

IFA7[®] Statutes

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The terms given below denote the following:

1. IFA7: “International Football Association 7”.
2. Association: a football association recognized by IFA7. It is a member of IFA7, unless a different meaning is evident from the context.
3. Country: an independent state recognized by the international community.
4. Confederations: a group of Associations recognized by IFA7 that belong to the same continent (or assimilable geographic region).
5. Member: an Association that has been admitted into membership of IFA7.
6. Official: every member, referee and assistant referee, coach, trainer and any other person responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters in IFA7, a Confederation, Association, League or Club as well as all other personas obliged to comply with the IFA7 Statutes((except Players and intermediaries).
7. Club: a member of an Association (that is a Member of IFA7) or of a League recognized by an Association that enters at least one team in a competition.
8. Player: any football player licensed by an Association.
9. Football Association 7: the game controlled by IFA7 and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
10. Official Competition: a competition for representative teams organized by IFA7 or any Confederation.

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Name and Headquarters

1.
The International Football Association 7 (IFA7) is registered in the Commercial Register in accordance with the Canadian Civil Code.

2.
IFA7 headquarters are located in Calgary, Alberta (Canada) and cannot be transferred to any other location.

2 Objectives

The objectives of IFA7 are:

a) to improve the and develop the game of football constantly and promote it globally in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly but not limited through youth.

b) to organize its own international competition;

c) to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;

d) to control every type of Football Association 7 by taking the appropriate steps to prevent infringements of the Statutes, regulations or decisions of IFA7 or of the Laws of the Game.

e) to promote integrity, ethics and fair play with a view to preventing all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardize the integrity of matches, competitions, Players, Officials and Members or give rise to abuse of Football Association.

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Non-discrimination and stance against racism

Discrimination of any kind against a Country, private person or group of people on account of race, skin color, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion.

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Promoting friendly relations

1.
Each Member of IFA7 Shall play Football 7 in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFA7. Only IFA7 may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.
2.
IFA7 duties and responsibilities are to govern all Football 7 by the statutes of IFA7.

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Conduct of bodies and Officials

1.
The bodies and Officials must observe the Statutes, regulations, decisions and Code of Ethics of IFA7 in their activities.
2.
Executive bodies of Member Associations may under exceptional circumstances be removed from office by IFA7 in consultation with the relevant Confederation and replaced.

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Official languages

1.
English, Spanish, are the official languages of IFA7. English is the official language for minutes, correspondence and announcements.
2.
Members are responsible for translations into the language of their Country.

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Admission, suspension and expulsion

Only IFA7 Directives can decide whether to admit, suspend or expel a Member.

10 Admission

1.

Any Association which is responsible for organizing and supervising football 7 in its Country may become a Member of IFA7. Consequently, it is recommended that all Members of IFA7 involve all relevant stakeholders in football in their own structure. Subject to paragraph 5 and 6 below, only one Association shall be recognized in each Country.

2.

Any Association wishing to become a Member of IFA7 shall apply in writing to IFA7 and submit the requested documents.

3.

The Association's legal valid statues shall be enclosed with the application for membership and shall contain the following mandatory provisions:

- a) always to comply with the Statutes, regulations and decisions of IFA7 and of its Confederation;
- b) to comply with the Laws of the Game;

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Request and procedure for application

1.
Once an Association has made the official request and submitted all documents. IFA7 will then proceed to the acceptance or denial of the Association, and an official response will be sent.
2.
The new Member shall acquire membership right and duties as soon as it has been admitted.

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Member's rights

1.

Members have the following rights:

- a) to take part of the IFA7 Congress;
- b) To draw up proposals for inclusion in the agenda of the Congress;
- c) To take part in competitions organized by IFA7;
- d) to exercise all other right arising from these Statutes and other regulations.

2.

The exercise of these rights is subject to other provisions in these Statutes and the applicable regulations.

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Member's obligations

1.

Members have the following obligations:

- a) to comply fully with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of IFA7 bodies at any time.
- b) To take part in competitions organized by IFA7;
- c) To pay their membership subscriptions;
- d) To ensure that their own members comply with the Statutes, regulations, directives and decision of IFA7 bodies;
- e) To ratify statutes that are in accordance with the requirements of IFA7 Standard Statutes;
- f) To create a referees committee that is directly subordinate to the Member;
- g) To respect the Laws of the Game;
- h) To manage their affairs independently and ensure that their own affairs are not influence by any third parties;
- i) To comply fully with all other duties arising from these Statutes and other regulations;
- j) To be free of any illegal activities.

2.

Violation of the above-mentioned obligations by any Member may lead to sanctions.

10 Suspensions

1.
IFA7 directives are responsible for suspending a Member.
2.
A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress.
3.
A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member.
4.
Members which do not participate in at least two (2) of all IFA7 competitions over a period of two (2) consecutive years shall be suspended from IFA7.

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Expulsions

1.

IFA7 Directive may expel a Member if;

- a) It fails to fulfill financial obligations towards IFA7; or
- b) It seriously violates the Statutes, regulations or decisions of IFA7; or
- c) It loses the status of an Association representing Football Association 7 in its Country.
- d) The Association, its teams or players participate on any other organization that competes with IFA7.
- e) The Association or its members are part of illegal behavior of any type.

12 Resignations

1.

A member may resign from IFA7 with effect from the end of a calendar year. Notice of resignation must reach the general secretariat before such announcement is made.

2.

The resignation is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations towards IFA7 and its other Members.

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Independence of Members and their bodies

1.
Each Member shall manage its affairs independently and with no influence from third parties.
2.
A Member's bodies shall be elected or appointed in that Association. A Member's statutes shall provide for a procedure that guarantees the complete independence of the election or appointment.

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Status of Leagues and Clubs

1.
Leagues or any other groups affiliated to a Member of IFA7 shall be subordinate to and recognized by that Member. The Member's statutes shall define the scope of rights and duties within these groups.
2.
Every Member shall ensure that its affiliated Club or League can take all decisions on any matters regarding membership independently of any external body.

15 Confederations

1.

Members that belong to the same continent have and/or will create the following Confederations, which are recognized by IFA7:

- a) IFA7 South America
- b) IFA7 Asia
- c) IFA7 Europe
- d) IFA7 North, Central America and Caribbean
- e) IFA7 Oceania

2.

Each Confederation shall have the following right and obligations:

- a) to comply with and enforce compliance with the Statutes, regulations and decision of IFA7;
- b) to work closely with IFA7 in every domain to achieve objectives and to organized international competitions;
- c) to organize its own interclub, and youth competitions, in compliance with the international match calendar;
- d) to ensure that international leagues or any other such Clubs or Leagues shall not be formed without its consent and the approval of IFA7;

16 Minutes

1.
The Vice-President shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the Congress.
2.
The minutes of the Congress shall be checked by those Members designated.

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Rights

1.

IFA7, its Members and the Confederations are the original owners of all of the rights emanating from competitions and other events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing ad promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.

2.

IFA7 Directives shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilized and draw up special regulations to this end. And shall alone decide whether these rights shall be utilize exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

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Authorizations

1.
IFA7 Members and the Confederations are exclusively responsible for authorizing the distribution of image, sound, and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction.
2.
IFA7 Members have no right to register under their legal or personal entities any IFA7 brand, legal rights, or any of this type. In order to do so, the Member has to have written consent by IFA7 and its President.

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Nationality entailing Players to represent more than one Association

1.

A player who is eligible to represent more than one Association on account of his nationality, may play in an international match for one of these Associations only if, in addition to having the relevant nationality, or has been living in such for more than five (5) months continuously, he/she fulfills at least one of the following conditions;

- a) Was born on the territory of the relevant Association;
- b) Biological father/mother was born on the territory of the relevant Association;
- c) Grandmother or grandfather was born on the territory of the relevant Association;
- d) Has lived continuously in the territory of the relevant Association for at least five (5) months.