

STATUTES

CHAPTER I

DENOMINATION, TARGETS AND TASKS

ARTICLE 1.

THE EUROPEAN FUTSAL UNION, in this Charter hereinafter referred to as the "UEFS" or the "UNION", is an international sporting association which acknowledges the democratic principles and equality of all of its' members, and whose aim is the development of Futsal throughout Europe in all of its' technical, administrative and sporting aspects.

*Note: In this Charter, the terms "UEFS", the "UNION", and the "European Union" mean the "EUROPEAN FUTSAL UNION OF FUTSAL" (INDOOR FOOTBALL).

The term "FUTSAL" is used exclusively when the term INDOOR FOOTBALL is discussed or is under consideration, whilst the words "ASSOCIATION" and "ASSOCIATIONS" refer to the National Associations or Federations of the respective members of the UEFS, except in such cases where another meaning is indicated in the text.

ARTICLE 2.

The National Associations of Indoor Football, which are the members of the UEFS, are the only Associations in their respective States, Countries or Regions which control and manage the activities of the INDOOR FOOTBALL, whilst each State, Country or Region can be represented by no more than one Association.

AIMS

ARTICLE 3.

The UEFS has the following aims:

- a) To promote and popularize FUTSAL throughout Europe.
- b) To render technical, sporting and material aid to those Associations which are members of the UEFS.
- c) To implement training and research to assist the several Associations with any necessary technical aid or advice.
- d) To collaborate with the Associations in exposing unlawful methods of improving players' endurance.
- e) To organize and authorize international Futsal tournaments throughout Europe.
- f) To coordinate and protect the common interests of all members of the UEFS, and to help create and maintain friendly relations between the respective Associations.
- g) To organize courses and conduct conferences for trainers, coaches and referees.
- h) To supervise the Charter and the Regulations of the UEFS, whilst working to avoid divergence of opinion among the Associations in all matters that concern European FUTSAL.
- i) To work against any possible discrimination towards any State or Association on grounds of race, or religious, political and ideological inclinations.

CHAPTER II.

HEADQUARTERS; OFFICIAL LANGUAGES, FLAG AND EMBLEM

ARTICLE 4.

At the Congress the location of the UEFS headquarters is to be determined, from where the administrative, sports management and other activities of the President are to be carried out.

In order to transfer the headquarters of the UEFS the consent of the qualified majority will be needed, with 75% of those present at the Congress to vote for and agree any decision to change this in order for it to be lawful.

ARTICLE 5.

The official languages of the UEFS are **Russian, Spanish and English; if there should be any** problems with translation then the English version is to be considered the official text.

ARTICLE 6.

The decorations of the UEFS are the flag and the emblem.

I. The flag is a blue (European blue) rectangle, fringed with a frame 6 cm wide of bright yellow colour (the size of the flag to be 2 by 1 metres) with the emblem of the UEFS in the center, with the diameter equal to 2/3rds of the height of the flag.

II. The emblem is equilateral rhombus, which is placed so, that its diagonals occupy strictly vertical and horizontal positions. The rhombus is divided by diagonals into four equal triangles, in which the maximum possible big letters are placed: U (the upper left), E (the upper right), F (the lower left), S (the lower right). The rhombus is surrounded by twelve five-pointed stars, placed along the four sides of the rhombus at equal distance. The rhombus, divided into four triangles and twelve stars – of the same bright yellow color, and the four letters – of blue "European" color.

ABOUT THE PARTICIPANTS

ARTICLE 7.

The Congress of the UEFS will admit into membership those National Futsal Associations who are willing to abide by the rules and regulations laid down and agreed by existing Members.

It will also take responsibility for any necessary expulsions from the UEFS in accordance with the Charter of the UEFS.

ARTICLE 8.

An Association applying for membership of the UEFS should apply in writing, providing full details of its' Charter, Regulations, and Management Committee, which should be studied by the Executive Committee of the UEFS; if they are found to be in accordance with the principles of the UEFS, the Executive Committee can admit them into membership.

The membership application into the UEFS must contain the following obligations:

- a) To respect the Charter, Regulations and orders of the UEFS.
- b) To abide by the rules of the game of the International Federation at all competitions conducted under the aegis of the UEFS.
- c) To obey the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee of the UEFS.

ARTICLE 9.

Each organization should notify the UEFS about its' official denomination, the name and surname of its' President, plus the name, surname and full address of the person responsible for all official correspondence on behalf of the organization.

Each organization should maintain full and proper correspondence with all Associations.

Each Association must notify the UEFS of any amendments made in their Charters, the Management Committees, and internal regulations, etc.

ARTICLE 10.

Each Association is to send annual reports to the UEFS concerning its' activities at the each of each calendar year.

ARTICLE 11.

The Congress may award the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member of the UEFS to those persons deemed to have made a notable contribution to the development of FUTSAL.

CHAPTER III

THE MANAGING BODIES

ARTICLE 12.

The managing bodies of the UEFS are as follows:

- the Congress
- the Executive Committee
- the Bureau of the Executive Committee
- the President
- the Committees

CONGRESS

ARTICLE 13.

The Congress is the supreme body of the UEFS, comprising all active members, having the right to participate in accordance with the following:

- a) Each country has one vote for any meeting, but may be represented at the meeting by two delegates.
- b) The delegates, if they are not the President of an Association , should present to the General Secretary their authority to vote, the authority to be signed by the President of the individual Association; no delegate can be President of more than one organisation.
- c) The members of the Executive Committee and other Committees can participate in the meetings of the Congress.
- d) Voting via a proxy is permitted, provided the proxy has citizenship of that country.
- e) The President and the members of the Executive Committee may keep their posts, even if they are no longer members of their Associations.

ARTICLE 14.

The form that a Congress can take may be Ordinary, Extraordinary or Elective; an Ordinary Congress is called by the President not less than once a year, and must be held in accordance with an Agenda approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 15.

An Extraordinary Congress is called by the President, or in response to the request of the majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 16.

An Ordinary, Extraordinary or Elective Congress can be held following written notification issued by the President to all the members not less than 30 days before the indicated date of that Congress.

Written notification must be issued to all members, confirming the date, time and location of the Congress, and both the first and second convocations; such written notification must also contain the items to be included in the Agenda.

In respect of Requests and Questions, the Executive Committee can include any suggestions that are received in writing from Associations at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting; in the event of an emergency issue, and with the agreement of the majority of participants, questions raised during the session can be accepted for discussion, except for those cases relating to questions mentioned in articles 21a) and 21b).

ARTICLE 17.

The first convocation of the Congress has legal status provided over 50% of the members of the UEFS are present at the first convocation

Any number of participants may be present the following day for the second convocation for it, also, to have legal status.

ARTICLE 18.

The President of the UEFS directs the work of the Congress, but not the Elective Congress.

The decisions of the Congress are passed by means of a simple majority, except for those cases where, in accordance with the Charter, the consent of a qualified majority is needed.

If the members of the UEFS do not owe money or fees to the UEFS, they have the right to vote.

The President of the UEFS can vote if he is delegated by his country's Association, except where he is a candidate for the post of President of the UEFS.

RIGHTS AND POWERS

ARTICLE 19.

The rights and powers of the Congress:

- a) To accept programmes and activity plans.
- b) To admit and expel Associations.
- c) To elect every four years the President of the UEFS and the Executive Committee.
- d) To accept and amend the Charter, rules and regulations.
- e) To change the location of the headquarters of the UEFS.
- f) To accept the annual financial report, or Budget.
- g) To disband the European Union of FUTSAL (UEFS).
- h) To ratify the agreements, signed by the UEFS with other international organizations.
- i) Any other matters envisaged by this Charter.

ARTICLE 20.

Minutes of the meetings of the Congress are to be kept, and will be entered into the Book of Acts, having legal force; they will be signed by the President, the Protocol Secretary and two Members, appointed at each Congress.

ARTICLE 21.

The matters included in the Agenda are determined by a simple majority of votes, except the following cases:

- a) Amendment of the UEFS Charter.
- b) Amendment of the Agenda of the Congress.

In *such* cases the approval of 75% of the voters is necessary.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22.

The Executive Committee is the managing body of the UEFS, and will meet not less than once a year; it will be summoned by the President, or by the wish of the majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

The members of the Executive Committee will meet the President of the UEFS, who will suggest the full list of Candidates.

The members of the Executive Committee will elect the First Vice-President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and the Heads of Committees.

ARTICLE 23.

In the event of the resignation or dismissal of the President, the First Vice-President will assume the powers of President forthwith, and retain the post until the election of a new President has taken place.

ARTICLE 24.

It is obligatory for the Executive Committee to meet not less than once a year; extraordinary Meetings can be called by the President, or at the request of a simple majority of the members of the Executive Committees.

Confirmation of such Meetings must take place no less than twenty days before the date of the session, together with details of the Agenda. .

The Meeting is considered to be in session if over three members of the Executive Committee are present, plus the President (or the First Vice-President, if the President is absent)

ARTICLE 25.

Decisions at the session of the Executive committee are taken by a simple majority of the participants' votes; if the votes should be equally divided the President has the casting, decisive voter.

The decisions and agreements of the Executive committee are fixed in the Acts, which should be signed by the General Secretary and the participants.

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

ARTICLE 26.

The Executive Committee has the following powers and functions:

- a) To implement the decisions agreed by the Congress.
- b) To accept or reject agreements signed by the UEFS with other international organizations.
- c) To introduce for the approval of the Congress the budget, balance sheets, and accounts liquidation, plus any proposals concerning entrance and annual fees.
- d) To ratify the rules and regulations of European competitions.
- e) To consider the documents mentioned in article 8, and take temporary decisions.
- f) To offer to the Congress candidates for the title of the Honorary President or Honorary member of the UEFS.
- g) Any other matters envisaged by this Charter.

BUREAU OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 27.

For the prompt resolution of questions or problems the Executive Committee elects the Bureau of the Executive Committee, which is convoked by the President at least once every six months.

PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 28.

The President of the UEFS is elected at the Elective Congress, and serves for a term of four years, with the possibility of re-election for the next term; the President directs the work of both the Congress and the Executive Committee.

Candidates for the post of the President have no right to vote during election of the President.

THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHTS AND POWERS

ARTICLE 29.

The President has the following powers:

- a) To direct and call all managing bodies of the UEFS.
- b) To represent the UEFS in all matters, including forensic matters, where he can transfer his powers to Attorneys.
- c) To organize the implementation of decisions agreed by the Congress, and to sign official documents of the UEFS.
- d) The President may assign concrete powers to the General Secretary and to the Treasurer. ,
- e) The President must submit an Annual Report to the Executive Committee and to the Congress in respect of the work he carries out on behalf of the UEFS.
- f) Any other matters envisaged by this Charter.

The PROCESS of the ELECTION

ARTICLE 30.

Every four years the Congress will hold an election for the post of President, and candidates should submit a full list of their team for consideration.

Applications by candidates for the position of the President must be submitted no less than 15 days before date of the Congress. The delegates of the Congress will carry out an open debate, to be followed by a secret ballot.

ARTICLE 31.

The Process of the Election and other details connected with it can be regulated in corresponding ELECTIVE REGULATION OF THE UEFS.

THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 32.

The powers of the First Vice-President:

- a) To act on behalf of, and to assume the powers and responsibilities of, the President in instances of temporary or unforeseen absence, or where the post of President has been vacated position of the President.
- b) To fulfill the assignments of the President, the Executive Committee and the Congress in accordance with his powers.
- c) If, within 20 days (the term established for calling of an ordinary session of the Executive committee and the Congress) it has not been implemented, the First Vice-President has the sole authority to call an Executive Committee Meeting to take decisions on this account.

VICE-PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 33.

Persons who render material aid and support to the UEFS; Presidents of the Associations can be elected to the post of the Vice-President of the UEFS.

GENERAL SECRETARY

ARTICLE 34.

The General Secretary is responsible for the management and coordination of the Secretariat Department of the UEFS, of which he is the head.

He is responsible for the Minutes of the Sessions of Congress, the Executive Committee and the Committees.

He retains all correspondence relating to the UEFS, and relations between the UEFS and the Associations, the Committees and other international organizations.

He is hired, appointed and discharged from his post by the President; the General Secretary can be elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the UEFS. **TREASURER**

ARTICLE 35.

The Treasurer carries out the financial control of the UEFS.

COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 36.

The number and tasks of the Committees are determined by the Executive Committees of the UEFS.

CHAPTER IV

FINANCIAL MEANS

ARTICLE 37.

The financial means of the UEFS:

- a) Entrance and annual fees of the Members of the UEFS.
- b) Donations for the benefit of the UEFS.
- c) Returns from the sale of publications organized by the UEFS.
- d) Income from penalties and fines, which may be received from the Associations.
- e) Commercial activities.
- f) Any other means received in accordance with the Charter.

ARTICLE 38.

An entrance fee is paid to the UEFS by the National Association upon securing membership.

Each Association must pay its annual membership fee before 1st April; any Association which fails to do so will be temporarily deprived of its' rights of the UEFS member.

The notification of this suspension of rights will be issued by the UEFS General Secretary, but these right will be restored as soon as an Association has paid its' fee.

ARTICLE 39.

The UEFS implements all its' economical-social activities every year.

CHAPTER VI

RULES OF THE GAME

ARTICLE 40.

All Futsal playing Members and Associations of the UEFS must abide by the Rules of the Game, adopted by the International Federation, the only organization authorized to edit and alter the Rules of the Game.

CHAPTER VII

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

ARTICLE 41.

The disciplinary measures which can be taken by the UEFS are as follows:

- a) Warning.
- b) Penalty.
- c) Temporary removal.
- d) Expulsion

Disciplinary measures can be taken against legal bodies, or individual persons who are members of the UEFS, and which have been ruled to have breached either the Charter, the Regulations or their obligations to the UEFS.

ARTICLE 42.

Members of the UEFS can only be expelled at a Congress, or, in an exceptional case, by the Executive Committee, provided its' ratification is confirmed at the next Congress; the resolution becomes valid from the moment of notification of the expelled Association or the Members of the UEFS.

The Associations whose rights are suspended have no right to vote at the Congress, and cannot maintain sporting relations with the rest of the Associations or other UEFS members.

CHAPTER VIII

DISSOLUTION

ARTICLE 43.

Any decision concerning the dissolution of the UEFS can only be taken at the Congress by the agreement of the 80% of the Associations.

In the event of such dissolution financial obligations between the Members of the UEFS are annulled and the final settlement is carried out by the UEFS at mediation of three authorized persons, determined by the Acting Executive Committee.

CHAPTER IX

ADMISSION OF ADJOININ ASSOCIATIONS

ARTICLE 44.

With the consent of the Congress, the Associations of those countries or territories which are outside the territory of Europe (as defined by the present Charter) can be admitted to the UEFS where there is no existing autonomous Federation within their own continental regions.