



NZS Statutes

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Pursuant to the Societies Act (ZDru-1, Uradni list Republike Slovenija, No 61/2006), the General Meeting of the Football Association of Slovenia ('NZS'), at its session held on 24 April 2023, adopted amendments to its Statutes, the fair copy of which reads as follows:

STATUTES OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF SLOVENIA

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

(terms and abbreviations used)

(1) For the purposes of these Statutes, the terms and abbreviations below shall have the following meanings ascribed to them:

- (a) FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association
- (b) UEFA: Union des Associations Européennes de Football
- (c) NZS: Nogometna zveza Slovenije (Football Association of Slovenia)
- (d) MNZ: Regional football association
- (e) MNZ of registration: The regional football association that covers the area in which a football club is registered.
- (f) ZNSS: Zveza nogometnih sodnikov Slovenije (Slovenian Association of Football Referees)
- (g) ZNTS: Zveza nogometnih trenerjev Slovenije (Slovenian Association of Football Coaches)
- (h) ZNPL: Združenje klubov 1. Slovenske nogometne lige (Association of Slovenian First Division Football Clubs)
- (i) RS: Republic of Slovenia
- (j) CAS: Court of Arbitration for Sport (Lausanne, Switzerland)
- (k) IFAB: International Football Association Board
- (l) Football club: a legal entity that is established in accordance with regulations applicable in Slovenia, has a registered office in Slovenia, is entered in the register of clubs maintained by the NZS, is a member of the football association of the region in which it has its registered office, and has at least one team in an official NZS competition.
- (m) Futsal club: a legal entity that is established in accordance with regulations applicable in Slovenia, has a registered office in Slovenia, is entered in the register of clubs maintained by the NZS, is a member of the football association of the region in which it has its registered office, and has at least one team in an official NZS competition.
- (n) Women's football club: a legal entity that is established in accordance with regulations applicable in Slovenia, has a registered office in Slovenia, is entered in the register of clubs maintained by the NZS, is a member of the football association of the region in which it has its registered office, and has at least one team in an official NZS competition.
- (o) Team: the team with which a football club, futsal club or women's football club competes in a league organised under the auspices of the NZS.
- (p) Player: any player of football registered with the NZS.
- (r) League: a competition of football clubs organised under the auspices of the NZS.
- (s) Official: any person playing an official role in football, in particular a person in charge, a member of a body, a member of a committee, a referee, an assistant referee, a coach and any other person in charge of technical, health and administrative matters at the NZS, a regional football association, a league, a football club, a futsal club or a women's football club.

- (t) General Meeting: the highest and regulation-adopting body of the NZS.
- (u) NZS Executive Committee: the executive body of the NZS.
- (v) Member: a football or professional organisation accepted into the NZS.

(2) Any reference to individuals herein is gender-neutral and shall refer to members of both sexes. Any term used in the singular may be construed as plural where appropriate, and vice versa.

Article 2
(legal status)

(1) The NZS is a legal entity of private law that is entered in the register of societies as a federation of societies in accordance with the provisions of the act governing societies.

(2) The registered office of the NZS is at Brdo pri Kranju. The NZS Executive Committee shall determine the address of the registered office of the NZS by a resolution adopted in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 3
(logo, flag and stamp)

(1) The NZS shall have a logo and a flag.

(2) The NZS flag shall be white and feature the NZS logo and the inscription 'Nogometna zveza Slovenije' (Football Association of Slovenia).

(3) The NZS stamp shall feature the NZS logo and the inscription 'Nogometna zveza Slovenije' (Football Association of Slovenia).

Article 4
(founding and membership of international organisations)

(1) The NZS was founded on 24 April 1920.

(2) The NZS has been a member of FIFA since 1992 and of UEFA since 1993.

(3) The NZS, its bodies and officials shall comply with all regulations and decisions of the aforementioned organisations when performing their duties.

Article 5
(purpose and objectives)

The primary purpose and objectives of the NZS are:

- (a) to promote the development and expansion of football in Slovenia;
- (b) to provide the conditions for the practice of elite football in Slovenia;
- (c) to represent Slovenian football;

- (d) to lay down a system of national competitions, prescribe the conditions for participating in them, and organise and manage them;
- (e) to provide for the training of coaches, referees and other professionals;
- (f) to support youth football and ensure its continuing development at home and abroad;
- (g) to cooperate with all bodies and organisations that are capable of contributing to the development of sport and football;
- (h) to cooperate with FIFA, UEFA and other countries' national football organisations;
- (i) to adhere to and safeguard the statutes, regulations, instructions and decisions of FIFA, UEFA and the NZS, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the NZS Code of Ethics, the laws of the game and the international match calendar, and ensure that its members do likewise; and
- (j) to promote the spirit of fair play and prevent all forms and types of unlawful discrimination.

Article 6
(activities and duties)

The primary activities and duties of the NZS shall be:

- (a) to regulate, organise and manage football in Slovenia in accordance with the standards laid down;
- (b) to organise and supervise football competitions in Slovenia in accordance with these Statutes;
- (c) to adopt decisions in accordance with these Statutes, implement FIFA and UEFA decisions, and notify its members of FIFA and UEFA decisions and of the obligations arising from those decisions;
- (d) to regulate, in accordance with the standards laid down, issues relating to the registration of clubs, the registration and status of players, the operations of licensed agents, and other issues associated with football competitions in Slovenia;
- (e) to organise matches involving Slovenian national football teams;
- (f) to create conditions for the financing of the activities of national teams, other international activities, the work of NZS bodies and committees, NZS administrative services and the training of NZS staff by using revenues from ticket sales, advertising, television and other media rights to matches organised under the auspices of the NZS, revenues from the sale of sponsorship rights, and revenues from the sale of the NZS's own licensed products and from the sale of rights to the commercial use of symbols and images owned by the NZS (for-profit activities);
- (g) to support the operations of its members financially;
- (h) together with the ZNTS and the ZNSS, to organise and implement current training programmes and the licensing seminars based on current training programmes, and to award the relevant professional certificates and licences to officials who work in football;
- i) to carry out the following for-profit activities (listed as per the SIC), under the conditions determined by law, as supplementary activities to the non-profit activities of a society (R 93.190 – Other sports activities), in connection with the purpose and objectives and to the extent required for their implementation:
 - G 47.640 – Retail trade in sports equipment in specialised stores,
 - G 47.820 – Retail sale via stalls and markets of textiles, clothing and footwear,
 - G 47.910 – Retail sale via mail order houses or the internet,
 - J 58.110 – Book publishing,
 - J 58.150 – Publication of magazines and other periodicals,
 - J 58.190 – Other publishing,
 - J 63.110 – Data processing, hosting and related activities,
 - L 68.200 – Renting and operating of own or leased real estate,
 - M 73.120 – Media representation,
 - M 77.400 – Leasing of intellectual property and similar products, except copyrighted works,

- M 79.900 – Reservations and other travel-related activities,
- N 77.210 – Renting and leasing of recreational and sports goods,
- N 79.120 – Organisation of competitions,
- P 85.510 – Sports and recreation education,
- P 85.600 – Educational support activities,
- R 91.020 – Museum activities,
- R 93.110 – Operation of sports facilities,
- R 93.120 – Activities of sports clubs,
- R 94.999 – Leisure activities n.e.c.;

(j) to carry out other activities and duties that are in its members' interest and that ensure realisation of the purpose and objectives specified in Article 5 of these Statutes.

Article 7

(duty to adhere to the fundamental principles)

- (1) The NZS shall be obliged to adhere to the principles of ethics, loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship, in accordance with the principles of fair play, and to prevent any activity that might threaten the integrity of competitions or bring the game of football into disrepute.
- (2) The NZS, members of the NZS and members of NZS members shall be obliged to adhere to the rules set out in the NZS Code of Ethics adopted by the NZS General Meeting.

Article 8

(prohibition of engagement in political and religious activities, and prohibition of discrimination)

- (1) The NZS shall not engage in political or religious activities.
- (2) Any discrimination of a country, individual or group of individuals based on ethnicity, gender, language, religion, political beliefs or other grounds shall be strictly prohibited and sanctioned by disciplinary action, expulsion or suspension of rights.

Article 9

(laws of the game)

- (1) Football competitions organised by the NZS and its members shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game issued by IFAB.
- (2) Futsal and beach football competitions organised by the NZS and its members shall be played in accordance with the rules issued by the FIFA Council.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Article 10

(NZS members)

- (1) Membership of NZS shall comprise regional football associations and professional organisations.

(2) The regional football associations are:

- (a) Celje Regional Football Association;
- (b) Gorenjska Regional Football Association;
- (c) Lendava Regional Football Association;
- (d) Ljubljana Regional Football Association;
- (e) Koper Regional Football Association;
- (f) Maribor Regional Football Association;
- (g) Murska Sobota Regional Football Association;
- (h) Nova Gorica Regional Football Association; and
- (i) Ptuj Regional Football Association.

(3) The professional organisations are the ZNSS and the ZNTS.

Article 11
(membership of the NZS)

(1) Any entity that wishes to become a member of the NZS shall submit an application for membership in writing to the NZS Executive Committee.

(2) The following shall be enclosed with the application:

- (a) an explanation of why the entity wishes to become a member;
- (b) a copy of the applicant's statutes and copies of its applicable rules;
- (c) a copy of the decision on entry in the register;
- (d) minutes of the applicant's most recent general meeting or its constitutive meeting;
- (e) a list of the applicant's members;
- (f) a list of the applicant's legal and statutory representatives and persons with the power to enter into binding legal arrangements with third parties;
- (g) a list of the applicant's officials;
- (h) a declaration that the applicant will adhere to the Statutes, rules, instructions and decisions of the NZS, FIFA and UEFA, the FIFA Code of Ethics and the NZS Code of Ethics, and will ensure that its members, officials and players do likewise;
- (i) a declaration that the applicant will adhere to the applicable laws of the game set down by IFAB or the laws of the game set down by FIFA for futsal and beach football;
- (j) a declaration that the applicant recognises the jurisdiction of the football arbitration process, the NZS Arbitration Council and the CAS;
- (k) a declaration that the applicant has a registered office in Slovenia;
- (l) a declaration that the applicant will play all official domestic games in Slovenia, except in cases laid down in the rules issued by UEFA and FIFA, and a declaration that its members will do likewise;
- (m) a declaration that the applicant's legal status ensures that decisions are adopted independently of any third party; and
- (n) a declaration that the applicant will organise international friendly matches in accordance with NZS, UEFA and FIFA rules, and a declaration that its members will do likewise.

(3) The NZS Executive Committee shall draft a proposal for the General Meeting on whether to accept or reject an application for membership.

(4) The General Meeting shall decide on whether to accept a member by checking whether it meets the conditions for membership under the law and the NZS Statutes. The General Meeting shall decide on

whether to accept a member in the manner laid down in the third and fourth paragraphs of Article 24 of these Statutes and in accordance with the procedure laid down in the rules. An applicant shall always have the right to explain the reasons why it is applying for membership.

(5) The decision of the General Meeting shall be final.

(6) Membership shall become effective upon the adoption of a decision by the General Meeting. Delegates of the new member may exercise their right to vote from the moment the decision approving membership is adopted.

Article 12
(termination of membership)

(1) NZS members and their respective members shall decide on matters of membership at their own discretion and independently.

(2) Membership may be terminated by leaving or being expelled from the NZS. Termination of membership shall not bring an end to a former member's financial liabilities to the NZS and other members.

(3) A member of the NZS may leave the NZS at any time by submitting a written statement.

(4) A member's rights and obligations shall cease to apply after the end of the competition year in which it informed the NZS of its intention to leave.

(5) A member of the NZS may be expelled if it commits a serious violation of these Statutes or other instruments of the NZS.

(6) Expulsion shall be decided upon by the General Meeting in the manner laid down in the third and fourth paragraphs of Article 24 of these Statutes.

(7) The member shall be given an opportunity to submit a statement on the circumstances of the violation before a decision is taken.

(8) The decision of the General Meeting on the expulsion of a member shall be final.

(9) The expulsion shall become effective on the day the General Meeting makes its decision.

Article 13
(suspension of membership rights)

(1) Suspension of membership rights shall be decided by the General Meeting.

(2) The NZS Executive Committee may suspend the membership rights of an NZS member with immediate effect in the case of serious and repeated violations of duties.

(3) Unless the NZS Executive Committee reverses its decision, a suspension of membership rights shall remain effective until the next session of the General Meeting.

(4) The suspension of membership rights shall be confirmed at the next session of the General Meeting by the majority set out in the second paragraph of Article 24 of these Statutes. A suspension of membership rights shall be automatically cancelled unless it is confirmed.

(5) Members shall be prevented from exercising their membership rights during a period of suspension.

Article 14
(rights of members)

NZS members shall have the following rights in particular:

- (a) to receive timely notification of the convening of the General Meeting and be apprised of the agenda;
- (b) to participate in the work of the NZS and exercise their voting rights;
- (c) to submit proposals for the agenda of the General Meeting;
- (d) to nominate candidates for elected offices at the NZS;
- (e) to receive information on the work of NZS bodies;
- (f) to inform the NZS of their problems and requirements and receive its professional and organisational assistance;
- (g) to participate in competitions organised by the NZS and enable their own members to do the same; and
- (h) to exercise the rights they hold pursuant to the Statutes and other NZS instruments.

Article 15
(duties of members)

NZS members shall have the following duties in particular:

- (a) to contribute to the realisation of the objectives of the NZS;
- (b) to elect their bodies freely and independently;
- (c) to pay the NZS membership fee;
- (d) to act in accordance with these Statutes, other instruments, the decisions and instructions of the NZS, FIFA and UEFA, including the FIFA Code of Ethics and the NZS Code of Ethics, and ensure that their members do likewise;
- (e) to participate in competitions and joint activities of the NZS;
- (f) to adhere to the applicable laws of the game set down by IFAB or the laws of the game set down by FIFA for futsal and beach football, and ensure, by means of provisions in their statutes, that their members do likewise;
- (g) to ensure that their members organise international friendly matches in accordance with NZS, UEFA and FIFA rules;
- (h) to forward any dispute related to the application of the Statutes, regulations, instructions and decisions of the NZS to an independent and impartial arbitration process and not bring them before regular courts, if Slovenian law so allows, and ensure, by means of provisions in their statutes, that their members do likewise;
- (i) to recognise the jurisdiction and decisions of the CAS as specified in the FIFA and UEFA Statutes with regard to any dispute related to the application of the Statutes, regulations, instructions and decisions of FIFA and UEFA, agree to the exclusion of jurisdiction of regular courts, if Slovenian law so allows, and ensure, by means of provisions in their statutes, that their members do likewise;
- (j) to ensure, by means of provisions in their statutes, that any dispute involving them or their members that requires arbitration and concerns sports competition is resolved within the NZS, UEFA or FIFA and not before regular courts, unless Slovenian law provides otherwise;

- (k) to ensure, by means of provisions in their statutes, that they uphold the principles of loyalty, integrity, sportsmanship and fair play;
- (l) to have no sporting relations with unrecognised entities or with members whose membership rights have been suspended or members that have been expelled by the NZS, UEFA or FIFA;
- (m) to notify the NZS of any change to their statutes and other instruments, legal and statutory representatives and members of their bodies;
- (n) to keep an updated register of members.

III. HIERARCHY AND COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

Article 16

(mutual compliance of statutes)

- (1) The statutes of members of the NZS and their members shall be compliant with these Statutes.
- (2) The statutes of members of the NZS and the statutes and regulations of the ZNPL shall be subject to approval by the NZS Executive Committee.
- (3) Members of the NZS shall be obliged to establish and ensure compliance of their members' statutes with these Statutes.

Article 17

(adherence to rules, dispute resolution and the powers of the CAS)

- (1) The NZS, members of the NZS, members of NZS members, leagues, the association of clubs, officials, players, FIFA-licensed football agents and FIFA and UEFA match agents shall be obliged to adhere to the statutes, regulations, instructions and decisions of FIFA and UEFA.
- (2) The NZS, members of the NZS, members of NZS members, leagues, the association of clubs, officials, players, FIFA-licensed football agents and FIFA and UEFA match agents shall be obliged to resolve any dispute concerning sports competition and other matters regulated by instruments of the NZS exclusively within the NZS at all instances, and to respect the decisions adopted.
- (3) In all cases, the last instance for the resolution of a dispute involving a national element and arising from or related to the application of the Statutes or other regulations of the NZS shall be an independent and impartial arbitration body whose decision on the dispute is final.
- (4) The provision referred to in the previous paragraph shall not apply where Slovenian laws provide otherwise.
- (5) The NZS Executive Committee shall issue rules determining the composition of the arbitration body and the arbitration process.
- (6) Disputes that involve an international element and parties from different associations shall initially be brought for resolution before FIFA or UEFA.

(7) The NZS, members of the NZS, members of NZS members, leagues, the association of clubs, officials, players, FIFA-licensed football agents and FIFA and UEFA match agents shall be obliged, pursuant to the provisions of the FIFA and UEFA Statutes and with due regard to the exclusion of jurisdiction of regular courts, to recognise the jurisdiction of the CAS and respect its decisions.

IV. ORGANISATION

Article 18 *(bodies of the NZS)*

- (1) The NZS shall have the following bodies:
 - (a) the General Meeting;
 - (b) the Executive Committee;
 - (c) the Arbitration Council;
 - (d) the Supervisory Board;
 - (e) the NZS President;
 - (f) the NZS General Secretary;
 - (g) the Urgent Matters Committee;
 - (h) bodies that decide at first instance and appellate bodies (Articles 36 and 37 of these Statutes).
- (2) The bodies and their members shall act autonomously and be independent from each other.
- (3) Members of bodies shall be elected by free and independent vote based on the applicable voting rules set out in the rules on elections. The NZS General Secretary shall be appointed in accordance with Article 32 of these Statutes.
- (4) Members of bodies shall recuse themselves from a decision-making process when their impartiality and independence cannot be guaranteed on account of a conflict of interest.
- (5) Unless these Statutes provide otherwise, members of NZS bodies may not at the same time be employees of the NZS.

Article 19 *(NZS General Meeting)*

- (1) The General Meeting is the highest body of the NZS.
- (2) All NZS members shall be represented at the General Meeting via their delegates.
- (3) Each regional football association shall have one delegate per full set of ten members as at 1 January of the current year. The ZNSS and ZNTS shall have two delegates each.
- (4) Only clubs (members) that have teams competing in at least three different age-group categories in competitions organised under the auspices of the NZS shall be deemed to be regional football association members as referred to in the previous paragraph.

(5) Each regional football association shall submit to the NZS General Secretary the list of its member clubs as at 1 January and the number of teams within that regional football association competing in competitions organised under the auspices of the NZS. By 31 January at the latest, the NZS General Secretary shall submit to members a list drawn up by the NZS Supervisory Board specifying the number of delegates to the General Meeting per NZS member.

(6) Each delegate shall have one vote, except in the case referred to in the third paragraph of Article 24 of these Statutes.

(7) A delegate may only be an individual who performs duties at a member or a member's member and has been appointed or elected as a delegate by the member's executive body as per the member's statutes.

(8) The General Meeting shall take decisions using the methods referred to in Article 24 of these Statutes.

(9) Members of the NZS Executive Committee, of the General Secretary and of the bodies referred to in Articles 36 and 37 of these Statutes may not be delegates to the General Meeting.

(10) Members of the NZS Executive Committee and honorary presidents, vice-presidents and members of the NZS shall have the right to attend and be involved in discussions at the General Meeting, but shall not have the right to vote.

Article 20

(powers of the General Meeting)

The General Meeting shall have the power to:

- (a) adopt the NZS Statutes and any amendments thereto;
- (b) adopt the rules of procedure applying to its work and, in particular, lay down the equal right to vote, the method of voting, the election of bodies of the General Meeting, the prohibition of voting by proxy, the prohibition of voting by members whose rights have been suspended, and other matters required to ensure that the General Meeting operates in a smooth and compliant manner;
- (c) decide on the acceptance of a new member, the expulsion of a member and suspension of a member's rights;
- (d) adopt the NZS Code of Ethics;
- (e) adopt rules on the work of the NZS Arbitration Council and the NZS Supervisory Board;
- (f) determine the system of competitions at national (Slovenian) level;
- (g) elect and dismiss the NZS President and the four NZS vice-presidents;
- (h) elect and dismiss the chair and members of the NZS Arbitration Council;
- (i) elect and dismiss the chair and members of the NZS Supervisory Board;
- (j) appoint and dismiss members of the bodies that decide at first instance referred to in Article 36, members of the appellate bodies referred to in Article 37 of these Statutes and members of the electoral committee;
- (k) adopt the programme of work and financial plan of the NZS;
- (l) adopt the annual report and closing accounts of the NZS;
- (m) decide on the awarding of the titles 'Honorary President of the NZS', 'Honorary Vice-President of the NZS' and 'Honorary Member of the NZS';
- (n) select an independent auditing firm or auditor;
- (o) discuss the NZS Supervisory Board's report;
- (p) set the level of the membership fee;

- (q) bestow awards and commendations;
- (r) decide on sanction reductions, subject to the conditions specified in the disciplinary rules;
- (s) decide on the winding-up of the NZS.

Article 21
(sessions of the General Meeting)

- (1) The General Meeting shall be chaired by the NZS President.
- (2) The General Meeting shall have a session at least once a year, and at least once before six months have passed since the end of the financial year.
- (3) Minutes of the General Meeting shall be kept in accordance with the rules of procedure applying to the work of the General Meeting.

Article 22
(convening of the General Meeting)

- (1) The General Meeting shall be convened by the NZS president, at the proposal of the NZS Executive Committee, at least one month before the session.
- (2) In accordance with the rules of procedure applying to the work of the General Meeting, the proposed agenda shall be published at the same time as the General Meeting is convened.
- (3) The minutes of the previous General Meeting and the material for the upcoming General Meeting shall, as a rule, be sent together with the invitation and no later than seven days before the day of the session.

Article 23
(convening of the General Meeting at the request of members)

- (1) The NZS President shall be obliged to convene the General Meeting when a request to do so is submitted by at least one third of NZS members or by the NZS Supervisory Board.
- (2) In the cases referred to in the previous paragraph, the General Meeting shall be convened within 15 days of the day the written request is received.
- (3) If the General Meeting is not convened by the deadline referred to in the previous paragraph, those submitting the request may convene it. They shall enclose material in writing to the convocation, and notify FIFA and UEFA. Every member shall be informed of the date, place and agenda of the General Meeting at least three days before it is to be held.
- (4) A General Meeting convened in the manner referred to in this article may only discuss and decide upon the matters for which it was convened, that are specified in the notice of its convening and that are covered by the written material enclosed with the notice.

(5) A session of the General Meeting convened in the manner referred to in the third paragraph of this article shall be chaired by a representative of those submitting the request, if approved by the General Meeting; otherwise, it shall be chaired by the NZS President.

Article 24
(decision-making at the General Meeting)

- (1) The General Meeting shall be quorate if the majority of delegates with the right to vote are present.
- (2) Except in the cases referred to in the third paragraph of this article, the General Meeting shall decide by a majority vote of all delegates (Article 19 of the Statutes).
- (3) Each NZS member shall have one vote in matters concerning the adoption of and amendments to the Statutes, membership of the NZS and the winding-up of the NZS. Before the start of a session of the General Meeting, every member shall submit the name of a delegate designated by the member's executive body to vote on its behalf.
- (4) In the cases referred to in the previous paragraph, a decision shall be adopted if at least two thirds of delegates referred to in the third paragraph of this article vote in favour.
- (5) Unless the General Meeting decides otherwise, a decision of the General Meeting shall take effect on day it is adopted.
- (6) If the General Meeting is inquorate, the next session of the General Meeting shall be convened for the following day, at the same time and with the same agenda. In this case, no quorum shall be required unless the agenda includes draft amendments to these Statutes, the election of the NZS President, the dismissal of a member or several members of NZS bodies, the expulsion of a member of the NZS or the winding-up of the NZS by a resolution of the General Meeting. Delegates from at least six members shall be present in order for the General Meeting to pass valid decisions. The General Meeting shall decide by a majority of delegates present.

Article 25
(method of decision-making)

- (1) Unless it adopts a resolution specifying otherwise, votes taken at the General Meeting shall be public.
- (2) The General Meeting shall decide by secret ballot on elections and dismissals before the end of a term of office that lie within the scope of its powers.

Article 26
(NZS Executive Committee)

- (1) The NZS Executive Committee is the executive body of the NZS and shall have 18 members. It shall comprise the NZS President, four NZS vice-presidents and 12 members, and one female member representing women's football.
- (2) The term of office of the NZS Executive Committee shall be four years. The term of office shall begin at the conclusion of the General Meeting at which the NZS President was elected and end at the

conclusion of the General Meeting involving elections and convened in the year in which the NZS President's term of office ends.

(3) The NZS President, the four NZS vice-presidents and the women's football representative shall be elected by the General Meeting.

(4) The Presidents of NZS members and the president of the ZNPL shall be members of the NZS Executive Committee by virtue of office.

(5) As a rule, members of the NZS Executive Committee shall chair committees in charge of specific areas of work of the NZS.

(6) If a member of the NZS Executive Committee who occupies their post by virtue of office (fourth paragraph of this article) is elected NZS President or NZS vice-president, that member's member organisation or association shall, pursuant to its own statutes, appoint a replacement member to the NZS Executive Committee for the remainder of the former member's term of office.

(7) Persons under 70 who have been active in football for at least three years and have not been finally convicted of a criminal offence may be elected President, vice-president or member of the NZS Executive Committee.

(8) The President, vice-presidents and women's football representative may not be elected to the NZS Executive Committee for more than three terms of office (regardless of whether they are consecutive or not), whereby any partial term of office shall not be counted as one of the three terms. The statutes of NZS members shall also limit the number of terms of office of NZS Executive Committee members by virtue of office to three terms.

(9) The chair and members of the NZS Executive Committee may not at the same time be delegates to the General Meeting, members of the NZS Supervisory Board, members of the NZS Arbitration Council or members of the bodies referred to in Articles 36 and 37 of these Statutes.

Article 27

(powers of the NZS Executive Committee)

The NZS Executive Committee shall have the power to:

- (a) implement resolutions of the General Meeting;
- (b) adopt rules, unless it is within the scope of the powers of the General Meeting to do so under these Statutes;
- (c) adopt resolutions within the scope of its powers;
- (d) determine the official signs and markings of the NZS;
- (e) prepare sessions of the General Meeting;
- (f) determine the ranking of elected NZS vice-presidents as proposed by the NZS President;
- (g) appoint and dismiss the NZS General Secretary;
- (h) appoint and dismiss chairs and members of bodies and committees, except those whom the General Meeting has the power to appoint or dismiss under these Statutes;
- (i) report to the General Meeting on its work;
- (j) propose the annual programme of work and annual financial plan of the NZS to the General Meeting;
- (k) propose the adoption of the annual report and closing accounts of the NZS to the General Meeting;

- (l) propose the awarding of the titles 'Honorary President of the NZS', 'Honorary Vice-President of the NZS' and 'Honorary Member of the NZS' to the General Meeting;
- (m) decide on the purchase and sale of real estate;
- (n) decide on the incorporation of companies in which the NZS is to be a member;
- (o) adopt the NZS operations and procurement policy;
- (p) appoint selectors of NZS national teams at the proposal of the NZS president;
- (q) adopt the calendar of competitions managed by the NZS and their rules of competition;
- (r) decide, in accordance with FIFA and UEFA rules, on the conditions for the playing of international matches in Slovenia;
- (s) set the level of match, referee, licence, appeals, registration and other fees related to membership and to competitions organised under the auspices of the NZS;
- (t) decide on the colour combinations of national teams' strips and equipment;
- (u) grant approval to the statutes of NZS members and of the ZNPL;
- (v) determine the compliance of NZS members' statutes with the NZS Statutes on the basis of written reports submitted by members;
- (w) discuss the programme and matters concerning women's football on at least an annual basis;
- (x) discuss the programme and matters concerning futsal on at least an annual basis;
- (y) decide on other NZS-related matters, except those for which powers are granted to the General Meeting or another NZS body under these Statutes; and
- (z) decide in cases of *force majeure* and on matters not covered by these Statutes.

Article 28

(decision-making of the NZS Executive Committee)

- (1) The NZS Executive Committee shall make decisions at meetings. The NZS Executive Committee shall be quorate if the majority of its members are present.
- (2) A resolution of the NZS Executive Committee shall be adopted if the majority of its members vote in favour.

Article 29

(convening and meetings of the NZS Executive Committee)

- (1) NZS Executive Committee meetings shall be convened and chaired by the NZS President.
- (2) The NZS Executive Committee shall meet at least six times a year.
- (3) Honorary presidents and vice-presidents of the NZS shall have the right to attend and be involved in discussions at the NZS Executive Committee, but shall not have the right to vote.

Article 30

(President and vice-presidents of the NZS)

- (1) The NZS shall have a President and four vice-presidents.
- (2) The President and the four vice-presidents of the NZS shall be elected and dismissed by the NZS General Meeting by secret ballot and in accordance with the rules on elections adopted by the NZS Executive Committee. All candidates shall be obliged to submit a programme of work with their candidacy.

(3) At the proposal of the NZS President, the NZS Executive Committee shall, at its first meeting after the election, issue a resolution determining which of the NZS vice-presidents of the NZS are to be the first, second, third and fourth vice-presidents.

(4) After the end of their term of office, the President and the vice-presidents referred to in the second paragraph of these Statutes shall continue to perform their tasks until a new President is elected.

(5) If the NZS President is prevented from performing their functions due to illness or for other reasons, those functions shall be performed by an NZS vice-president, in accordance with the ranking referred to in the third paragraph of this article.

(6) The President, vice-presidents or members of the NZS Executive Committee shall submit their resignation in writing.

Article 31

(powers of the President and vice-presidents)

(1) The President of the NZS shall:

(a) represent and present the NZS;

(b) chair the General Meeting;

(c) convene and chair meetings of the NZS Executive Committee and of the NZS Urgent Matters Committee;

(d) propose the ranking of NZS vice-presidents;

(e) propose the selectors of NZS national teams;

(f) appoint coaches and administrators of NZS national teams in accordance with the rules on national football teams adopted by the NZS Executive Committee;

(g) set the level of daily allowances, fees, bonuses or pay of selectors, players, coaches and administrators of NZS national teams within the annual NZS financial plan;

(h) oversee the enforcement of resolutions issued by the General Meeting and the NZS Executive Committee; and

(i) perform other tasks under these Statutes and under resolutions issued by the General Meeting and the NZS Executive Committee.

(2) If the President is absent, they will be substituted by the vice-president authorised by the President or, if no such authorisation could be granted, by a vice-president according to the ranking referred to in the fourth paragraph of the previous article.

(3) Vice-presidents shall be in charge of particular areas of work, namely:

(a) systemic and normative issues;

(b) international matters;

(c) competitions in Slovenian football leagues;

(d) cooperation with NZS members and stakeholders;

(e) youth and grassroots football;

(f) women's football; and

(g) infrastructure.

(4) The President shall allocate areas of work between the vice-presidents in writing, whereby each vice-president shall be in charge of no more than three of the areas referred to in the previous paragraph of this article.

(5) The President may delegate some of their powers to a vice-president in writing.

Article 32
(General Secretary of the NZS)

(1) The General Secretary shall be appointed by the NZS Executive Committee pursuant to a public invitation to apply and in accordance with the applicable legislation. Mutual relations shall be regulated by a contract approved by the NZS Executive Committee.

(2) The General Secretary shall meet at least the following conditions:

- (a) they have completed higher or university education;
- (b) they have an active knowledge of English; and
- (c) they are familiar with the organisation of sport internationally and in Slovenia.

(3) The NZS Executive Committee may determine additional conditions applying to the appointment of the General Secretary.

(4) The NZS General Secretary's contract shall be for a period of four years. The contract may be renewed after it expires.

(5) The General Secretary shall:

- (a) organise and manage the work of the administrative services of the NZS;
- (b) oversee the work of NZS bodies and committees;
- (c) oversee the financial operations of the NZS;
- (d) oversee the drafting of the annual financial reports;
- (e) represent the NZS;
- (f) organise and attend sessions and meetings of the General Meeting, the NZS Executive Committee and the Urgent Matters Committee;
- (g) oversee the implementation of decisions of the General Meeting, the NZS Executive Committee and the Urgent Matters Committee; and
- (h) perform other tasks under these Statutes and the resolutions issued by NZS bodies.

(6) The General Secretary shall be obliged to act in accordance with resolutions issued by the General Meeting, the NZS Executive Committee and the Urgent Matters Committee, and with instructions issued by the President.

Article 33
(NZS Urgent Matters Committee)

(1) The Urgent Matters Committee shall comprise the President and vice-presidents.

(2) The Urgent Matters Committee shall decide on urgent matters arising in the interval between two NZS Executive Committee meetings. Urgent matters shall be all matters within the competence of the NZS Executive Committee that require an immediate decision, in cases where a meeting of the NZS Executive committee cannot be convened on time.

(3) The Urgent Matters Committee shall adopt decisions by a majority vote of all members. The President shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.

(4) The NZS Executive Committee shall be informed of the decisions of the Urgent matter Committee at its next meeting. (5) The NZS Executive Committee shall be required to confirm all decisions taken by the Urgent Matters Committee.

Article 34
(NZS Supervisory Board)

- (1) The Supervisory Board shall comprise a chair, a vice-chair and three members, one of whom must be a woman.
- (2) Its term of office shall be four years.
- (3) The vice-chair shall be elected by the Supervisory Board from among its members at the first meeting.
- (4) The Supervisory Board shall:
 - a) supervise the NZS's financial operations and its handling of NZS assets;
 - b) monitor the purpose and rationale of the use of NZS funds;
 - c) supervise and ensure the lawfulness and correctness of the operations of NZS bodies;
 - d) supervise the implementation of resolutions issued by the NZS Executive Committee;
 - e) review and approve the annual report.
- (5) The Supervisory Board shall report to the General Meeting on its findings at least once a year.
- (6) A resolution of the Supervisory Board shall be adopted if the majority of its members vote in favour.
- (7) The organisational structure and methods of work of the Supervisory Board, the rights and obligations of its members and the supervision procedure shall be set out in the rules of procedure applying to the work of the Supervisory Board.
- (8) The chair and members of the NZS Supervisory Board may not at the same time be delegates to the General Meeting, members of the NZS Executive Committee, members of the Arbitration Council or members of the bodies referred to in Articles 36 and 37 of these Statutes.

Article 35
(NZS Arbitration Council)

- (1) The Arbitration Council shall comprise a chair, a vice-chair and three members, one of whom must be a woman.
- (2) Its term of office shall be four years.
- (3) The Arbitration Council shall elect the vice-chair from among its members at the first meeting.
- (4) The chair shall be substituted by the vice-chair where necessary.
- (5) The Arbitration Council shall decide as a panel of three members.
- (6) The panel shall be chaired by the chair, or by the vice-chair if the former is absent.

- (7) Other members of the panel shall be appointed by the chair of the Arbitration Council on a case-by-case basis, whereby all members shall participate equally.
- (8) The chair and members of the Arbitration Council may not at the same time be delegates to the General Meeting, members of the NZS Executive Committee, members of the Supervisory Board or members of the bodies referred to in Articles 36 and 37 of these Statutes.
- (9) The Arbitration Council shall be the body of final instance for:
 - (a) deciding on disputes between members of the NZS and between members of the NZS and the NZS arising from relations regulated by the instruments and regulations of the NZS;
 - (b) deciding on other matters if NZS regulations so determine.
- (10) Before the dispute is heard, the parties to the dispute shall attempt to resolve it through mediation or reconciliation.
- (11) Decisions of the Arbitration Council shall be final, except in the case of expulsions and suspensions of membership rights, for which the General Meeting shall be the final deciding body.

Article 36

(bodies that decide at first instance)

- (1) The following NZS bodies shall independently adopt decisions within their sphere of competence at first instance:
 - (a) head of competitions;
 - (b) registration committee;
 - (c) disciplinary judge;
 - (d) club licensing committee.
- (2) The head of competitions shall be responsible for deciding on matters covered by the NZS Rules of Competition and for appointing delegates. The head of competitions shall have one deputy.
- (3) The registration committee shall be responsible for deciding on matters covered by the NZS Rules on Player Registration and Status. The registration committee shall comprise a chair, a vice-chair and at least three members. The registration committee shall decide as a panel of three members. The chair of the committee shall determine the panel.
- (4) The disciplinary judge shall be responsible for deciding on matters covered by the NZS Disciplinary Rules, and by other rules when the Disciplinary Rules explicitly so provide. The disciplinary judge shall have a deputy.
- (5) The club licensing committee shall be responsible for deciding on matters covered by the Rules on the Licensing of Football Clubs. The licensing committee shall comprise a chair, a vice-chair and at least three members. The licensing committee shall decide as a panel of three members. The chair of the committee shall determine the panel.

Article 37
(appellate bodies)

- (1) Appeals against decisions of the bodies referred to in the previous article shall be decided at second instance by:
 - (a) the appeals committee in the cases referred to in points (a) to (c) of the first paragraph of the previous article; and
 - (b) the licensing committee for the appeals referred to in point (d) of the first paragraph of the previous article.
- (2) The appeals committee shall comprise a chair, a vice-chair and at least five members. The appeals committee shall decide as a panel of three members, except in cases where the NZS Disciplinary Rules provide that it should decide as a panel of five members. The chair of the committee shall determine the panel.
- (3) (3) The licensing appeals committee shall decide on appeals against decisions of the club licensing committee. The appeals committee shall comprise a chair, a vice-chair and at least five members. The licensing appeals committee shall decide as a panel of five members. The chair of the committee shall determine the panel.

Article 38
(consultative committees for particular areas)

- (1) The NZS consultative committees for particular areas shall be as follows:
 - (a) amateur and grassroots football committee;
 - (b) finance and marketing committee;
 - (c) futsal committee;
 - (d) youth committee;
 - (e) facilities and safety committee;
 - (f) laws of the game committee;
 - (g) regulations committee;
 - (h) awards committee;
 - (i) professional football committee;
 - (j) committee for referee-related matters;
 - (k) expert committee;
 - (l) training of professional personnel committee;
 - (m) health committee;
 - (n) women's football committee; and
 - (o) ethics, fair play, integrity and protection of football committee.
- (2) The amateur and grassroots football committee shall oversee the development and promotion of amateur and grassroots football.
- (3) The finance and marketing committee shall manage the marketing activities of the NZS and advise on the financial operations of the NZS.
- (4) The futsal committee shall oversee the development of futsal, draft proposals for competitions and deal with other matters related to futsal.

- (5) The youth committee shall oversee the development of youth football and other matters related to youth football.
- (6) The facilities and safety committee shall inspect and report on the adequacy of the infrastructure of football clubs, and draw up measures to ensure safety at football events.
- (7) The laws of the game committee shall ensure that changes to the laws of the game are translated and advise on the appropriate application of the laws of the game.
- (8) The regulations committee shall draft NZS regulations and opinions on interpretations of NZS regulations.
- (9) The awards committee shall draft proposals for awards and maintain records of awards given.
- (10) The professional football committee shall deal with all matters related to professional football in Slovenia.
- (11) The committee for referee-related matters shall assist in the training of referees, monitor the adequacy of referees' work, oversee the delegation of referees to competitions organised by the NZS and deal with all matters related to refereeing in football.
- (12) The expert committee shall participate in the selection and assessment of administrators for national teams, participate in the preparation of a calendar for national teams and deal with all matters related to the professional development of football in Slovenia.
- (13) The training of qualified personnel committee shall oversee the regular education and training of football officials and other professional staff in football.
- (14) The health committee shall oversee the field of preventive healthcare in football, organise the fight against doping in football and deal with all medical aspects of football.
- (15) The women's football committee shall oversee the development of women's football, draft proposals for competitions and deal with other matters related to women's football.
- (16) The ethics, fair play, integrity and protection of football committee shall encourage and promote adherence to the principles of fair play in football, draw up nominations for fair play awards, draft proposals for amendments to legislation relating to the scheduling of matches and improvements to the systemic arrangements for NZS mechanisms, and cooperate with prosecuting bodies and other experts in the fields of integrity of competitions and protection of the game of football.

Article 39

(composition, powers and term of office of bodies and committees)

- (1) The members of the bodies referred to in Articles 36 and 37 of these Statutes shall be appointed by the General Meeting in accordance with the NZS Rules on Elections.
- (2) The members of the consultative committees referred to in Article 38 of these Statutes shall be appointed by the NZS Executive Committee. The composition and powers of the consultative committees shall be set out in more detail in the NZS Executive Committee rules.

- (3) The term of office of bodies and committees shall be four years.
- (4) When appointing the members of the consultative committees referred to in Article 38 of these Statutes, the NZS Executive Committee shall, as a rule, pay due regard to the following:
 - (a) to proposals by the Slovenian Association of Football Referees (ZNSS) when appointments are to be made to the committee for referee-related matters;
 - (b) to proposals by the Slovenian Association of Football Coaches (ZNTS) when appointments are to be made to the expert committee;
 - (c) to proposals by women's football clubs and regional football associations when appointments are to be made to the women's football committee;
 - (d) to proposals by futsal clubs and regional football associations when appointments are to be made to the futsal committee;
 - (e) to proposals by representatives of professional football players and the Association of Slovenian First Division Clubs when appointments are to be made to the professional football committee;
 - (f) to proposals by NZS members when appointments are to be made to other committees.
- (5) Those eligible to make proposals as outlined in the previous paragraph may submit a new proposal if the NZS Executive Committee has disregarded a previous one.
- (6) The members of bodies deciding at first instance and of appellate bodies may only be members of the bodies referred to in Articles 36 or 37. They may not be delegates to the General Meeting or members of the NZS Executive Committee, the NZS Supervisory Board or the NZS Arbitration Council. Members of bodies that decide at first instance and members of appellate bodies may not be persons who, through ownership, administration, the performance of any function or in any other way exert direct or indirect influence or control over any football club in Slovenia.
- (7) Members of NZS consultative committees may not at the same time be employees of the NZS.
- (8) Persons aged under 70 who have not been finally convicted of a criminal offence may be elected as members of bodies and committees.
- (9) The chair and vice-chair of the registration committee and of appellate bodies are required to have a degree in law.
- (10) Members of bodies and committees shall meet the conditions applying to suitability, independence and professionalism set out by the NZS Executive Committee.

Article 40
(temporary committees)

- (1) The NZS Executive Committee may establish temporary committees.
- (2) The composition, powers and term of office of these temporary committees shall be specified in the decision on their establishment.

Article 41
(council of the NZS President)

- (1) In the exercise of their powers, the President may consult a council consisting of the vice-presidents and the General Secretary.
- (2) The presidents of the ZNSS and the ZNTS may also participate when the council discusses issues related to referees and coaches.
- (3) The President may invite other persons to participate in the council.

Article 42
(representation of the NZS)

The NZS shall be represented by the President (legal representative) and the General Secretary. The NZS President shall, subject to the agreement of the NZS Executive Committee, determine in writing the scope of the powers of representation granted to the General Secretary.

Article 43
(NZS administrative services)

- (1) Administrative services shall perform expert, organisational and administrative tasks in individual areas of work of the NZS.
- (2) The General Secretary shall be responsible for organising and managing an administrative service.

V. COMPETITIONS

Article 44
(NZS competitions)

- (1) The NZS shall determine and manage competitions at the national level, in particular league, cup and super cup competitions, in various categories of competition (for example, men's football, women's football, youth football, futsal and beach football). Competitions at regional football association level shall be managed by regional football associations.
- (2) The NZS Executive Committee may issue a resolution entrusting the management of a competition to one or more regional football associations.

Article 45
(duties of football clubs)

Football clubs shall, first and foremost, have a duty to:

- (a) contribute to the realisation of the objectives of the NZS;
- (b) elect their bodies freely and independently;
- (c) act in accordance with these Statutes and with other documents, instructions and decisions of the NZS, FIFA and UEFA;

- (d) participate in competitions and joint activities of the NZS;
- (e) comply with the laws of the game as set by IFAB or FIFA;
- (f) ensure that international friendly matches are organised in accordance with NZS, UEFA and FIFA rules;
- (g) recognise the jurisdiction of an independent and impartial arbitration body in accordance with these Statutes, and respect its decisions;
- (h) recognise the jurisdiction of the CAS and respect its decisions;
- (i) ensure, by means of provisions in their statutes, that any dispute concerning sports competition is first brought before the NZS, UEFA or FIFA for resolution;
- (j) ensure, by means of provisions in their statutes, that they uphold the principles of loyalty, integrity, sportsmanship and fair play;
- (l) have no sporting relations with unrecognised entities or with members whose membership rights have been suspended or members that have been expelled;
- (m) to notify the NZS and the regional football association of registration of any change to their statutes and other instruments, legal and statutory representatives and members of their bodies.

Article 46
(players)

- (1) The status and transfer of players shall be regulated by rules that accord with the applicable FIFA rules on the status and transfer of players.
- (2) Players shall be registered in accordance with the NZS Rules on Player Registration and Status.

Article 47
(leagues and the ZNPL)

- (1) A league is a competition of football clubs organised under the auspices of the NZS. Leagues organised under the auspices of a regional football association shall be also deemed to be leagues organised under the auspices of the NZS.
- (2) The ZNPL is an association of all clubs that have a team competing in the Slovenian First Division, and is subordinate to and recognised by the NZS.
- (3) The membership, statutes, regulations and work of the ZNPL shall comply with the NZS Statutes.
- (4) Any amendment to the statutes and regulations of the ZNPL shall be submitted in advance to the NZS Executive Committee for its approval.
- (5) The compliance of the statutes and regulations of the ZNPL shall be established by means of a decision issued by the NZS Executive Committee.
- (6) Referee-related and disciplinary matters, anti-doping, the licensing of football clubs and the registration and status of players shall be the exclusive domain of the NZS.
- (7) The ZNPL shall adhere to the statutes, rules, instructions and decisions of the NZS, UEFA and FIFA.
- (8) In the event of non-compliance with the NZS, UEFA or FIFA regulations, the ZNPL may be sanctioned in the same way as NZS members.

(9) The NZS Executive Committee shall adopt a resolution to the effect that the rights and obligations of the NZS in relation to the ZNPL (and vice versa) and the rights and obligations of the president of the ZNPL in the NZS Executive Committee shall be suspended if not all clubs competing in the Slovenian First Division are members of the ZNPL.

Article 48

(unrecognised membership and participation in competitions)

Football clubs and the ZNPL may not be members of another football association and may not participate in competitions organised in a territory covered by another football association without first obtaining the approval of the NZS, the other football association and FIFA, except in exceptional circumstances.

Article 49

(licensing of football clubs)

(1) A licence issued by the NZS shall be a precondition for the participation of football clubs in NZS and UEFA competitions.

(2) The conditions for obtaining a licence and the licensing process are defined in the NZS Rules on the Licensing of Football Clubs adopted by the NZS Executive Committee and approved by UEFA for competitions organised under its auspices.

Article 50

(prohibition of conflicts of interest)

(1) No natural person or legal entity, including related parties and subsidiaries, may, through ownership, administration, the performance of any function or in any other way, exert direct or indirect influence or control over more than one football club or its related parties if that would jeopardise the integrity of a match or competition.

(2) The NZS Executive Committee shall adopt the NZS Code of Integrity.

Article 51

(NZS national teams)

(1) Slovenian national football teams shall represent Slovenian football at home and abroad.

(2) The NZS shall oversee the formation and management of national teams.

(3) Players and officials shall respond to an invitation to join a national team in accordance with FIFA rules.

(4) Relations regarding national teams shall be regulated by the rules of the NZS Executive Committee.

Article 52

(disciplinary sanctions)

(1) Individuals and legal entities may be subject to the following disciplinary sanctions:

(a) caution;

- (b) reprimand;
- (c) fine;
- (d) removal of a title or award; and
- (e) revocation of a licence.

(2) Individuals may be further subject to the following disciplinary sanctions:

- (a) warning;
- (b) expulsion;
- (c) ban from competition;
- (d) ban on access to dressing rooms and/or official technical premises;
- (e) ban on entry to a stadium;
- (f) ban on participation in certain or all football-related activities; and
- (g) ban on registering for a new club.

(3) Legal entities may be further subject to the following disciplinary sanctions:

- (a) ban on transfer activities;
- (b) playing of matches behind closed doors;
- (c) playing of matches at a neutral ground;
- (d) ban on matches being played at a certain stadium;
- (e) annulment of a match result;
- (f) expulsion from a competition;
- (g) forfeiting of a match;
- (h) deduction of points;
- (i) relegation to a lower level of competition;
- (j) ban on promotion to a higher level of competition; and
- (k) the replaying of a match.

(4) The imposition of disciplinary sanctions and the process of imposing sanctions shall be regulated in detail in the disciplinary rules of the NZS adopted by the NZS Executive Committee.

VI. FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Article 53 *(assets of the NZS)*

(1) The assets of the NZS shall comprise cash and other assets obtained by the NZS from:

- (a) membership fees;
- (b) fees for managing competitions;
- (c) gifts and endowments;
- (d) donations;
- (e) contributions from UEFA and FIFA;
- (f) the allocation of media rights;
- (g) the allocation of sponsorship rights;
- (h) the allocation of licensing rights;
- (i) the allocation of advertising rights;
- (j) the sale of tickets to matches organised by the NZS;
- (k) dividends paid to companies in which the NZS holds a stake or shares;
- (l) public funds;
- (m) the performance of its own activities; and

(n) other sources.

(2) Assets shall also include real estate and movable property and tangible and intangible rights.

Article 54
(financial operations of the NZS)

(1) The NZS shall have assets at its disposal in accordance with its annual programme of work and annual financial plan for a financial year, which corresponds to the calendar year.

(2) The programme and the annual financial plan shall be adopted by the General Meeting.

(3) The General Meeting shall discuss and adopt the annual report and the closing accounts for the financial year on an annual basis.

(4) The annual report and the closing accounts shall contain the balance sheet and the income statement, with notes thereto, and the NZS business report.

(5) Any surplus of income over expenditure that the NZS generates through the direct performance of for-profit activities may only be used for achieving the purpose and objectives of the NZS as laid down in Article 5 of these Statutes.

(6) Financial and property operations shall be shown using the double-entry bookkeeping method in accordance with the applicable regulations and the Slovenian Accounting Standards.

(7) The NZS shall have one or more bank accounts.

(8) The financial plan shall earmark funds for youth football.

Article 55
(audit controls)

(1) The General Meeting shall issue a public invitation to tender to select an independent auditor to audit the financial operations of the NZS.

(2) The selected auditor shall serve for a period of three years, which may be extended.

(3) The auditor shall report to the General Meeting on its findings at least once a year.

Article 56
(public nature of work)

(1) The NZS shall inform the public of its work through:

- (a) official communications;
- (b) press conferences;
- (c) the NZS website;
- (d) invitations to meetings of NZS bodies;
- (e) the organisation of round tables;
- (f) the issuing of publications; and

(g) other means.

(2) The President and the General Secretary shall ensure that the work of the NZS is made public and that accurate information is provided.

Article 57
(winding-up of the NZS)

(1) The NZS shall be wound up if the number of members falls below two, or by a resolution of the General Meeting.

(2) If the NZS is wound up, all liabilities shall be settled.

(3) Any unspent public funds shall be returned to the national budget.

(4) Pursuant to a resolution of the General Meeting, the persons taking over the remaining assets shall be non-profit legal entities that are involved in football and have objectives similar to those of the NZS.

VII. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 58
(transitional provisions)

(1) The NZS Executive Committee shall align all rules and other instruments adopted pursuant to these Statutes with the provisions of the Statutes within six months of the adoption of or amendment to the Statutes.

(2) The statutes of NZS members shall be aligned with the NZS Statutes. If, despite being called upon to do so three times by the NZS Executive Committee, an NZS member fails to align its statutes by the deadline referred to in the previous paragraph of this article, the Executive Committee shall suspend that member's voting rights with immediate effect. The suspension of rights shall apply until the NZS member's statutes have been aligned with these Statutes and have come into force.

(3) The amendments to the Statutes of 25 April 2019 relating to the limitation of terms of office and new conditions for election to the NZS Executive Committee began to be applied in the 2020–2024 term of office.

(4) The amendments to the Statutes relating to the composition and operations of bodies and consultative committees shall come into force when new elections are held or a new term of office for bodies and committees commences. Upon commencement of a new term of office for bodies and consultative committees and of the validity of the provisions of these Statutes relating to the composition and operation of bodies that decide at first and second instance, the NZS Rules on Bodies that Decide at First and Second Instance shall cease to apply.

Article 59
(final provisions)

- (1) These Statutes shall come into force on the day they are adopted by the General Meeting.
- (2) The previous NZS Statutes shall cease to apply as of the day these Statutes come into force.

Brdo pri Kranju, 24 April 2023

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