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## ***Introduction***

We the Members and Administrators of football in Saint Lucia, in order to provide for our common good and welfare, to act as a co-operative body in the pursuit of all aspects of football, and generally to protect our interest, National, Regional, and International; have organized ourselves into a National Association. We do hereby establish this Constitution to govern ourselves and to form for professional and legal purposes the Constitution of the Saint Lucia Football Association.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

The terms given below denote the following:

SLFA:	Saint Lucia Football Association.
FIFA:	Federation Internationale de Football Association.
MEMBERS:	Legal or natural persons that have been admitted into the membership of the SLFA by Congress.
ASSOCIATION:	A football association recognized by, and a member of FIFA.
CLUB:	A Registered Club of Saint Lucia Football Association.
PLAYER:	A football player registered with an association.
DELEGATES:	Representatives selected by the members to represent their interest at Congress.
RESOURCE OFFICERS:	Professionals appointed to assist the Executive Committee in the development of SLFA.
SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEAGUE:	Educational institutions engaged in football competition. The Association/Committee, responsible for organizing and developing football at the school level.

HONORARY

MEMBER: An individual who has made an outstanding contribution to football and approved by Congress.

OFFICIALS: All Board Members, Committee Members, Coaches, Referees and Attendants as well as other people responsible for Technical, Medical and Administrative matters at FIFA, a Confederation, Association, League or Club.

CONGRESS: The Supreme Body of Saint Lucia Football Association.

EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE: The Executive Body of Saint Lucia Football Association.

ORDINARY COURTS: State Courts which hear public and private legal disputes.

ARBITRATIONS

TRIBUNAL: Private Court of justice acting instead of an Ordinary Court.

CFU: Caribbean Football Union

CONCACAF: Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association

STATE: Saint Lucia

HEADQUARTERS: The business office of the SLFA.

CONFEDERATION: A group of associations that belong to the same continent or similar geographic region and recognized by FIFA.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL: The game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

IFAB: International Football Association Board

CAS: Court of Arbitration for Sports (Tribunal Arbitral du Sport) in Lausanne Switzerland.

SLNOC: St. Lucia National Olympic Committee

Zone: The geographical area consisting of a minimum of four Leagues. St. Lucia will be divided into four zones.

Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice versa.

***Reference will be made to sections of this Constitution in the following manner;***

Article.....1, 2, 3...

Paragraph.....A, B, C....

Clause.....(a), (b), (c)...

Section..... 1), 2), 3)....

## **Chapter I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

This Constitution is the supreme law of the St. Lucia Football Association and shall be treated as such. Where any law of any member of the SLFA is in conflict with the Constitution of the SLFA, then the law of the member shall be considered null and void.

Where this Constitution is silent then the Statutes and Regulations of FIFA shall apply.

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### **ARTICLE 1    Name, Headquarters, Legal form**

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- A.    The Saint Lucia Football Association hereinafter referred to as the SLFA, is a private organization of an associative nature, in compliance with the legislation of the State of Saint Lucia and registered in Castries. It is formed for an unlimited period.
  
- B.    The Headquarters of the SLFA shall be at Castries, St. Lucia or at any other location as determined by Congress.
  
- C.    SLFA is a Member of CFU, CONCACAF and FIFA. The SLFA reserves the right to affiliate with any grouping or body which has similar objectives and follows the guidelines of the above organizations (FIFA, CONCACAF, and CFU).
  
- D.    Congress shall determine the Flag, Emblem and Logo of SLFA and these shall be legally registered.

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**ARTICLE 2     *Aims and Objectives of the SLFA***

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- A. To constantly improve the game of football and to promote, regulate and control it throughout the State in the light of fair play and its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through Youth and Development programmes;
- B. To unit all members and football administrators of football in Saint Lucia, regardless of sex, age, religion or political affiliation into a common association.
- C. To organize competitions in Association Football in all its forms at the national level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various members of which it is composed;
- D. To protect the interest of its Members;
- E. To respect and prevent any infringement of the constitution, regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA , CONCACAF, CFU and SLFA as well as the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are also respected by its Members;
- F. To prevent all methods or practices which might jeopardize the integrity of matches or competitions or give rise to abuse of Association Football;
- G. To control and supervise all SLFA authorized and friendly football matches of all forms played throughout the State;
- H. To manage international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;
- I. To host and organize competitions at regional and international levels;



- J. To regulate, control, and discipline the conduct of football in Saint Lucia, to draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement;
- K. To stimulate and develop a greater sense of public awareness, discipline, national pride, and public awareness of an interest in football among Saint Lucians;
- L. To raise funds by legitimate means for the purpose of the development of SLFA programmes.
- M. To do any and all other such things that are conducive, beneficial, with any other, as may be deemed necessary for the good and welfare of the development of Football.

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**ARTICLE 3    *Neutrality and non-discrimination***

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- A. SLFA is neutral in matters of politics and religion.
- B. Discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion, and politics or any other reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension, expulsion and the competent judicial body may impose further sanctions.

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**ARTICLE 4    *Players***

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- A. The status of Players and the provisions for their transfer shall be regulated by the Executive Committee of SLFA in accordance with the current FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of players.

B. Players shall be registered in accordance with the regulations of SLFA.

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**ARTICLE 5     *Laws of the Game***

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A. SLFA and each of its Members play Association Football in compliance with the Laws of the Game issued by IFAB. Only IFAB may lay down and alter the Laws of the Game.

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**ARTICLE 6     *Conduct of bodies and Officials***

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A. The Bodies and Officials of SLFA must observe the Statutes, Regulations, Directives, Decisions and the Code of Ethics of FIFA, of CONCACAF, of CFU and of SLFA (if applicable) in their activities.

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**ARTICLE 7     *Official languages***

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A. The official language of SLFA shall be English. Official documents and texts shall be written in this language. In the event of any divergence between the interpretations of texts in different languages, the text written in English, shall be regarded as authoritative.

B. The official language at Congress shall be English.

## Chapter II. MEMBERSHIP

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### ARTICLE 8    *Category of Membership*

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#### **A.    The SLFA shall consist of the following members:**

- (a)    Leagues
- (b)    St. Lucia Coaching Association
- (c)    School Football League

#### **B.    Criteria for Membership**

- (a)    An undertaking to conform to the Rules and Regulations and Constitution/Statutes of the SLFA, CFU, CONCACAF and FIFA,
- (b)    A declaration that it will comply with the laws of the games in force with the SLFA;
- (c)    A declaration that it recognizes the Court of Arbitration of the SLFA and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Laussane.
- (d)    A declaration that it undertakes to organize or participate in friendly matches only with the prior consent of the SLFA.
- (e)    A declaration of names of its officers and address for correspondence;
- (f)    Submission of its Constitution.
- (g)    Submission of the list of officers and address for correspondence;
- (h)    Submission of the member's officers who are authorized signatories with the right to enter legally binding agreement with third parties.
- (i)    Submission of the list of members of the applicant.
- (j)    The application fee prescribed by the SLFA;
- (k)    Evidence of regular Executive and General Meetings in accordance with the Constitution of the applicant.

- (l) The Applicant shall submit the form along with the documents and evidence to prove that it has met the criteria for membership.

### **C. Procedure for Application**

- (a) Applicant shall address a written request to this effect to the Secretariat.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall issue an application form to the Applicant to be completed.
- (c) The Applicant shall submit the form along with the documents and evidence to prove that it has met the criteria for membership.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall submit the application to Congress for approval.
- (e) The new member shall acquire membership rights and duties as soon as it has been admitted. Its delegates are eligible to vote and be elected with immediate effect.
- (f) All applications for membership must be submitted on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

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## **ARTICLE 9    *Membership Obligations***

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A. Members of the Association have the following obligations:

- (a) To comply fully with the Constitution, rules and regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CONCACAF, CFU and the SLFA at all times and to ensure that these are also respected by its members;

- (b) To ensure the election of its decision-making bodies on a regular basis;
- (c) To take part in competitions organized by the SLFA where applicable;
- (d) To pay their affiliation and registration fees;
- (e) To ensure that their own members comply with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, directives and decisions of the SLFA, CONCACAF and FIFA.
- (f) To respect the Laws of the Game and to ensure that these are respected by its members through statutory provisions.
- (g) To adopt a statutory clause specifying that any dispute requiring arbitration involving itself or one of its members and relating to the Constitution, Regulations, directives and decisions of FIFA, CONCACAF, CFU, SLFA or the League(s) shall come solely under the jurisdiction of the appropriate Arbitration Tribunal of FIFA, CONCACAF, CFU or SLFA and that any recourse to Ordinary Courts is prohibited;
- (h) To accept responsibility for all other duties arising from the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the SLFA;
- (i) To observe the principles of loyalty, integrity and good sporting behavior as an expression of fair play;
- (j) To communicate to the General Secretary of the SLFA any amendments of its Constitution as well as its list of officials or persons who are authorized signatories with the right to enter legally binding agreements with third parties.
- (k) To observe the mandatory items specified under **Article 8 Paragraph B** for the duration of their affiliation.
- (l) To administer a register of members that shall be regularly updated.
- (m) Not maintain any relations of a sporting nature with entities that are not recognized or with members that have been suspended or expelled.
- (n) To include a statutory provision in its Constitution that the SLFA's Disciplinary Committee shall serve as its final Appeals Committee.

- B. Violation of the above mentioned obligations by any Member of the Association may lead to sanctions provided for in this Constitution.

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**ARTICLE 10 *Members' Rights***

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- A. Members of the Association shall have the following rights.

- (d) To draw up proposals for inclusion in the Agenda of Congress;
- (e) To nominate candidates through their representatives for elections to SLFA office
- (f) To participate in competitions and developmental programmes organized by the SLFA;
- (g) To benefit from SLFA assistance and developmental programmes;
- (h) To take part in Congress
- (i) To be informed of the business of the SLFA through official bodies.
- (j) To exercise all other rights from the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the SLFA.

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**Article 11 Leagues**

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- A. A League shall be a grouping of bona fide clubs within a specific geographic area.
- B. A League shall contain a minimum of six clubs;
- C. A League shall possess a written constitution approved by the Executive Committee of the SLFA;
- D. A League shall provide evidence of its holding its own Congress or General Meeting;

- E. Where a League applies for membership it must guarantee that its establishment and acceptance does not affect an existing Member of the SLFA.
- F. Where a League applies for membership it shall show evidence of being in existence for the four consecutive preceding years.
- G. Notwithstanding Article 11 Paragraph F, Congress may in exceptional circumstances allow a League, which is less than four years old, to participate in activities organized or authorized by the SLFA. Such participation shall not be extended to voting at Congress or Extra Ordinary Congress.

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**Article 12      *Suspension***

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- A. Congress is responsible for and confirms the suspension of a Member. The Executive Committee may, however, suspend a Member that seriously violates its obligations as a Member with immediate effect. The suspension shall last until the next Congress, unless the Executive Committee has lifted it in the meantime.
- B. A suspension shall be confirmed at the next Congress by 75% of the votes taken. If it is not confirmed, the suspension is automatically lifted. Where a member has been suspended the representation of the member is compromised, ie by virtue of his affiliation.
- C. A suspended Member shall lose its membership rights. Other Members may not entertain sporting contact with a suspended Member. The Disciplinary Committee may impose further sanctions.
- D. Members that do not participate in the sporting activities of SLFA for two consecutive years shall be suspended from voting at Congress and their

representatives shall not be elected or appointed until they have fulfilled their obligations in this respect.

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**ARTICLE 13 *Expulsion***

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- A. Congress may expel a Member if:
- (k) it fails to fulfill its financial obligations towards SLFA;
  - (l) it seriously violates the Constitution, regulations, directives or decisions of FIFA, CONCACAF, CFU and SLFA;
  - (m) Or brings the Association into disrepute
- B. The presence of an absolute majority (50% + 1) of Members entitled to vote at Congress is necessary for an expulsion to be valid, and the motion for expulsion must be adopted by a three-quarter (3/4) majority of the valid votes cast.

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**ARTICLE 14 *Withdrawal***

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- A. A Member may withdraw from SLFA with effect from the end of any calendar year. Notice of resignation must reach the General Secretary no later than six (6) months before the end of the calendar year.
- B. The withdrawal is not valid until the Member wishing to resign has fulfilled its financial obligations and otherwise towards SLFA and the other Members of SLFA.



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**ARTICLE 15      Status of Leagues, Councils and other groups of Clubs**

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- A. Leagues, Regional Councils or other groups of Clubs affiliated to the SLFA shall be subordinate to and recognized by the SLFA. This Constitution defines the scope of authority and the rights and duties of the leagues and groups. Their Constitution and Regulations must be approved by the Executive Committee of the SLFA.
  
- B. The affiliated groups of the SLFA shall take all decisions on any matter regarding their membership independently of any external body. This obligation applies regardless of their corporate structure.
  
- C. In any case, no natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) shall exercise control over more than one member or group whenever the integrity of any match or competition could be jeopardize.

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**ARTICLE 16      Honorary Members**

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- A. Congress may bestow the title of Honorary Member upon a person for meritorious service to football.
  
- B. The Executive Committee shall recommend to Congress persons deserving of such a title of Honorary Member.
  
- C. The Honorary member may take part in Congress. They may join the debate but are not entitled to vote.
  
- D. An Honorary Member shall agree to conform at all times to the Constitution, Policies and decisions of the SLFA.

## **CHAPTER III ORGANIZATION**

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### **ARTICLE 17 Bodies of the SLFA**

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A. The bodies of the SLFA are:

- (a) Congress which is the supreme and legislative body;
- (b) The Executive Committee which is the executive body;
- (c) Standing Committees and Ad hoc Committees serve to advise and assist the Executive Committee with its duties and their duties. The Composition and function are defined in Constitution and or special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee;
- (d) General Secretariat which is the administrative body;
- (e) The Judicial bodies are the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee;

B. The bodies of SLFA shall be either elected or appointed by the SLFA itself, without any external influence in accordance with the procedures described in this Constitution.

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### **ARTICLE 18 Ordinary Congress**

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A. Delegates and Votes

- (a) Ordinary Congress is composed of delegates representing the members.

- (b) Delegates must belong to the Member that they represent and be appointed or elected by the appropriate body of that member. They must also be able to produce evidence of this upon request.
- (c) The President shall conduct Ordinary Congress business in compliance with the Standing Orders of Ordinary Congress.
- (d) All members are entitled to have two delegates at Congress
- (e) Each member is entitled to one (1) vote in Congress. Only the delegates present are entitled to vote. Voting by proxy or by letter is not permitted.
- (f) The Executive Committee and the General Secretary shall take part in Ordinary Congress without voting rights.
- (g) During their terms of office, members of the Executive Committee and the General Secretary may not be appointed as delegates for members of the association.
- (h) The membership shall be informed of the date and venue of Congress at least 60 days before Ordinary Congress.
- (i) Ordinary Congress shall be held every year in the month of February, but no later than sixty (60) days after it is constitutionally due.
- (j) All Ordinary Congress documents including the Agenda, The Last Ordinary Congress Minutes, Activity Report, The Financial Statement, the Auditors' Report and any other relevant document shall be forwarded to the members at least 21 days before the scheduled date of Congress.

- (k) Ordinary Congress may appoint observers who take part in Ordinary Congress without the right to debate and or to vote.
- (l) A Congress may be, an Ordinary Congress or an Extra-Ordinary Congress;
- (m) The General Secretary shall draw up the agenda based on proposals from the Executive committee and the Members. Any proposal that a Member wishes to submit to Ordinary Congress shall be sent to the general secretariat in writing, with a brief explanation, at least 45 days before the date of Ordinary Congress.

B. Ordinary Congress agenda shall include the following mandatory items:

- (a) Declaration that Ordinary Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Constitution of SLFA;
- (b) Approval of the agenda;
- (c) Address by the President;
- (d) Appointment of Members to check the minutes;
- (e) Appointment of scrutinizers;
- (f) Suspension or expulsion of Members (if applicable)
- (g) Approval of the minutes of the preceding Congress;
- (h) Activity report (containing the activities since the last Ordinary Congress);
- (i) Presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and loss statement;
- (j) Approval of the financial statements;
- (k) Approval of the budget;
- (l) Approval of the Programme
- (m) Admission for membership (if applicable);

- (n) Votes on proposals for amendments to the Constitution, the regulations governing the application of the Constitution and the standing orders of Congress (if applicable);
  - (o) Discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Executive Committee;
  - (p) Appointment of independent auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
  - (q) Dismissal of a person or a body (if applicable);
  - (r) Election of the Executive Committee and Trustees (if applicable);
  - (s) Any further items proposed by the Members or the Executive Committee of SLFA.
- C. The agenda of an Ordinary Congress may be altered provided that a simple majority of **50% +1 of the total number of members** present at the Ordinary Congress agrees to such a motion.
- D. Ordinary Congress shall not make a decision on any point not included in the agenda.
- E. The Executive Committee shall convene an Ordinary Congress during the month of August or not later than 14 days after the last day of August every year. This Ordinary Congress shall be for the purpose of reviewing the work of the SLFA over the preceding six month and to allow Members to receive updates.

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## **ARICLE 19 Extraordinary Congress**

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- A. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress at any time.
- B. The Executive Committee shall convene an Extraordinary Congress if one third of the Members of SLFA make such a request in writing. The request shall specify the items for the agenda. An Extraordinary Congress shall be held within three months

of receipt of the request. If an Extraordinary Congress is not convened, the Members who requested it may convene an Extraordinary Congress themselves. As a last resort, the Members may request assistance from FIFA.

- C. The Members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda at least fourteen (14) days before the date of an Extraordinary Congress.
- D. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, it must draw up the agenda. When an Extraordinary Congress is convened upon the request of Members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those Members.
- E. The quorum for an Extra-Ordinary Congress shall be fifty percent plus one of the membership of the SLFA.
- F. The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress shall not be altered.

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**ARTICLE 20 Amendments to the Constitution, regulations governing the application of the Constitution and the Standing Orders of Congress**

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- A. Ordinary Congress is responsible for amending the Constitution, the Regulations governing the application of the Constitution and the Standing Orders of Congress.
- B. Any proposal for an amendment to the Constitution must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretariat by a Member, or by the Executive Committee. A proposal submitted by a Member is valid, provided it has been supported in writing by at least two (2) other members.
- C. For a vote on an amendment to the constitution to be valid, an absolute majority (50% + 1) of the Members eligible to vote must be present.

- D. A proposal for an amendment to the Constitution shall be adopted only if 75% (or three quarters) of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.
  
- E. Any proposal to amend the regulations governing the application of the Constitution and the Standing Orders of Congress must be submitted in writing with a brief explanation to the General Secretary by a Member or by the Executive Committee.
  
- F. A proposal for an amendment to the Standing Orders of Congress shall be adopted only if a simple majority (50% + 1) of the Members present and eligible to vote agree to it.

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**ARTICLE 21 Minutes**

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- A. The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the Ordinary and Extra-Ordinary Congress. The minutes shall be checked by those Members designated and finally approved at the next Congress.

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**ARTICLE 22 Effective dates of decisions**

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- A. Decisions passed by Ordinary Congress shall come into effect for the Members thirty (30) days after the close of Ordinary Congress, unless Ordinary Congress fixes another date for a decision to take effect.

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## Article 23 Quorum

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- A. Decisions passed by Congress shall only be valid if the absolute majority (50%+1) of the members who are entitled to vote are present.
- B. The business of Congress shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders of the SLFA.
- C. Where a quorum has not been attained at the stipulated time, a grace period of one hour from the stipulated time of the meeting is granted. Upon failing to gain a quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date no later than fifteen (15) days from the date of the previous meeting and the change to be advertised according to procedure as stipulated in the Constitution. Notwithstanding Article 22 Paragraph A if at the rescheduled Congress, a quorum is not present within half an hour of the appointed time; those present shall constitute a quorum and the decisions taken shall be valid.
- D. Where a quorum has not been attained within one hour for an Extra- Ordinary Congress requested by the members, Congress shall be dissolved and the grounds on which such a Congress was requested will not be entertained within the next 12 months subsequent to the date of the Extra-Ordinary Congress.
- E. If the President nor the Vice Presidents are in attendance at the appointed time to chair a Congress, the members present shall among themselves elect a chairman whose to preside over the respective Congress meeting.



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**ARTICLE 24 Elections**

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- A. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- B. For a person to be elected, an absolute majority (50% plus 1) of the votes recorded and valid is necessary in the first ballot. In the second and any other requisite ballot, a simple majority of the votes recorded is sufficient.
- C. If there are more than two candidates for an available position the candidate that obtains the lowest number of votes is eliminated from the second ballot until only two candidates are left.
- D. All nominations for the positions of President, Vice President and trustees shall be made at Congress.
- E. Only delegates of the Association shall be allowed to make or second nominations.
- F. The President shall be elected for a maximum of two (2) Terms

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**ARTICLE 25 Areas of Authority**

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- A. The Ordinary Congress is the supreme authority and legislative body of the SLFA.
- B. Ordinary Congress has the following authority:
  - (a) adopting or amending the Constitution, and the Standing Orders of Congress;
  - (b) appointing three (3) Members to verify the minutes and approving the minutes of the last meeting;
  - (c) electing President and the Vice Presidents and the Trustees;
  - (d) approving the financial statements;
  - (e) approving the programme and budget;
  - (f) approving the Activity report;

- (g) appointing the independent auditors upon the recommendation of Executive Committee;
- (h) fixing the membership subscriptions;
- (i) deciding upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, whether to bestow the title of honorary President or honorary member;
- (j) admitting, suspending or expelling a Member;
- (k) revoking the mandate of one or a number of members of a body of SLFA;
- (l) dissolving SLFA;
- (m) passing decisions at the request of a Member in accordance with this Constitution;
- (n) Only Congress can authorize the borrowing of unsecure funds/monies in excess of **Fifty thousand Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$ 50,000.00)** on behalf of, and solely for the SLFA.
- (o) Congress is empowered to grant permission to dispense SLFA property.
- (p) Shall elect the President and Vice Presidents of the SLFA.

C. Unless otherwise stipulated in the Constitution, a simple majority of the Members entitled to vote is sufficient for a vote to be valid. The number of valid votes counted shall decide the majority. Spoiled or blank voting slips or any other forms of abstentions are disregarded in calculating the majority.

D. A decision that requires a vote other than elections shall be reached by a show of hands. If a show of hands does not result in a clear majority in favour of a motion, the vote shall be taken by calling the roll in alphabetical order.

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**ARTICLE 26** *Executive Committee*

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- A. The Executive Committee shall comprise the following;
- (a) President
  - (b) First Vice President
  - (c) Second Vice President
  - (d) Four Zonal Members
- B. The President, First Vice President and Second Vice President of the Executive Committee shall be elected by Congress, and shall be subject to any provisions, hold office for a period of four (4) years, or until their retirement, removal, expulsion, or resignation, whichever is sooner. No resignation or expulsion of a member may release this member from his financial obligations towards SLFA and its Members.
- C. If a position in the Executive committee should become vacant the Executive Committee shall fill such a vacancy until the next Ordinary Congress when a replacement will be elected to complete the term.
- D. Any person residing in Saint Lucia, including a member of the Member or an outgoing officer of the National Executive shall be eligible for election as an officer of the Executive Committee.
- E. Members of the Executive Committee shall not serve on the Executive Committee for more than two consecutive terms in the same position.
- F. The four Zonal Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected or appointed by the Zones. The duties and responsibilities of these Zonal Members are contained in the Special Regulations governing the Zones. Such members shall serve for a period of four years or until their retirement, removal, expulsion, or resignation,

whichever is sooner. No resignation or expulsion of a member may release this member from his financial obligations towards SLFA and its Members. All Zonal Members may be re-elected or reappointed to serve on the Executive Committee.

- G. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per month, 50%+1 of members shall be necessary for a quorum. At least two of the members present shall be members elected by Congress.
- H. If a member of the Executive Committee is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings of the executive without excuse acceptable to the Executive, the Officer shall automatically be removed from his office, and his office shall be declared vacant.
- I. Not more than one member from the same Member shall be elected by Congress to serve on the Executive Committee.
- J. The President shall compile the Agenda. Each member of the Executive Committee is entitled to propose items for inclusion in the agenda. The members of the Executive Committee must submit the point they wish to be included in the agenda for the meeting to the General Secretariat at least 14 days before the meeting. The agenda must be sent out to the members of the Executive Committee at least 7 days before the meeting.
- K. The General Secretary shall take part in the meetings of the Executive Committee in a consultative role.
- L. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall not be held in public. The Executive Committee may, however, invite third parties to attend. Those third parties shall not have voting rights, and may only express an opinion with the permission of the Executive Committee.

- M. A member of the Executive Committee shall not at any time during his tenure as an Executive Committee member be a delegate for any member of the SLFA or a member of a judicial body.
- N. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be arrived at by a simple majority of members present.

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## **ARTICLE 27 Powers of the Executive Committee**

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A. The Executive Committee:

- (a) Shall pass decisions on all matters that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of Congress or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under the Constitution;
- (b) Shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary Congress of SLFA;
- (c) Shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the standing committees;
- (d) May decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time;
- (e) Shall compile the regulations of the standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
- (f) Shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President;
- (g) Shall propose the independent auditors to Congress;
- (h) Shall decide the places and dates for, and the number of members participating in the competitions of SLFA;
- (i) Shall appoint the coaches, managers and other technical staff for the representative teams;

- (j) Shall approve regulations stipulating how SLFA shall be organized internally;
- (k) Shall ensure that the Constitution is applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;
- (l) Shall pass Rules and Regulations for all SLFA Competitions.
- (m) The Executive may suspend a member provisionally until the next Congress; Congress may ratify the suspension;
- (n) May delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of SLFA or third parties.
- (o) Shall appoint the chairperson, deputy chairperson and members of the judicial bodies.
- (p) May appoint not more than two (2) professionals as Resource Officers on the Executive Committee. Those persons shall not have voting rights.
- (q) May dismiss a person or body or suspend a member of the SLFA provisionally until the next Ordinary Congress.
- (r) Shall appoint the Emergency Committee.

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**ARTICLE 28 *Duties of Members of the Executive Committee***

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A. President shall:

- (a) Be the Chief Executive of the SLFA
- (b) Preside over Congress, Executive Committee and Emergency Committee meetings and those Committees of which he has been appointed chairperson.
- (c) Have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and whenever votes are equal shall have a casting vote.

- (d) Sign the minutes of every meeting of which he presided over at the time they are confirmed.
- (e) Represent the SLFA in all legal matters and is authorized to sign legal documents on behalf of the association.
- (f) Supervise the General Secretariat.
- (g) Propose the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary.
- (h) Be a signatory to all accounts and endorse all expenditure of the SLFA.
- (i) At the First Executive meeting after Congress assign specific areas of responsibility to Executive Members.
- (j) Approve all official releases of the SLFA to the public, the Press, and Members of the SLFA.
- (k) Be responsible for:
  - (a) Implementing the decisions of Congress and Executive Committee through the General Secretariat.
  - (b) Relations between SLFA and its members, FIFA, Confederations, political bodies and other international organizations

B. Any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organization regulations of the SLFA.

**C. . First Vice President shall:**

- (a) Assist the President generally. In the absence of the President, the First Vice President shall perform his duties.
- (b) In the event of a vacancy arising in the office of the President, assume the duties and authority of the President.

**D. Second Vice President shall:**

- A. Act as President or first Vice President in their absence and shall otherwise assist them.
- (b) In the event that the office of both President and first Vice President become vacant; assume the duties and authority of the President.
- (c) In the event that the office of first Vice President becomes vacant assume the duties and authority of the First Vice President.

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**ARTICLE 28 Emergency Committee**

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- A. At the first meeting the Executive Committee shall appoint from among itself an Emergency Committee comprising of the President, 1st Vice President and two Zonal Members of the Executive Committee.
- B. The Emergency Committee shall meet between Executive Committee meetings and shall deal with matters that require urgent and immediate attention.
- C. The Emergency Committee shall serve for a period of four years
- D. The decisions of the Emergency Committee shall have immediate legal effect but must be ratified by the next meeting of the Executive Committee.



- E. The President shall notify the other members of the Executive Committee immediately of the decisions taken by the Emergency Committee.
- F. The President shall chair all meeting of the Emergency Committee. In the absence of the President, the 1st Vice President shall chair the meetings of the Committee.

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**ARTICLE 29 Dismissal of a Person or Body**

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- A. Congress is the authority to dismiss a person or body. The Executive may place the dismissal of a person or body on the Agenda of Congress. The Executive Committee may also dismiss a person or body provisionally. A person or body dismissed provisionally must be relieved of his/its duties with immediate effect.
- B. Any Executive Committee member may submit a proposal to place a motion for dismissal on the agenda of the Executive Committee or Congress.
- C. The motion for dismissal must be justified and shall be sent to the members of the SLFA along with the Agenda.
- D. A decision for dismissal shall be taken by secret ballot and shall require a 2/3 majority of members present.
- E. A person or body has the right to speak in his/its own defense.

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**ARTICLE 30 *Standing Committee***

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A. The standing committees shall be:

- (a) The Finance Committee
- (b) The Referees Committee
- (c) The Training, Coaching, and Selection Committee
- (d) The Grounds Committee
- (e) Member Monitoring Committee
- (f) Women's Football Committee
- (g) Youth Development Committee
- (h) Player Status Committee
- (i) Internal Audit Committee
- (j) The Club Monitoring Committee

B. The Chairman and members of the standing committees shall be appointed for a two year term of office by the Executive Committee.

C. The chairman of each committee shall represent the committee, see that its business is properly conducted, fix the date of the meetings and report to the Executive Committee on its work.

D. Every decision of a committee shall require the concurrence of a majority of its members.

E. With the exception of the Internal Audit Committee, all Standing Committees shall be chaired in principle by a member of the Executive Committee.

F. At the first meeting of a Standing Committee a Deputy Chairman shall be elected from among its members.

G. The quorum for all standing committees shall be 50% of its membership. The quorum of the internal Audit Committee shall be two members.

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**ARTICLE 31 The Finance Committee**

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A. The Finance Committee shall:

- (a) Consist of a chairman and five other members;
- (b) Control the financial administration of the SLFA;
- (c) Monitor the financial management of the SLFA;
- (d) Advise the executive committee on the financial matters and asset management;
- (e) Analyze the SLFA's budget and the financial statements prepared by the general secretary and submit them to the executive committee for approval;
- (f) Prepare the programme and budget of the SLFA;
- (g) Supervise the financial account of all standing committees, authorize payment after verification by the general secretary;
- (h) Be responsible for organizing ways and means of increasing the SLFA finances through fund raising activities, or through the procurement of sponsorship, gifts, and donations to the SLFA, or business ventures.

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**ARTICLE 32 The Referees Committee:**

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- A. The Referees Committee shall:
- (a) Be comprised of a chairman and five members. The chairman shall be a member of the executive committee.
  - (b) Not be comprised of active referees, and referee assistants;
  - (c) Disseminate the laws of the game, its interpretation, and of any alteration made thereto;
  - (d) Give decisions regarding the application of the laws of the game;
  - (e) Compile a list of referees qualified to control SLFA matches;
  - (f) Nominate candidates for the international list who are eligible to officiate at international matches according to FIFA regulations governing the registration of international referees, assistant referees, futsal referees and beach soccer referees on FIFA's list.
  - (g) Comply with standard refereeing methods as established by FIFA to ensure uniformity in the application of the laws of the game.
  - (h) Organize courses for new referees, qualified referees and referee assistants, women referees and for those responsible for the education and preparation of referees in the St. Lucia;
  - (i) Classify the referees in each category on their basis of their performance in selected matches and propose promotions and demotions.
  - (j) Utilize uniform criteria for the assessment of referees as established by FIFA.
  - (k) Develop a group of trainers who will be responsible for organizing workshops, from time to time, and according to the necessities, take part in courses and reunions organized by the referees committee;

- (l) Collect memoranda, books, booklets, films and other such aids for use at courses and make them available to members of the association and referees;
- (m) Appoint the referees and assistant to competitions organized or authorized by the SLFA.
- (n) Approve the referee instructor and assessor panel
- (o) Approve the administrative regulations governing refereeing.

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**ARTICLE 33 Training Coaching and Selection Committee**

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A. The Training, Coaching and Selection Committee shall:

- (a) Comprise a chairperson and six other members;
- (b) Organize the selection of all national teams;
- (c) Supervise the training of national teams;
- (d) Arrange courses and conferences aimed improving the qualification of trainers, coaches, and instructors;
- (e) Prepare, publish or disseminate documents relating to teaching and training techniques for footballers and coaches;
- (f) Supervise the activities of all technical staff assigned to the national team;

- (g) Prepare the budget for all national teams in consultation with the staff of those teams and the treasurer;
- (h) Analyze and develop strategic plans for football development.

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**ARTICLE 34 The Grounds Committee**

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A. The Grounds Committee shall:

- (a) Consist of a Chairman and five other members;
- (b) Supervise the preparation of playing fields for matches under the auspices of the SLFA;
- (c) Work towards the improvement of playing fields under the control of the SLFA and its Members;
- (d) Ensure all playing field measurements are accurate and meet International Standards.

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**ARTICLE 35 The Member Monitoring Committee**

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A. The Member Monitoring Committee shall:

- (a) Consist of a Chairman and five other members
- (b) Assist Members in working towards the improvement and maintenance of the conditions for membership;

- (c) Monitor Members of the Association to ensure that they meet and maintain the criteria for membership;
- (d) Assist Members of the Association on matters relating to the strengthening of their structures;
- (e) Recommend to the Executive Committee the course of action that should be taken against members of the Association who fail to meet or maintain membership criteria;
- (f) Review and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on ways of improving membership criteria.

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**ARTICLE 36 The Women's Football Committee**

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**A. The Women's Football Committee shall:**

- (a) Consist of a Chairman and five other members plus one representative from each zone.
- (b) Deal with all matters regarding women's football;
- (c) Propose to the Executive Committee any measures deemed necessary to promote the development of women's football;
- (d) Organize women's football competitions and prepare and publish an official report on every competition it organizes;
- (e) Monitor the performance of women footballers at educational establishments on and off the island;

- (f) Assist the Public Relations Committee or Marketing Officer with creating and/or maintaining a “branding” of the Women’s Football product;
- (g) Assist with marketing and promoting the Women’s Football product;

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**ARTICLE 37 Youth Development Committee**

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**A. Youth Development Committee shall:**

- (a) Consist of a Chairman and six other members;
- (b) Oversee programmes aimed at increasing the participation of youth from ages 3 to 25, in football;
- (c) Propose to the Executive Committee any measures deemed necessary to promote the development of Youth football;
- (d) Organize Youth football competitions and prepare and publish an official report on every competition it organizes;
- (e) Monitor the performance of Youth Footballers at educational establishments;
- (f) Explore options to access educational opportunities for Youth footballers;
- (g) Assist with marketing and promoting Youth Football.



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**ARTICLE 38 Player Status Committee**

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**A. Player Status Committee shall**

- (a) Consist of a chairman and five other members.
- (b) Set up and monitor compliance with transfer regulations in accordance with the FIFA regulations for the status and transfer of players and determine the status of players for various competitions of the SLFA.
- (c) The executive committee may draw up special regulations governing the players' status committee powers or jurisdiction.
- (d) Players' status disputes involving the SLFA, its members, players, officials and match and players' agents shall be settled by an arbitration tribunal in accordance with this constitution

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**ARTICLE 39 Internal Audit Committee**

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**A. Internal Audit Committee shall**

- (a) Ensure the completeness and reliability of the financial accounting and review the external auditors report at the request of the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall comprise a Chairman and two other members. At least one of the members shall be a Trustee of the SLFA.

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**ARTICLE 40 Trustees**

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- A. Two trustees shall be elected by Congress and shall serve for a period of three years.
- B. In the event that a trustee is unable to complete his tenure, the National Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy within fourteen days of the position becoming vacant. At the next Congress the position shall be filled through an election.
- C. The trustee shall have the following responsibilities;
  - (a) Satisfy himself that all monies that have been accepted by, for or on behalf of the SLFA are properly received and or accounted for;
  - (b) Satisfy himself that all expenditure of the SLFA have been properly disbursed for the purpose for which they were appropriated and that the expenditure conforms to the authority that governs it.
  - (c) Shall be a joint signatory to all accounts of the SLFA.
  - (d) Have access to all books, records, returns, reports and other documents which in his opinion relate to the finance of the SLFA.
  - (e) Receive from Congress, in the event of dissolution of the SLFA, all funds and assets solely for the purpose of safekeeping.
  - (f) Have a fiduciary obligation to report to Congress matters of concern as it relates to the finances of the SLFA. Such reports shall be written reports which shall be submitted through the Executive Committee.

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#### **ARTICLE 41 Ad Hoc Committees**

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- A. The Executive Committee may if necessary create ad-hoc committees for special duties sand a limited period of time. The Executive shall appoint the chairman, Deputy Chairman and members.
- B. The duties and functions of the Ad hoc committees are defined in special regulations drawn up by the Executive Committee.
- C. Ad hoc committees shall report directly to the Executive Committee.

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**ARTICLE 42 General Secretariat**

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A. The General Secretariat shall carry out the administrative work of the SLFA under the direction of the General Secretary. The members of the General Secretariat are bound by the internal organizational regulations of the SLFA and shall fulfill the given tasks in the best manner.

**B The General Secretary shall:**

- (a) Organize the general secretariat
- (b) Be responsible for:
  - 1) minutes of Congress, and the National Executive
  - 2) arrange meeting places
  - 3) attend to the correspondence of the SLFA.
- (c) Keep records of all matches and fixtures of the SLFA
- (d) Serve as the link between the Executive Committee, the Standing Committees and the Members;
- (e) May appoint or dismiss administrative staff.
- (f) Superintend the general administration of the SLFA according to the regulations of the SLFA;
- (g) Attend Executive Committee meetings but shall not have voting rights and shall carry out the instructions of the Executive Committee;

- (h) Keep and preserve proper and up-to-date records of membership, finance, correspondence, and other documents of the SLFA;
- (i) Accept application for membership/affiliation;
- (j) Be responsible for the preparation and notification of all meetings in consultation with the President, he shall also forward to all Members a copy of the confirmed minutes of each business meeting of the SLFA;
- (k) Liaise with Local, Regional and International Organizations as directed by the decision making bodies of the SLFA;
- (l) Be provided with petty cash in the sum to be directed by the National Executive Committee and maintain an income and expenditure account for petty cash transaction;
- (m) Be responsible for the preparation of the agenda for all meetings in consultation with the President, and be responsible for its circulation;
- (n) Be responsible for the maintaining a register of the name and address of Members;
- (o) Generally assist in the management of the SLFA;
- (p) Be a full time paid staff of the SLFA;
- (q) Keep the official minutes of all the meetings of the SLFA;
- (r) Be the Chief Executive of the Administrative Secretariat;

- (s) Be appointed on a fixed term agreement;
- (t) Supervise the management accounts of the SLFA;
- (u) Assist in the preparation of the budget and financial statements
- (v) Produce the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee, Congress, Emergency Committee as well as the Standing Committees and the Ad Hoc Committees.
- (w) Shall employ administrative staff with the consent or authority of the Executive Committee;
- (x) Perform from time to time, such other duties as defined by Congress, or Executive Committee;
- (y) Record all financial transactions entered into by him in his capacity as General Secretary
- (z) Prepare and present to the SLFA at its Annual Congress, a statement of accounts and balance sheet of the SLFA business to the end of the financial year. Such account and balance sheet shall be examined and certified by the auditors as herein provided. The book shall be open to inspection at any time by any affiliate of the SLFA;
- (aa) Be responsible for the management of the income and expenditure of the SLFA;

- (bb) Receive all funds paid to the SLFA and shall lodge such within forty eight (48) hours of receipt, with the banker of the SLFA;
  - (cc) Keep proper account of income and expenditure, supported by documents, and shall submit same for audit when requested by the SLFA;
  - (dd) Submit a monthly report to the Executive Committee or at such time as the Executive Committee may decide;
  - (ee) At least one month before the fixed date for Congress of the SLFA, present to the Executive Committee, a report of Income and Expenditure Account for the preceding year, and Balance Sheet as at the end of such period;
  - (ff) Issue and demand receipt for monies received and paid on behalf of the SLFA;
  - (gg) May not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of the SLFA.
- B. The General Secretary shall be appointed on the basis of an agreement governed by private law.

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**ARTICLE 43** *Judicial Bodies*

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- A. The Judicial Bodies of the SLFA are:

(p) The Disciplinary Committee

(q) The Appeals Committee

- B. The responsibilities and functions of these bodies shall be stipulated in the Disciplinary Code of SLFA, which shall comply with the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
- C. The decision making powers of other committees remain unaffected.
- D. The members of the judicial bodies may not belong to any other bodies of SLFA at the same time.

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#### **ARTICLE 44 Disciplinary Committee**

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A. Disciplinary Committee shall

- (a) Consist of a chairman, deputy chairman and four other members. The chairman or the deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications.
- (b) Members of the Disciplinary Committee shall serve for a period of three years
- (c) The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of SLFA. The committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present one of which shall either be the Chairman or deputy Chairman. In extenuating circumstances, the chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of SLFA.
- (d) The committee may pronounce the sanctions described in this Constitution and the Disciplinary Code of SLFA on Members, Officials, Players, clubs and match and player agents.

- (e) These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

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## **ARTICLE 45 Appeals Committee**

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### **A. The Appeals Committee**

- (a) Shall consist of a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and four other members. The chairman or deputy chairman shall have legal qualifications.
- (b) The function of this body shall be governed by the Disciplinary Code of SLFA. The Committee shall pass decisions only when at least three members are present, one of which shall be the chairman or deputy chairman. In extenuating circumstances, the chairman may rule alone in accordance with the Disciplinary Code of SLFA.
- (c) The Appeals Committee is responsible for hearing appeals against decisions of the Disciplinary Committee that are not declared final. The Committee has the authority to uphold, amend or reject a decision of the Disciplinary Committee.
- (d) The committee may pronounce the sanctions described in this Constitution and the Disciplinary Code of SLFA on Members, Officials, Players, clubs and match and player agents.



- (e) These provisions are subject to the disciplinary powers of Congress and the Executive Committee with regard to the suspension and expulsion of Members.

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## **ARTICLE 46 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

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**A.** The SLFA and its bodies may institute the following disciplinary measures:

(a) The disciplinary measures are primarily: *for natural and legal persons:*

- 1) A warning;
- 2) A reprimand;
- 3) A fine;
- 4) The return of awards.

(b) For natural persons:

- 1) A caution;
- 2) An expulsion;
- 3) A match suspension;
- 4) A ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
- 5) A ban from entering a stadium;
- 6) A ban on taking part in any football-related activity.
- 7) Social work

© For legal persons:

- 1) A transfer ban;
- 2) Playing a match without spectators;
- 3) Playing a match on neutral territory;

- 4) A ban on playing in a particular stadium;
- 5) Annulment of the result of the match;
- 6) Expulsion;
- 7) A forfeit;
- 8) Deduction of points;
- 9) Relegation to a lower division.
- 10) Replaying the match

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**ARTICLE 47 *Arbitration***

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- A. SLFA shall create an Arbitration Tribunal, which shall deal with all internal national disputes between SLFA, its Members, Players, Officials, match agents and players' agents that do not fall under the jurisdiction of its judicial bodies. The Executive Committee shall draw up special regulations regarding the composition, jurisdiction and procedural rules of this Arbitration Tribunal.

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**ARTICLE 48 *Jurisdiction***

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- A. SLFA, its Members, Players, Officials and match and player's agents will not take any dispute to Ordinary Courts unless specifically provided for in this constitution and FIFA regulations. Any disagreement shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of FIFA, CONCACAF CFU or SLFA.
- B. SLFA shall have jurisdiction on internal national disputes, i.e. disputes between parties belonging to SLFA. FIFA shall have jurisdiction on international disputes, i.e. disputes between parties of different associations and or confederations.

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**ARTICLE 49 *Court of Arbitration for Sports***

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- A. In accordance with the relevant articles of the FIFA statutes any appeal against a final and binding FIFA decision shall be heard by the Court of Arbitration of Sports (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. CAS shall not, however hear appeals on violation of the Laws of the Game, suspensions of up to four matches or up to three months or any decision passed by an independent and duly constituted Arbitration Tribunal of an Association or Confederation.
  
- B. SLFA shall ensure its full compliance and that of its members, player, officials and match and players' agents with the final decision passed by a FIFA body or CAS.

## **Chapter IV FINANCE**

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### **ARTICLE 50 *Finance***

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- A. The financial period of the SLFA is one year starting January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- B. The SLFA shall operate a General Bank Account.
- C. Every Member of the Association shall pay an annual affiliation/subscription fee as prescribed by Congress acting on the recommendations of the National Executive Committee, and such affiliation fee shall fall due twenty eight days after the holding of the Annual Congress. However, the Executive upon reasonable cause being given by Member of the Association for its failure to pay its affiliation fee by the date specified may in its discretion extend the time to permit payment of the said affiliation fee.
- D. Affiliation fees shall be paid for the ensuing year;
- E. All revenue or other moneys raised or received by the SLFA or its agent, or any sub Committee must first be deposited into the accounts of the SLFA;
- F. No bank account shall be opened without the concurrence of the auditor;
- G. The Executive Committee may borrow from any bank or other financial institution an amount not exceeding Fifty Thousand Eastern Caribbean Dollars EC\$50,000.00. Otherwise the expressed permission of Congress must be sought.
- H. No loan involving any financial liability shall be binding upon SLFA unless that loan is received in accordance with the requirement of the constitution.
- I. Nothing contained in this section shall prejudice the right of the SLFA to sue for recovery of any amount owed to the SLFA;

- J. The revenue and expenses of the SLFA shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period. SLFA's major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.
- K. No Executive Committee member shall have a financial interest either directly or indirectly in the activities of the SLFA.

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### **ARTICLE 51 Independent Auditors**

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- i. Congress shall appoint a firm of Chartered Accountants or Auditors to examine and certify the Accounts. They shall be appointed for two (2) years. The report of the Accountants or Auditors shall be submitted to congress for approval.
- B. They shall audit the accounts approved by the Finance Committee in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to Congress.

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### **ARTICLE 52 Revenue**

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- A. The revenue of the SLFA arises specifically from
  - (a) Members annual subscription/affiliation fee
  - (b) Receipts generated by the marketing of rights to which the SLFA is entitled
  - (c) fines imposed by authorized bodies
  - (d) gate receipts
  - (e) sponsorship
  - (f) Other subscription and receipts in keeping with the objectives of the slfa

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**ARTICLE 53 Expenses**

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A. The SLFA shall undertake the following expenses

- (a) The expenses stipulated in the budget
- (b) Other expenses approved by Congress and expenses the executive committee is entitled to incur within the scope of its authority.
- (c) All other expenses in keeping with the objectives pursued by the SLFA.

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**ARTICLE 54 Settlement**

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A. SLFA may debit any member's accounts to settle claims

## **Chapter V Competitions, Rights and Events**

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**ARTICLE 55 *Competitions***

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- A. Football competitions organized, or under the auspices, or patronage of the SLFA shall be governed by regulations approved by the executive Committee.
- B. Depending on the resources available the SLFA may organize the following tournaments, (men) Under 15, Under 17, Under 19, Under 21 and Senior; (women) Under 15, Under 17 Under 19, Under 21 and Senior.
- C. In competitions organized by the SLFA, a player cannot represent more than one (1) Member in one year.
- D. All trophies played for in competitions organized by the SLFA must be returned to the SLFA at the start of the football Season in the year after they have been won.
- E. Any Member of the Association wishing to compete, or represent itself Nationally, Regionally, or Internationally must first obtain the permission of the SLFA to do so; the SLFA shall then inform the applicant and the host whether permission has been granted or denied.
- F. Any member of the Association who fails to uphold expected standards of conduct and behavior at any football competition at home or abroad shall be subject to disciplinary action by the SLFA through its Disciplinary Committee after investigation.
- G. The executive Committee may delegate to or authorize its members or private entities the authority to organize competitions. Such competitions shall not interfere with those competitions organized by the SLFA. Competitions organized by the SLFA shall take priority. The executive may issue special regulation to this end.

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**ARTICLE 56 Club Licensing**

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- A. The Executive Committee of the SLFA will set up regulations regarding a club licensing system governing the participation of clubs in competitions of the SLFA.

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**ARTICLE 57 Rights**

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- A. SLFA and its Members are the original owners of all 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 and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.
- B. The Executive Committee shall decide how and to what extent these rights are utilized and draw up special regulations to this end. The Executive Committee shall alone decide whether these rights shall be utilized exclusively, or jointly with a third party or entirely through a third party.

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**ARTICLE 58 Participation**

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- A. Members are obligated to participate in two (2) competitions organized by the SLFA within two (2) years. Failure may result in expulsion or fines or both where applicable to Article 58 A of the SLFA Constitution.

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**ARTICLE 59 Authorization**

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- A. SLFA and its Members are exclusively responsible for authorizing the distribution of image and sound and other data carriers of football matches and events coming under their respective jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and technical and legal aspects.

## **Chapter VI International Matches**

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### **ARTICLE 60 International Matches and Competitions**

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- A. SLFA is bound to comply with the international match calendar compiled by FIFA.

- B. The authority for organizing international matches and competitions between association teams and between leagues and/or clubs teams lies solely with FIFA. No match or competition shall take place without the prior permission of FIFA' Executive Committee. In addition, permission from the relevant confederation may be required in accordance with FIFA's regulations.

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**ARTICLE 61    Contacts**

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- A. SLFA shall not play matches or have sporting contacts with Associations that are not members of FIFA or with provisional members of a Confederation without the approval of FIFA.

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**ARTICLE 62    Approval**

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- A. Clubs, Leagues or any other groups of clubs that are affiliated to the SLFA cannot belong to another Association or participate in competitions on the territory of another Association without the authorization of SLFA and the other Association, and of FIFA and CONCACAF, except in exceptional circumstances.
- B. All affiliated (club, league, players) shall not belong or participate in any football activities of any other body or group without the express permission of the SLFA.

## **Chapter VII Final Provisions**

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**ARTICLE 63    *Dissolution***

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- A. Any decision relating to the dissolution of the SLFA requires a majority of two thirds of the entire membership of the SLFA at a congress convened for that purpose.
- B. In the event that the SLFA is dissolved, its funds, and assets shall not be auctioned or distributed but shall remain under the auspice of the trustees until such time as the SLFA is re-established. However In the event that the trustees resign, the funds and assets of the SLFA shall remain under the auspice of the SLNOC, until such time as the SLFA is re-established.
- C. Congress shall transfer all SLFA funds, and assets to the Trustees who shall keep those funds and assets, solely for safe keeping.
- D. The final Congress may however choose another recipient for the assets on the basis of a two-thirds majority vote.

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**ARTICLE 64 *Unforeseen contingencies and force majeure***

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- A. The Executive Committee shall have the final decision on any matters not provided for in the Constitution or in cases of force majeure.

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**ARTICLE 65 Transition Period**

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- A. Subject to the provision of the Constitution, all members of the SLFA, Executive Committee, Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and General Secretariat who

immediately before the commencement of this constitution, shall continue to hold office in the corresponding office established by this constitution as if he had been appointed thereto in accordance with the provision of this constitution.

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**ARTICLE 66 Sanctions**

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A. Any violation of the foregoing provisions will be punished in compliance with the SLFA Constitution, SLFA Disciplinary Code and any other applicable regulation.

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**ARTICLE 56 Enforcement**

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A. This constitution was adopted at the \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinary Congress of the St. Lucia Football Association held at \_\_\_\_\_ 2014 and shall come into force on the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Every other Constitution of the SLFA in operation is thereby revoked as of Zero (0) hundred hours \_\_\_\_\_.