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### PREAMBLE

TAFISA (The Association For International Sport for All) is the leading international Sport for All association. TAFISA's vision is "for a better world through Sport for All", and its mission is "to lead the global Sport for All movement".

TAFISA is committed to respecting all internationally recognised human rights and shall strive to promote the protection of these rights in accordance with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

TAFISA recognises Sport for All as "an important enabler of sustainable development" as laid down in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals – this must include physical activity, grassroots sport, leisure activity, traditional sports and games, new sports, exercise, sport and physical play for all people, regardless of ability, age, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, culture, language, political, religious or other beliefs, geographical location, national or social origin or property in particular, without limitation, by operating in conformity with and promoting the principles of non-discrimination, diversity, inclusion and gender equality.

TAFISA operates according to its Code of Ethics adopted in 2015, and generally accepted international standards for integrity. The Code of Ethics defines the ethical principles that guide TAFISA's operations and interactions and emphasizes integrity, transparency, and respect for all individuals involved in the Sport for All movement. TAFISA also operates according to the:

- i. TAFISA General Rules of Procedure: Govern the organization and conduct of meetings of TAFISA bodies, including those of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors.
- ii. TAFISA Rules of Procedure for Membership: Govern the procedures for membership applications, including the criteria for membership and the responsibilities of both applicants and existing members.
- iii. TAFISA Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors and Executive Office: Define the roles, responsibilities, and operational procedures of the TAFISA Board of Directors and the Executive Office.
- iv. TAFISA Financial Rules and Regulations: Govern the financial management of TAFISA, ensuring transparency, accountability, and efficiency in managing funds and establishing the principles for budgeting, financial transactions, and auditing, ensuring that TAFISA operates within a clear financial framework.
- v. TAFISA Code of Conduct for Good Governance: Outlines the expected standards of behaviour for all voluntary office-bearers and professional staff of TAFISA.
- vi. TAFISA Safeguarding Policy: Establishes the framework and standards for safeguarding within TAFISA, outlining TAFISA's commitment to preventing and responding to all forms of harassment, abuse, exploitation, and harm and regulating corresponding prohibited acts.
- vii. TAFISA Disciplinary Procedures: Provide a set of disciplinary processes and measures should violations or breaches of the Statutes, the Code of Conduct for Integrity, the Code of Ethics or the Safeguarding Policy occur.
- viii. This preamble is expressly part of the TAFISA Statutes.

### CHAPTER I

#### NAME AND HEADQUARTERS

**Article 1:**

The association bears the name "The Association For International Sport for All" (hereinafter TAFISA).

**Article 2:**

It has its legal seat in Frankfurt am Main (Federal Republic of Germany).

**Article 3:**

The association is registered in the register of associations at the Frankfurt am Main Regional Court.

**Article 4:**

The location of the Executive Office of TAFISA is determined by the Board of Directors.

**CHAPTER II****OBJECTIVE****Article 1:**

TAFISA's objective is the promotion of Sport (Sec. 52 para 2 sentence 1, no. 21 German Fiscal Code) and public and vocational education (Sec. 52 para 2 sentence 1, no. 7 German Fiscal Code). TAFISA aims to promote Sport for All for the general public and to enable people to engage in Sport for All and physical activity for a better world.

**Article 2:**

TAFISA's objective, in cooperation with Member and non-member organisations, is fulfilled by means of the following:

- a. the promotion of the individual and collective sport practice in reference to health and social quality of life;
- b. the promotion of an active lifestyle as well as the ethical values which go together with sports activity;
- c. the promotion of traditional games and sport cultures by appropriate means, models etc;
- d. the development and implementation of comprehensive sport concepts and programs, sports events, models and activities in Sport for All, including for specific target groups as necessary and relevant;
- e. the strengthening of the integrative function of Sport for All in all social fields;
- f. the organisation of education and training events for individuals, communities and ~~Member~~ organisations in the development of Sport for All and physical activity;
- g. the establishment of an effective partnership with scientific and knowledge organisations, for example universities and institutes;
- h. the cooperation with internationally operating institutions with an interest in Sport for All, for example governments, IOC, WHO, UNESCO, private sector and other social groups; and
- i. the facilitation of international exchange of experiences, best practices, etc.;
- j. the empowerment of communities and organisations and thus also of individuals through Sport for All;
- k. the preservation, promotion and acceptance of diverse as well as new sporting cultures;
- l. the promotion of sustainable sporting practices and the preservation of the natural environment.

**CHAPTER III****FINANCIAL YEAR****Article 1:**

The financial year is the calendar year.

**CHAPTER IV****PUBLIC-BENEFIT STATUS****Article 1:**

TAFISA pursues exclusively and directly public-benefit objectives within the meaning of the section titled "Tax-Exempt Purposes" of the German fiscal code.

**Article 2:**

TAFISA's bodies and committees work voluntarily unless the present statutes make explicit statements to the contrary. The members do not receive any grants from TAFISA. Travel expenses and official expenditures may be reimbursed at a reasonable rate. The General Assembly may agree to grant an allowance at a reasonable rate for special expenditures for any particularly time-consuming discharge of duties and may arrange the details.

**Article 3:**

No-one may benefit from expenditures that are not in keeping with TAFISA's purpose or from unreasonably high salaries.

## CHAPTER V

### WORKING LANGUAGE

*Article 1:*

The TAFISA working language is English.

## CHAPTER VI

### MEMBERS

*Article 1:*

**National Members**

National Members are state or non-state institutions not specific to a particular sport operating at the national level that actively promote general Sport for All and/or physical activity and have the promotion of Sport for All and/or physical activity included in their legally binding statutes or equivalent documents.

*Article 2:*

**International Members**

International Members are institutions that actively promote Sport for All and/or physical activity internationally, and have the promotion of Sport for All and/or physical activity included in their legal binding statutes or equivalent document. Such institutions must represent a minimum of 20 national member organisations, from 20 different countries and a minimum of three different continents.

*Article 3:*

**Supporter Members**

Supporter Members may be either individuals or organisations offering or actively promoting Sport for All and/or physical activity. This can include:

- city or community administrations,
- national organisations for a specific sport,
- provincial or community organisations,
- academic institutions,
- public or private institutions.

## CHAPTER VII

### ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERS

*Article 1:*

Applications for membership shall be forwarded in writing to the Secretary General.

*Article 2:*

The Board of Directors shall decide on the provisional acceptance of the applicant. A final decision shall be taken by a simple majority of votes at the following General Assembly.

*Article 3:*

Membership shall expire as a result of resignation, exclusion, removal from membership list or death. Resignation is possible at any time and is to be communicated to the Secretariat General in writing. The obligation to pay any outstanding membership contributions shall continue to exist.

*Article 4:*

Membership terminates in the case of:

- Removal from membership list: Members may be removed from the membership list if, despite reminders, they are in arrears with their membership fees for an accumulated amount of membership fees for two years. The Board of Directors shall acknowledge the removal by way of a declaratory resolution made by simple majority.
- exclusion for good cause, which requires a simple majority of the votes cast by the General Assembly.

*Article 5:*

In case of occurrence of events or circumstances of an exceptional nature which are outside of TAFISA's control (such as terrorism, riot, civil unrest, war – with reference to UN Charter principles, strike, nuclear or chemical contamination, epidemic, pandemic, natural disasters or other force majeure events) (hereinafter "Extraordinary Event") compromising the safe and/or regular conduct of TAFISA's and its bodies activities (e.g. regarding the organization of and/or the participation in events or programs hosted and/or sanctioned by TAFISA) being made impossible, objectively endangered, or, in the reasonable judgment of the Board of Directors, not

reasonably possible or appropriate under adequate conditions given the circumstances, the Board of Directors may decide to impose exceptional protective measures aimed at preserving the safe, peaceful and regular conduct of TAFISA's activities defined in this Article in accordance with TAFISA's objective.

Protective measures may include the temporary suspension of (i) the exercise of rights of TAFISA member organizations representing countries that caused or contributed to or are otherwise relevantly involved in the Extraordinary Event and/or (ii) persons who are affiliated to the TAFISA member organizations referred to in subparagraph a) above and/or citizens of the concerned countries, to the extent they are participating in TAFISA's activities defined in this Article (including, without limitation, persons who are elected or appointed as members (the same applies to candidates) of TAFISA's Board of Directors or Commissions/Commissioners/Special Advisors deployed by the Board of Directors, athletes, Officials, support personnel). Moreover, protective measures may include any other measure that TAFISA deems appropriate in light of the nature and circumstances of the Extraordinary Event, which are outside of TAFISA's control.

The protective measures are issued irrespective of any violations by the concerned parties mentioned above of their respective specific obligations under TAFISA Statutes or other regulations. Protective measures may be maintained by the Board of Directors (as issued or as amended from time to time) as long as reasonably required by the circumstances of the Extraordinary Event and therefore be lifted, either partially or totally, as soon as reasonably practicable in light of the evolution of the relevant circumstances. In case an issued protective measure is still in place at the time of the next General Assembly, such General Assembly shall discuss and decide whether the protective measures shall be maintained, or definitive measures should be resolved (e.g., final termination of the exercise of rights or membership for good cause as described in Article 4).

The Board of Directors shall also be entitled to decide on the temporary suspension of a member organization in case of a serious or repeated breach of TAFISA Statutes or bylaws and a misuse of TAFISA or TAFISA partners' properties.

## CHAPTER VIII

### BODIES

#### *Article 1:*

TAFISA's bodies are as follows:

- the General Assembly and
- the Board of Directors
- the Executive Board

## CHAPTER IX

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### *Article 1:*

The General Assembly is TAFISA's supreme decision-making body.

#### *Article 2:*

The General Assembly shall take place every two years, if possible in connection with the TAFISA World Congresses, by resolution of the Board of Directors. An extraordinary General Assembly shall be called if the Board of Directors decides to do so or if one-third of the members call for such a meeting. The Secretary General issues invitations to the General Assembly at least three months before it is due to take place, stating the date, venue and preliminary agenda. In the case of an extraordinary General Assembly, this period is reduced to four weeks. Motions by the members have to be sent in written form to the Secretary General six weeks before the General Assembly and two weeks before an extraordinary General Assembly. The Secretary General issues a final agenda four weeks before the General Assembly and one week before an extraordinary General Assembly.

#### *Article 3:*

Every General Assembly that is called in accordance with the rules has a quorum. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of votes insofar as the present statutes do not make provisions to the contrary. Even without a General Assembly, a resolution by circular letter, i.e. by electronic means, particularly by email, is valid if no more than 20% of the voting members reject this procedure; in the case of such decisions, too, the simple majority of the valid votes cast suffices.

#### *Article 4:*

The tasks of the General Assembly include in particular the following:

- a) Deciding on the general principles for achieving the association's objectives as well as agreeing on the working programme for the next two years.

- b) Deciding on membership applications and exclusions.
- c) Deciding on the venue(s) for the next TAFISA World Congress(es) and other major TAFISA events.
- d) Recognising and paying tribute to outstanding Sport for All projects, particularly in developing countries.
- e) Deciding on the budget for the next two years.
- f) Approving the report of the Board of Directors (activity reports and financial report confirmed by a notary public).
- g) Discharge the Board of Directors and the Executive Board of liability for their acts in fulfilling their role as TAFISA bodies.
- h) Electing the members of the Board of Directors and the nomination committee. The nomination committee is formed by three active members, who are not members of the board.
- i) Electing Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members.
- j) Electing the members of the TAFISA Disciplinary Committee and the members of the TAFISA Appeal Committee.
- k) Electing the Good Governance Officer upon nomination of the Board of Directors.
- l) Deciding on two voluntary, general auditors and one substitute voluntary, general auditor for two years.
- m) Deciding on the amount of the membership contributions.
- n) Taking a decision on motions to amend the statutes and other motions.
- o) Adoption and amendment of the Code of Ethics and the bylaws listed in the Preamble under i) to vii).
- p) Deciding on dissolution.

## CHAPTER X

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### *Article 1:*

The Board of Directors consists of the following:

- 1) eleven representatives from TAFISA National Members, including:
  - a) The President,
  - b) Five Vice-Presidents,
  - c) Five other members
- 2) one member representing a TAFISA International Member
- 3) one member representing a TAFISA Supporter Member

All members of the Board of Directors are elected by the General Assembly. The positions of Vice-Presidents and Treasurer are not subject to separate election by the General Assembly but shall be appointed by the elected members of the Board of Directors in the first meeting following the General Assembly meeting pursuant to Article 2 below. No member of the Board of Directors may hold more than one office within the TAFISA bodies at the same time.

At least four members of the Board of Directors are to be female, and four are to be male. There should be at least one elected Board member from each Continent (Americas – Asia – Oceania – Africa – Europe).

Honorary Presidents and Honorary Members may be invited to the Board of Directors but do not have the right to vote.

#### *Article 2:*

The allocation of offices within the Board of Directors is as follows:

The President shall be elected by the General Assembly.

The Board of Directors shall appoint the five Vice-Presidents from among its members of TAFISA National Members elected by the General Assembly at its first meeting following their election by the General Assembly. In doing so, it shall ensure that each Vice-President represents a different continent (Americas – Asia – Oceania – Africa – Europe).

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Treasurer from among its members referred to under 1), 2) and 3) pursuant to Article 1) above at its first meeting following their election by the General Assembly.

#### *Article 3:*

The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a period of four years. They remain in office until a new election. Re-election is possible. In such case as a member of the Board of Directors under Article 1 items 1)–3) above should leave during his term of office, a member of the board shall be co-opted whose confirmation must take place at the next General Assembly. The Secretary General shall be a professional position, and appointed by the elected Board of Directors on proposal by the President. The Secretary General has a seat on the Board without voting right.

**Article 4:**

The Board of Directors within the meaning of Section 26 of the German Civil Code is the President in combination with the Treasurer or the Secretary General. If the President is unable to attend the Treasurer and the Secretary General shall represent the organization. The reason for him or her being unable to attend does not need to be proven in any individual case.

At the same time, the President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General comprise the Executive Board.

**Article 5:**

Meetings of the Board of Directors as described in Article 1 shall be called by the President, or if he or she is unable to do so, by the longest serving Vice-President.

**Article 6:**

The Board of Directors as described in Article 1 has a quorum if more than half of its members are present.

**Article 7:**

The President shall decide on the participation of guests of meetings of the Board of Directors as described in Article 1.

**Article 8:**

The Board of Directors may deploy commissions, commissioners and special advisors to perform subtasks.

**Article 9:**

The Board of Directors as described in Article 1 shall be, principally, responsible for strategic oversight matters of TAFISA. In particular, the tasks of the Board of Directors include

- a) Strategy and policy-setting; governance principles.
- b) Approval and oversight of the annual budget (prepared by Executive Office and Executive Board) and major financial decisions (incl. material deviations, reserves/borrowing, etc.).
- c) Approval of annual accounts/financial statements (where not reserved to the General Assembly) and auditor oversight.
- d) Approval of major contracts/commitments/transactions above thresholds (value and/or duration) as stipulated in the TAFISA bylaws.
- e) Recommend to the General Assembly the adoption/amendment of TAFISA Statutes and bylaws.
- f) Key appointments/removals (e.g., committees/commissions and other bodies, as applicable where not reserved for the General Assembly).
- g) Appoint replacements in case of vacancy in any of TAFISA bodies occurs, any replacement shall serve for the remaining term of office.
- h) Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly.
- i) Membership matters affecting status/rights (provisional acceptance of applicants, temporary suspension, removal from membership list, where applicable).
- j) Decisions of fundamental importance or with material financial/reputational impact.
- k) Appointment and dismissal of the Secretary General on proposal of the President.
- l) Nomination of a Good Governance Officer for election by the General Assembly

**CHAPTER XI****EXECUTIVE BOARD****Article 1:**

**The President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General comprise the Executive Board.**

**Article 2:**

**Meetings of the Executive Board can be called by any member of the Executive Board.**

**Article 3:**

**The Executive Board as described has a quorum if all of its members are present.**

**Article 4:**

The Executive Board shall, in principle, be responsible for day-to-day supervision and management matter of TAFISA. The tasks of the Executive Board include, in particular:

- a) Supervision of the implementation of the strategy and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and Board of Directors.
- b) Representation of TAFISA vis-à-vis internal and external partners, including legal representation of the association pursuant to Chapter X Article 3 TAFISA Statutes.
- c) Supervision of financial management (budget execution, accounting, payments) and preparation of financial reporting and annual budgets.
- d) Contracting and procurement within thresholds as defined in Financial Rules and Regulation.
- e) Appointment and dismissal of staff within an approved structure, on proposal of the Secretary General.
- f) Preparation of recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters that fall within the authority of the Board of Directors.
- g) Implementation of regulations and policies; routine administrative decisions under existing rules.
- h) Operational risk management and compliance implementation (with escalation/reporting duties to the Board of Directors where material).

**Article 5:**

Certain tasks may be allocated to the Executive Board by the General Assembly or by the entire Board of Directors.

## CHAPTER XII

### ELECTIONS / VOTING RIGHTS

**Article 1:**

Eligible members are granted voting rights in elections and votes according to their category, as follows:

National Members:	5 votes
International Members:	1 vote
Supporter Members:	1 vote

**Article 2:**

The transfer of voting rights to other members is excluded.

**Article 3:**

The right to vote shall be suspended if the membership contributions for the years between the General Assemblies have not been credited to TAFISA's account by the beginning of the General Assembly.

**Article 4:**

In the case of elections to the Board of Directors, only persons may stand whose candidature is backed by a TAFISA Member in good standing.

Candidates require the support of a TAFISA National Member when standing for the position of

- a) President
- b) Member representing TAFISA National Members

Candidates require the support of a TAFISA International Member when standing for the position of

- c) Member representing TAFISA International Members

Candidates require the support of a TAFISA Supporter Member when standing for the position of

- d) Member representing TAFISA Supporter Members

The backing by a TAFISA Member of good standing shall be made via an official letter received by the TAFISA Executive office three months before the respective election.

**Article 5:**

The nomination committee shall propose to the General Assembly persons for election;

**Article 6:**

All decisions on motions shall be taken by simple majority; motions to amend the statutes shall require a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, however. Invalid votes and abstentions shall not be taken into account. A tie shall mean rejection.

**Article 7:**

Decisions by the Board of Directors, Executive Board and the commissions may also be taken electronically by circular letter, particularly by email, if no more than 20% of the respective members of the given body reject this procedure; in the case of such decisions, too, the simple majority of the valid votes cast suffices.

**Article 8:**

Votes and elections shall be held in writing or electronically and secretly in principle. If only one person is proposed for an office and if that person is willing to take up the office, the ballot may take place by an open vote with a show of hands (acclamation) if there is no application for a secret ballot.

**Article 9:**

Candidates for any official position in TAFISA, in particular, any TAFISA body must submit to the Statutes, Code of Ethics and those bylaws listed in the Preamble under i) to vii) in writing before the election. Persons may be elected in absentia if they have declared in writing their willingness to accept the office.

**Article 10:**

If only one person stands for an elected post, that person is elected if he or she receives a majority of the votes cast. If a number of persons are standing for election, the person who receives more than half of the votes cast is the person elected. If this number of votes is not reached by any person, a run-off ballot shall take place between the two persons who received the most votes in the first ballot, to be decided by simple majority. In such case as both candidates receive the same number of votes, the ballot shall be repeated after a break. If the two candidates once again have the same number of votes, the decision shall be taken by lot.

**Article 11:**

By-elections and reappointments shall apply to all bodies and commissions for the respective current electoral term.

**CHAPTER XIII****FINANCING****Article 1:**

TAFISA shall finance itself from the following sources:

- a) membership contributions,
- b) contributions from other national and international institutions and persons,
- c) foundations and payments by sponsors,
- d) grants and donations,
- e) income from licensing agreements,
- f) real estate and movables purchased

**Article 2:**

The membership contribution shall be paid annually by April 30, or in years with a General Assembly, by the date of the General Assembly, whichever comes first.

**Article 3:**

The President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General shall draw up a plan of measures and a draft budget for the plan of measures before the beginning of each financial year and shall submit them to the Board of Directors for a decision to be taken.

**Article 4:**

The President, the Treasurer and the Secretary General shall write an activity and year-end financial report following the end of the financial year that requires the approval of the Board of Directors and every two years by the General Assembly.

**Article 5:**

The accounts should be audited every year by a certified external financial auditor.

**CHAPTER XIV****OFFICE****Article 1:**

TAFISA shall have an Executive office to carry out ongoing tasks. The Executive office is led by the Secretary General.

**Article 2:**

The Secretary General is a professional position and shall receive an appropriate remuneration. The Secretary General is appointed by the elected Board of Directors which also decides on the employment. The Secretary General shall manage the ongoing business and shall report regularly on it to the Executive Board and Board of Directors.

**Article 2:**

In particular, the tasks of the Executive Office and the Secretary General include:

- a) Operational implementation of the strategy and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly / Board of Directors and Executive Board.
- b) In partnership with the Treasurer and Executive Board, day-to-day financial management (budget execution, accounting, payments) and preparation of financial reporting and annual budgets.
- c) Supervision and coordination of administrative services and activities of TAFISA.
- d) Management of the office, including all staff and contractors.
- e) Operational preparation of the meetings of General Assembly, Board of Directors and Executive Board.
- f) Representation of TAFISA at public and private events and meetings, however without legal power.
- g) Regular communication with the Board of Directors, members, formal stakeholders.
- h) Recommendations for strategy and new business development to Board of Directors.
- i) Coordination, operational delivery and further development of TAFISA programs, events and properties.
- j) Development and implementation of fundraising strategy.
- k) Management of public relations and external communications.
- l) Support and development of regional bodies and structures.

## CHAPTER XV

### MINUTES

#### *Article 1:*

Minutes shall be kept of the General Assembly and of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board. A record of the results of Executive Board Meetings is sufficient as minutes.

## CHAPTER XVI

### REGIONAL BODIES

TAFISA may choose to recognize regional bodies as its regional representatives in each of Asia, Oceania, Africa, Europe and the Americas. If recognised, it is understood that these regional bodies consider TAFISA as its umbrella organization, and this will be reflected in the statutes of those regional bodies, including the pursuit of TAFISA activities and programs.

## CHAPTER XVII

### DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY AND TAFISA JURISDICTION

#### *Article 1:*

Members of TAFISA and delegates of the members, members of the Executive Board and members of the Board of Directors as well as members of other statutory bodies of TAFISA are subject to the provisions of the Statutes and any other regulations adopted for the performance of tasks (cf. Preamble under i. to vi., which is expressly part of the TAFISA Statutes) and expressly recognize these (including the decisions made on their basis) as well as the regulatory authority of TAFISA. All natural and legal persons who have legally bound themselves to the statutes and regulations of TAFISA through a legal act (e.g. declaration of submission) are equally subject to the disciplinary power of TAFISA.

#### *Article 2:*

All forms of unethical behaviour and violations and infringements of the provisions set forth in paragraph (1) shall be penalised and sanctioned. Unless otherwise specified in the TAFISA Statutes or in the Disciplinary Procedures, sanctions shall be imposed by the TAFISA Disciplinary Committee within the meaning of paragraph (4). The TAFISA Disciplinary Committee appoints Investigations Officers, who conduct investigation procedures. The TAFISA Appeal Committee is responsible for the handling of appeals against decisions of the TAFISA Disciplinary Committee. Further details are set out in the TAFISA Disciplinary Procedures.

#### *Article 3:*

Notwithstanding the provisions on exclusion from membership pursuant to Chapter VII, Article 4, the following sanctions are permissible:

- a warning: Where the conduct requires a response, but the Disciplinary or the Appeal Committee does not believe probation or suspension is appropriate, the Disciplinary or Appeal Committee may issue a warning letter. This does not affect the ability to participate in TAFISA-sanctioned events or TAFISA bodies;

- Fine up to 2.000,00 EUR against a natural person;
- Fine against legal entities of up to 10.000,00 EUR;
- a probation: Probation is a period where the sanctioned person or member is expected to demonstrate they have learned from their experience by following the rules and avoiding conduct that gives rise to a Case. This does not affect the ability to participate in TAFISA-sanctioned events or TAFISA bodies;
- a withdrawal of a title, license, or award;
- a censorship: The action of preventing part or the whole of a publication, document, or other kind of communication related to TAFISA from being seen or made available to the public, because it is considered to be offensive or harmful;
- a suspension: Suspension means a specified period during which the sanctioned person or member may not participate in TAFISA-sanctioned events or TAFISA bodies, and during which the sanctioned person may neither run for elections of the TAFISA Board of Directors nor vote in TAFISA's General Assembly. A suspension may be followed by probation;
- a prohibition: The act of officially not allowing something;
- a ban – A ban means the sanctioned person or member is no longer allowed to participate in TAFISA-sanctioned events or TAFISA bodies in any capacity. If the sanctioned person is a TAFISA office holder, i.e. Member of Board of Directors or Executive Board, Commissioner or Special Advisor, their position is revoked. The ban may also be imposed for a limited period of time.
- Temporary or permanent disqualification from holding office.
- a requirement of an apology

Sanctions may be imposed individually or in combination and may be subject to conditions and/or requirements. Sanctions may be limited to a geographical area, to one, or a specific area. When necessary, the duration of a sanction shall be defined. The sanction may be increased as deemed appropriate if an infringement or violation has been repeated.

**Article 4:**

The jurisdiction of TAFISA is exercised by the independent TAFISA Disciplinary Committee and the independent TAFISA Appeal Committee in accordance with the TAFISA Statutes and the provisions of the TAFISA Disciplinary Procedures. The TAFISA Disciplinary Committee members and TAFISA Appeal Committee members are elected by the TAFISA General Assembly for a 4 (four) year term and can serve a maximum of 3 (three) terms. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the first TAFISA Disciplinary Committee and the first TAFISA Appeal Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The term of office of the first TAFISA Disciplinary Committee and first TAFISA Appeals Committee shall expire at the next ordinary TAFISA General Assembly following the appointment. Each of the committees is composed of 3 (three) to 5 (five) ordinary members (with a minimum of one male and one female) coming from a minimum of three continents, and 1 (one) to 3 (three) supplementary members. In addition, the TAFISA Good Governance Officer holds an additional seat in the TAFISA Disciplinary Committee, without voting rights. The TAFISA Disciplinary Committee and the TAFISA Appeal Committee shall make their decision by a majority of the valid votes cast.

**Article 5:**

Further details on the exercise of disciplinary authority (in particular with regard to punishable conduct, jurisdiction, procedures, the nature and content of disciplinary measures, and legal remedies) and the jurisdiction of TAFISA are set out in the Code of Conduct for Integrity, Safeguarding Policy, Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Procedures.

## CHAPTER XVIII

### DISSOLUTION

**Article 1:**

The members' meeting shall decide on TAFISA's dissolution with a majority of threequarters of the votes cast. A vote may only take place if the motion to dissolve TAFISA was substantiated in the invitation. In the case of the dissolution of the association or cessation of tax-privileged purposes, its remaining assets shall be transferred to a public-benefit organisation or a foundation for use for public-benefit purposes in the field of sport.

## APPENDIX

International Members of TAFISA accepted prior to the adoption of the revision of Statutes as proposed at the 2017 General Assembly and in good standing with regard to payment of membership fees shall retain their status as International Members regardless of subsequent changes to requirements for International Membership.

## DEFINITIONS

TAFISA agrees the following definitions:

### Local

Area restricted to immediately surrounding area, for example surrounding community, municipality, city or group of communities or cities in close proximity.

### Province

Area comprising part of a nation, often defined as such by the national government.

### Territory

A geographical territory which, though not recognized as a nation, has certain aspects of self-government at least to the extent in being autonomous in the control of its sports. TAFISA recognises that some territories have separate sport policies from the bulk of the nation, and therefore recognises such a territory as a separate nation.

### Nation

Typically the area including but restricted to the entirety of one country, governed by one sport policy.

### Region

Area comprising multiple nations in close proximity. Continents, as defined by TAFISA to be the Americas, Asia, Oceania, Europe and Africa, are also considered regions.

### International

Operation including multiple nations, often at least regional or global.

### Promotion of Sport for All and/or physical activity

Contributing to the progress or growth of Sport for All and/or physical activity through the organisation and provision of programs and events, marketing, lobbying, research and publication in the field of Sport for All and/or physical activity.