Committee.
- 2 The Executive Board may entrust standing committees with decision-making power, as defined by organizational rules.
  - 3 The BHFF Executive Board may, if necessary, establish ad hoc (temporary) committees to resolve specific issues for a certain period of time. It also determines the composition and defines the appropriate rights and duties.
  - 4 Each standing or ad hoc committee shall consist of three (3) or six (6) members, including the chairperson and two (2) vice-chairpersons, in accordance with the Organizational Rules.
  - 5 The Executive Board shall ensure that two thirds of the above-mentioned standing committees are chaired by the FF FBH representatives, and one third chaired by the FA RS representatives.
  - 6 The chairperson or one of the two (2) vice-chairpersons must represent the FA RS.

### **Composition and Appointment of the Committees**

#### **Article 44**

- 1 The chairperson, two (2) vice-chairpersons and the members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board for a term of four (4) years, with the possibility of reappointment.
- 2 The composition of the members of the standing committees must be in accordance with Article 18, paragraph 6 of the Statute.

### **Sessions, Decisions and Other Provisions**

#### **Article 45**

- 1 The chairperson represents the committee. After consulting the General Secretary, he shall determine the dates and agenda of the sessions.
- 2 The Chairperson shall be responsible for ensuring that the Committee performs its duties properly and that it regularly informs the Executive Board, by promptly submitting minutes of its sessions.
- 3 The profile of members, rights, duties and manner of work of each standing and ad hoc committee shall be determined by the Organizational Regulations. The decision is made if more than half of the members are present, and it is adopted if it is supported by an absolute majority (50% + 1) of the members present.

## **IX GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

### **Tasks**

#### **Article 46**



- 1 The General Secretariat performs daily activities of administrative-legal, accounting-financial, commercial-marketing character and servicing the competition. Furthermore, it provides the statutory bodies with the necessary administrative support.
- 2 The General Secretariat shall be headed by the General Secretary.

## **Responsibilities**

### **Article 47**

- 1 The General Secretariat is responsible for administrative issues, such as:
  - a) implementation of decisions of the BHFF statutory bodies;
  - b) management and proper accounting of the BHFF;
  - c) preparation of sessions of the General Assembly, meetings of the Executive Board, the Emergency Committee, standing and ad hoc committees;
  - d) keeping minutes at meetings of the Executive Board, the Emergency Committee, the standing and ad hoc committees;
  - e) public relations, through the President, the General Secretary and the Press Officer of the BHFF;
  - f) assistance and support to the BHFF and its members;
  - g) correspondence of the BHFF.
- 2 The organization, as well as the rights and obligations of the General Secretariat are defined by the Organizational Regulations, upon the proposal of the President and the General Secretary.

## **General Secretary**

### **Article 48**

- 1 The General Secretary shall be appointed for a term of four years, renewable.
- 2 The responsibilities of the General Secretary are as follows:
  - a) Represents the Federation and is responsible for the legality of the work of the Federation;
  - b) Participates in the work of the General Assembly, the Executive Board and the Emergency Committee, without the right to vote, and coordinates with the President the work of these bodies;
  - c) Organizes the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly, the Executive Board and the President, and is responsible for their implementation;
  - d) In addition to the President, represents the Federation in all international activities;
  - e) Manages all operations of an international character and is responsible for communication with FIFA, UEFA and their members;
  - f) Supervises all tasks related to the performances of national teams, and is responsible for their implementation;
  - g) Manages the employees of the General Secretariat, coordinates the implementation of tasks and duties, takes the necessary measures and is responsible for the work and functioning of the General Secretariat;
  - h) Makes general and individual decisions in the field of labor relations for the employees of the General Secretariat;
  - i) Submits a proposal for the internal organization of the General Secretariat to the President and the Executive Board;
  - j) Assists the President in monitoring the work as well as coordinating the work of the committees and legal bodies of the Federation;

- k) Assists the President in adopting or amending the regulations of the Federation;
  - l) Submits periodic activity reports to the Executive Board;
  - m) Organizes informing the public about the work of the Federation;
  - n) Makes appropriate decisions within his powers;
  - o) Performs other tasks entrusted to him by the Executive Board and the President.
- 3 The General Secretary is the financial principal for the disposal of the BHFF funds.
  - 4 The General Secretary is accountable to the President and the Executive Board.
  - 5 The individual rights, obligations and responsibilities of the General Secretary from employment are regulated by the employment contract.
  - 6 A person who meets the following conditions may be appointed General Secretary:
    - a) at least a completed university degree,
    - b) at least five years of experience in similar jobs in a football organization,
    - c) to speak one of the UEFA official languages.
  - 7 Due to the possibility of a conflict of interest, the following person may not be appointed General Secretary:
    - a) an active football referee, or a person who has been one in the last two years,
    - b) members of legal entities that perform the activity of organizing sports betting, as well as persons who have been that for the last three years,
    - c) the agent, i.e., the intermediary for player transfers or match arranging, as well as the person who has been that for the last year.
  - 8 Other more detailed conditions for the election of the General Secretary shall be determined by the Regulations issued by the BHFF.

## **X FINANCES**

### **Financial Year, Budget and Responsibilities**

#### **Article 49**

- 1 The BHFF financial year starts on 1<sup>st</sup> January and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 2 For each financial year, the General Secretary and the Economic Affairs Division shall prepare the Revenue and Expenditure Plan and send it to the Executive Board for consideration and approval.
- 3 The determined proposal of the Revenue and Expenditure Plan is submitted to the General Assembly for adoption, together with the proposal of the Report on the execution (realization) of the Revenue and Expenditure Plan for the previous calendar year.
- 4 Other costs not provided for in the Revenue and Expenditure Plan must be approved by the BHFF Executive Board, while determining the sources of funding from which they will be covered, so that the Revenue and Expenditure Plan is balanced.
- 5 The General Secretary is in charge of accounting and bookkeeping of the BHFF, which must be in accordance with state legislation. He is supported by the financial sector of the General Secretariat.
- 6 At each meeting of the Executive Board, the General Secretary shall submit the financial report for discussion and adoption.

### **Independent Auditor**

#### **Article 50**

- 1 The Executive Board authorizes the General Secretary to conclude a contract with the elected independent auditor on the audit of the financial statements. That audit company may be re-elected.

- 2 The independent auditor shall audit the accounts approved by the Executive Board, at the proposal of the Finance Committee, and submit the report to the General Assembly for adoption.

## **XI REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE BHFF**

### **Revenues and Expenditures**

#### **Article 51**

- 1 The BHFF revenue consists of:
  - a) ticket earnings;
  - b) sports betting with companies licensed in the state;
  - c) TV rights;
  - d) sponsorships;
  - e) marketing placement of rights to which the BHFF claims the right;
  - f) financial support / assistance;
  - g) income from fines and sanctions imposed by authorized bodies;
  - h) income from the BHFF educational courses for technical staff and players;
  - i) membership fees and fees from the BHFF members, clubs, referees, coaches, players and other officials;
  - j) other income.
- 2 1 Funds from the BHFF revenues can be used exclusively for the football development, and in accordance with the goals and tasks of the BHFF;
- 3 The following activities are financed from the BHFF revenues:
  - a) development of youth and women's football, as well as futsal and beach soccer;
  - b) organization of matches of the BHFF national teams;
  - c) work of the BHFF statutory bodies;
  - d) work of the BHFF General Secretariat;
  - e) activities of the associations of affiliated members;
  - f) staff training/education;
  - g) infrastructure owned by the BHFF;
  - h) services provided by others (PTT, printing, utilities, office supplies, etc.);
  - i) advertising, gifts, subsidies, etc.;
  - j) planning the activities of the members' association, and
  - k) other costs as planned in the Revenue and Expenditure Plan and in accordance with the objectives achieved by the BHFF.

### **Financial Principles**

#### **Article 52**

- 1 The BHFF organizes and manages bookkeeping, financial and commercial affairs in accordance with the adopted Revenue and Expenditure Plan and respecting the accounting and financial regulations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## **XII MEDIA**

### **Competitions Rights and Match Rights**

#### **Article 53**

- 1 The BHFF and its members are the original owners of all rights arising from the competitions and other events in their jurisdiction, without restrictions in terms of content, time and place. These rights include, but are not limited to, all types of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording rights, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, internet rights, marketing and promotional rights, and related corporate rights, such as emblems and rights under the Copyright Law.
- 2 The Executive Board shall decide how and to what extent such rights are exercised and shall adopt special regulations to that purpose. The Executive Board is the only one that decides whether these rights are used exclusively or jointly with a third party, or entirely through a third party.
- 3 In cooperation with the BHFF, clubs may be holders only of those rights recognized by UEFA and/or FIFA referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, for matches played in international club competitions, as well as for tournaments organized by clubs.

## **XIII COMPETITIONS**

### **Competitions at the State Level**

#### **Article 54**

- 1 The BHFF is competent and responsible for the formation and abolition of competition in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina for its clubs and members.
- 2 The BHFF may delegate some of its competencies and responsibilities to the BHFF members, provided that the General Assembly makes a decision to that effect.

### **BHFF Competitions**

#### **Article 55**

- 1 The BHFF organizes the highest levels of competition for senior and youth football in the category of men and women, the national cup competitions for men and women in senior and youth competition, the highest levels of competition in futsal, as well as the state cup competition in futsal, and final competitions in the pioneer category and the regions cup, which is defined by the relevant regulations of the BHFF.
- 2 In accordance with this Statute, other permanent competitions are under the jurisdiction of the entity federations (FF FBH and FA RS).
- 3 All competitions and matches in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina must be harmonized with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

### **Domestic and International Matches and Competitions**

#### **Article 56**

- 1 The competent body of the BHFF, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Board, is responsible for giving consent to play all matches in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina in which one or more teams from other FIFA member associations participate, but do not jeopardize competitive matches from international and domestic football calendar.
- 2 Only FIFA and/or UEFA have the authority to organize international matches and competitions between the BHFF teams and between leagues and/or club teams. No match or competition may be held without the prior permission of the FIFA Executive Committee. In addition, a UEFA permit may be required in accordance with FIFA and UEFA regulations.

## **Competitions Rules**

### **Article 57.**

- 1 The Executive Board adopts the Competition Regulations for competitions at the state level and for other competitions within its competence.
- 2 Each club wishing to participate in a domestic competition must agree to be bound by and to respect the BHFF Statute, regulations and directives of the BHFF as well as decisions made in accordance with them.
- 3 Any club wishing to participate in an international competition must agree to be bound by the Statutes and to respect the Statutes, regulations and directives of FIFA and/or UEFA, as well as the decisions taken in accordance with them.

## **Club Licensing**

### **Article 58**

- 1 The participation of clubs in domestic club competitions and in international club competitions is conditioned by the possession of a license issued by the BHFF bodies responsible for licensing.
- 2 Licensing bodies, criteria and procedure for club licensing are determined by the BHFF Club Licensing Regulations, adopted by the BHFF Executive Board and which must be in accordance with FIFA and UEFA club licensing provisions, which adopted by their given Executive Board.

## **Combinations and Associations of Clubs**

### **Article 59**

- 1 Each league or any other group of clubs associated with the BHFF must be subordinated and recognized by the BHFF.
- 2 The statutes and regulations of such associations must first be approved by the Executive Board.
- 3 The BHFF members and their clubs may not form any combinations or associations without the prior approval of the BHFF Executive Board.
- 4 Cantonal or regional and municipal federations and their clubs may not form combinations or associations without the prior approval of the executive board of the competent entity federation.
- 5 Without the express approval of the BHFF, clubs that are members of the FF FBH and the FA RS cannot play against any club that is not a direct affiliated member of the BHFF, through recognized cantonal, regional and/or entity federations. The same must be respected when playing against a foreign club. Such opponents may be directly or indirectly members of one of FIFA member associations.

## **XIV LEGAL BODIES**

### **Legal Bodies and Composition**

#### **Article 60**

- 1 The legal bodies of the BHFF are:
  - a) Disciplinary Commission;

- b) Appeal Commission;
  - c) Prosecutors;
  - d) First Instance Licensing Commission;
  - e) Appeal (Second Instance) Licensing Commission.
- 2 Members of legal bodies are elected by the General Assembly for a term of four (4) years, from candidates selected by the Assemblies of the FF FBH and the FA RS. Each Entity shall forward at least the number of candidates required to complete each individual legal body, within the deadline for nomination determined by the Executive Board.
  - 3 Article 33, paragraph 5 of the Statute shall apply by analogy to the election of the Chairperson and the First Deputy Chairperson. Furthermore, if the chairperson of a first instance body (e.g., Disciplinary or Licensing Commission) is elected from one Entity (FF FBH or FA RS), then the chairperson of the second instance body (e.g., Appeal or Second Instance Licensing Commission) must be automatically elected from another Entity (FF FBH or FA RS).
  - 4 The composition of each body (including substitute members) must reflect the representation defined in Article 18, paragraph 6 of the Statute.
  - 5 Legal bodies, with the exception of the Prosecutor, consist of:
    - a) one chairperson;
    - b) the first vice-chairperson;
    - c) the second vice-chairperson;
    - d) three (3) regular members;
    - e) three (3) substitute members.
  - 6 The rights and duties of all legal bodies, as well as the requirements for their membership, are prescribed by the Organizational Regulations adopted by the Executive Board. It also adopts Disciplinary Regulations and Club Licensing Regulations, at the proposal of the competent legal bodies.
  - 7 The chairpersons of the Disciplinary Commission and the Appeal Commission must be law graduates.
  - 8 If one of the legal bodies is reduced to six (6) or fewer members (including substitutes), the Executive Board shall immediately convene the extraordinary General Assembly to elect new members / substitute members, to complete the given legal body for the remainder of the term. This provision does not apply to prosecutors.
  - 9 Members of legal bodies cannot be members of any other BHFF body at the same time.

### **Convening Meetings, Quorum of Attendance and of Decision-Making**

#### **Article 61**

- 1 The chairperson of each legal body shall convene meetings and appoint those members who must deal with forthcoming cases. The principle of independence is taken into account, and members must automatically refrain from appointing if a conflict of interest exists or may arise.
- 2 Each invitation of the chairperson shall be addressed to two vice-chairpersons and three full members. Such a member may be replaced by a substitute, when necessary, in accordance with paragraph 1 above, or when such a member is unable to attend for other reasons (accident, holidays, etc.).
- 3 Members of legal bodies must attend meetings and participate in the decision-making process through compulsory voting.
- 4 Quorum of attendance for legal bodies (Disciplinary Commission, Appeal Commission, First Instance Commission and Appeal-Second Instance Licensing Commission) is at least five of the invited members for ongoing cases. If a quorum is not reached, a second meeting is

convened within the next seven (7) days, where at least three (3) of the invited members must be present.

- 5 At the first meeting, decisions are made if supported by at least half of the members present, and at the second meeting if they are supported by more than half of the members present. In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall have the casting vote.
- 6 If a duly invited member does not attend a meeting without justified reason or does not vote at two consecutive meetings, the chairperson may replace him with a substitute member.
- 7 The chairperson shall notify the Executive Board of such replacement of a member, and the Executive Board may temporarily remove such member from office, which shall take effect immediately. In addition, the Executive Board requests that the next General Assembly (ordinary or extraordinary) vote on the dismissal of such a member. If the dismissal is confirmed, delegates must hold elections to replace him for the remainder of the term.

## **Disciplinary Commission**

### **Article 62**

- 1 The Disciplinary Commission consists of nine (9) members (including three (3) substitute members).
- 2 The chairperson or one (1) of the two (2) vice-chairpersons must represent the FA RS.
- 3 The functioning of this body is governed by the BHFF Disciplinary Regulations.

## **Appeal Commission**

### **Article 63**

- 1 The Appeal Commission consists of nine (9) members (including three (3) substitute members).
- 2 The chairperson or one (1) of the two (2) vice-chairpersons must represent the FA RS.
- 3 The Appeal Commission is responsible for reviewing appeals against decisions of the Disciplinary Commission that have not been declared final in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 4 The Appeal Commission is responsible for reviewing appeals against first instance decisions of the committees and other bodies of the BHFF, unless otherwise provided by the regulations of the BHFF, FIFA and UEFA.

## **BHFF Prosecutors**

### **Article 64**

- 1 The BHFF has three (3) Prosecutors. At least one (1) must represent the FA RS.
- 2 The Prosecutor represents the interests of the BHFF in disciplinary proceedings.
- 3 The Executive Board, the President and the chairperson of any legal body may request that the BHFF Prosecutor conduct an investigation.
- 4 The Prosecutor has the right to appeal the decision of the Disciplinary Commission.
- 5 The powers and obligations of the Prosecutors, as well as the required profile are prescribed by the Disciplinary Regulations.

## **Club Licensing Bodies**

### **Article 65**

- 1 Club licensing bodies (i.e., the First Instance Commission and the Licensing Appeal Commission) consist of nine (9) members each (including three (3) substitutes).
- 2 The chairperson or one (1) of the two (2) vice-chairpersons must represent the FA RS.
- 3 Both bodies referred to in item 1 of this Article must have at least one qualified lawyer (i.e., a law graduate) and one licensed auditor/accountant.

## **XV DISCIPLINARY RULES**

### **Disciplinary Jurisdiction**

#### **Article 66**

- 1 Disciplinary measures may be imposed for unsportsmanlike conduct, violation of the Laws of the Game and violation of the Statutes of the BHFF, FIFA and UEFA, regulations, directives or decisions made in accordance with them.

### **Disciplinary Regulations and Measures**

#### **Article 67**

- 1 Legal bodies may impose disciplinary measures and directives on members, officials and players and other participants in organized football on the BHFF territory, in accordance with the BHFF Disciplinary Regulations.
- 2 The following measures may be imposed on natural and legal persons:
  - a) warning;
  - b) reprimand;
  - c) fine;
  - d) return of the prize;
  - e) return of the sports title.
- 3 Types of disciplinary measures for natural persons are:
  - a) warning,
  - b) exclusion,
  - c) suspension from the match,
  - d) ban on access to dressing rooms and/or substitution benches,
  - e) ban on entering the stadium,
  - f) ban on participation in football-related activities,
  - g) return of the awarded license and/or diploma.
- 4 Types of disciplinary measures for legal persons are:
  - a) transfer ban;
  - b) playing matches without an audience;
  - c) playing a match on neutral ground;
  - d) ban on playing at a certain stadium;
  - e) cancellation of the match results;
  - f) exclusion;



- g) forfeit (handing over the match with the official result);
  - h) deduction of points;
  - i) return to a lower rank of the competition.
- 5 Other measures may be imposed on natural and legal persons, if prescribed by the Disciplinary and other regulations of the BHFF.

### **Disciplinary Bodies**

#### **Article 68**

- 1 The Disciplinary Commission and the Appeal Commission are authorized to impose disciplinary measures.
- 2 In addition to disciplinary measures, such bodies may at the same time decide on directives requiring certain conduct from natural and legal persons.

## XVI DISPUTES

### BHFF Arbitration Court

#### Article 69

- 1 The BHFF Arbitration Court is an independent body of the Federation competent to decide in disputes arising between individual members of the Federation, clubs, players, coaches and other legal and natural persons operating within the BHFF, on appeals against decisions of second instance bodies.
- 2 The BHFF Arbitration Court assesses the legality of final decisions on rights, obligations and responsibilities arising from the relations exercised in the Federation and makes final decisions in disputes, unless explicitly prohibited by applicable laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 3 In cases when the decision of an BHFF statutory body has become final and there are no other available legal remedies, the party with a legal interest may appeal such a decision to the Arbitration Court, excluding the claim before any regular court.
- 4 The BHFF Arbitration Court cannot decide on disputes:
  - a) Arising or resulting from the mutual relations of the subjects in the football organization regarding the application of the Laws of the Football Game and other discretionary powers arising from the nature of the football sport;
  - b) In connection with competitions (disputes arising from the application of the Regulations on Football Competitions);
  - c) For resolving which not all legal remedies within the Federation have been used;
  - d) Relating to decisions of the BHFF General Assembly;
  - e) Relating to the decisions of the Electoral Commission;
  - f) Relating to decisions made in the club licensing process.
- 5 The BHFF Arbitration Court consists of the President, the Deputy President and a number of arbitrators, nominated by the entity federations, and appointed by the Executive Board for a term of 4 (four) years.
- 6 The BHFF Arbitration Court also has a secretary appointed by the General Secretary from among the members of the administration.
- 7 The BHFF Executive Board, after assessing the fulfilment of all conditions and preconditions for establishing the Arbitration Court, makes the final decision on the commencement of the work of the BHFF Arbitration Court;
- 8 The election, composition, rules and detailed jurisdiction of the BHFF Arbitration Court shall be regulated by the Regulations of the BHFF Arbitration Court issued by the Executive Board.
- 9 Until the final establishment and commencement of the work of the BHFF Arbitration Court, the BHFF and its members, clubs, players, officials, as well as all other participants in organized football, in the final instance, any dispute of domestic character arising or related to the BHFF, the Statute, regulations, directives and decisions made in connection with them, as well as disputes related to any contract, will submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of CAS in Lausanne, Switzerland, except for disputes referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article.
- 10 With regard to FIFA's decisions in international issues, the relevant provisions of the FIFA Statutes apply.

## **Jurisdiction**

### **Article 70**

- 1 The BHFF, its members, players, officials and agents for matches and players will not submit their disputes to the regular courts, unless specifically provided by this Statute and FIFA regulations. Any disagreement will be submitted to the jurisdiction of FIFA, UEFA or the BHFF.
- 2 The BHFF is competent in internal domestic disputes, i.e., disputes between parties affiliated to the BHFF. FIFA is competent in international disputes, i.e., disputes between parties belonging to different associations and/or confederations.

## **XVII FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Applicable Laws**

#### **Article 71**

- 1 In all cases when necessary, in addition to this Statute, regulations, directives and Standing Orders of the BHFF General Assembly, as well as to decisions of the competent bodies of the BHFF, the relevant FIFA and UEFA Statutes, regulations and directives, as a subsidiary regulation, shall apply first, before the application of the legislation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 2 Proceedings before the BHFF statutory bodies shall be conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the BHFF regulations. If these regulations do not provide an answer, the relevant FIFA and UEFA Statutes, regulations and directives, as a subsidiary regulation, shall be applied first, before the application of the Law on Administrative Procedure of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### **Issues not Covered by the Statute**

#### **Article 72**

- 1 The BHFF Executive Board is authorized to decide on all matters not covered by this Statute, or in cases of force majeure. It shall decide in accordance with law and justice.

### **Dissolution of the Federation**

#### **Article 73**

- 1 In case of dissolution of the BHFF, its property shall be transferred to the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Ministry of Civil Affairs will keep this property as a "bonus pater familiae" (*with the care of a good host*) until the re-establishment of the BHFF.

### **Adoption of the Statute**

#### **Article 74**

- 1 This Statute was adopted at the session of the BHFF General Assembly held on 26.05.2011, with amendments adopted at the sessions of the General Assembly held on 24.04.2014, 16.04.2015, 04.05.2017, 18.04.2019 and 25.08.2020.

## **Entry into Force**

### **Article 75**

- 1 This Statute shall enter into force on the 8<sup>th</sup> (eighth) day from the day of its adoption at the session of the BHFF General Assembly.

## **Obligation to Adapt Current Statutes**

### **Article 76**

- 1 The Entity Federations (FF FBH and FA RS), as well as their club members are obliged to adapt their statutes and other acts in accordance with this Statute and its amendments approved on 25.08.2020, no later than six months after the entry into force of amendments to the Statute.
- 2 All competent statutory bodies of the BHFF are obliged to adapt their acts, regulations and job descriptions in accordance with the amendments to the Statute from the previous paragraph no later than 3 (three) months from the entry into force of this Statute.
- 3 The BHFF Executive Board shall be authorized and obliged to adopt a consolidated text of the Statute approved at the session of the BHFF General Assembly held on 26.05.2011, with amendments approved at the sessions of the BHFF General Assembly held on 24.04.2014, 16.04.2015, 04.05. 2017, 18.04.2019, 25.08.2020 and 27.04.2023.

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