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Benin Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE)

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TITLE 1: COMPOSITION – HEADQUARTERS – AFFILIATION

CHAPTER 1: General Provisions

Article 1:

It is hereby established in the Republic of Benin, in accordance with the Law of July 1, 1901, and Law No. 91-008 of February 25, 1991, on the Sports Charter of the Republic of Benin, and whose bylaws have been approved by the Prefecture of Cotonou under reference No. .....and accredited by the

Ministry of Sports under ……., a National Association named: BENINESE FEDERATION OF ELECTRONIC SPORTS,

abbreviated as FBSE. It is apolitical and a nonprofit organization. It is responsible for promoting the civilian sports movement in the field of esports at the national level.

Article 2:

The FBSE is an association governed by applicable laws and regulations, as well as the rules of the International e-Sports Federation (IESF), the African Digital Sports Confederation, and the Beninese National Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOS BEN).

Article 3:

The FBSE has legal personality and enjoys administrative, organizational, and financial autonomy. It is recognized as a public utility and of general interest. It may therefore collaborate with any private or governmental organizations.

Article 4:

In accordance with Article 21 of Law No. 91-008 of February 25, 1991, establishing the Sports Charter of the Republic of Benin, the FBSE's purpose is:

1°- To promote and develop esports and disseminate them in Benin and across Africa, taking into account their universal, educational, cultural, and humanitarian impacts, by implementing youth and development programs;

2°- To oversee the practice of esports and the operations of related organizations (associations, districts, leagues, and affiliated federations);

3° - To organize, facilitate, oversee, and develop the practice of esports in all its forms and disciplines;

3°- Defend the material and moral interests of the Beninese Federation of Esports (FBSE);

4°- Direct, coordinate, and oversee the activities of associations affiliated with the Federation;

5- safeguard and defend the material, moral, and organizational interests common to the associations and training centers;

6- to ensure compliance with the technical, professional, and ethical rules of its discipline in accordance with those established by the World Digital Sports Federation ();

7- to have and exercise, in accordance with the general principles of law, disciplinary authority over its affiliated associations and their members;

8- to provide training and education for practitioners of this sport: players, coaches, technical officials, tournament organizers, and administrators;

9- to issue licenses, titles, ranks, and federal certificates in accordance with current regulations;

10- organize mandatory subscription to an insurance policy covering the risks to which members are exposed;

11 - ensure compliance with the principles of good governance and a management system for national esports teams;

12- to prevent and combat violence, discrimination, and regionalism in all its forms in the practice of esports (FBSE);

13- Organize its own national competitions, as well as any other regional and/or subregional competitions;

14- to issue rules and regulations related to its activities and ensure their implementation and compliance;

15- promote partnerships with international digital and e-sports organizations and other international federations or confederations;

16- Promote esports with integrity and without any discrimination against any country, language, individual, or group of people on the basis of ethnicity, gender, disability, language, religion, or political affiliation;

17- encourage national associations and public authorities to work toward the training, retraining, and social and professional development of young people;

18- promote friendly relations among national associations, clubs/teams, officials, and athletes/players;

19- receive material, financial, and/or human support from public authorities, to whom it is required to report on how such support is used;

20- enter into partnership, sponsorship, twinning, or friendship agreements with any other federation or organization that so desires, for the purpose of receiving donations or bequests and/or training. **Article 5:**

The FBSE shall exist in perpetuity.

Article 6:

The FBSE's headquarters are located in the Littoral Department, Municipality of Cotonou, 9th District, in the Kowegbo Yenawa neighborhood, C/768 Maison DJEKETE François; Contact: +229 019 739 6877

CHAPTER 2: FBSE Membership Status Article 7:

The Sports Association constitutes the basic unit of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE). To this end, the Federation must be informed of any partnership with an association other than the national one.

Article 8:

Members of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) are the Sports Associations that are duly and permanently affiliated with it.

The Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) is open to applications from national associations, national e-sports clubs and teams, non-profit organizations, or legal entities already recognized by official authorities, or currently undergoing recognition by the African Confederation of Digital Sports (ACDS).

The application process is open only to associations and clubs/teams legally recognized by law (certificate of compliance issued by the Ministry of Sports, registration with the Ministry of the Interior or a prefecture within the country, and an official gazette dated at least 3 years prior).

1. The General Assembly may grant provisional membership. However, this must be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.
2. The Executive Committee decides on the admission, withdrawal, suspension, and expulsion of Members.

Article 9:

The Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) may confer honorary membership upon any legal entity or individual who has rendered or may render outstanding service to the Federation. Such individuals are appointed following a vote by the members of the Executive Committee.

Associations, clubs/teams, non-profit organizations, and legal entities that are members of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) have the following obligations:

a. To respect and ensure that their own members, collaborators, and governing bodies respect at all times and without reservation the principles of ethics and fair play, the principles of integrity and sportsmanship, as well as the Bylaws, decisions, and directives of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE);
b. Participate in competitions organized by the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE);
c. Pay their dues regularly; unless the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE) exempts them upon their request;
d. Comply with the rules of the game;
e. Comply with the Benin Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE), the Code of Ethics, and the Bylaws, and abide by its laws and rules;
f. Establish a licensing system for esports athletes and esports teams in accordance with the licensing system of the Beninese Esports Federation (FBSE).

Article 10:

The terms and conditions for membership, as well as the conditions for loss of membership, are specified in the FBSE's Internal Regulations.

TITLE 2: ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES

CHAPTER 1: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

Article 11:

The organizational structures of the FBSE are:

- the sports districts;

- the regional leagues.

Article 12:

The sports district constitutes the organizational structure of the FBSE at the departmental level. It brings together the sports associations affiliated with it. It is subject to the FBSE's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, to which it reports on its activities through the League.

Article 13:

The Sports League comprises at least two (02) Sports Districts, each comprising associations affiliated with the FBSE based on a given geographic area and their level of competition, across two (02) departments according to the latest division of the national territory.

Article 14:

The organization and operation of the Regional League and the Sports District are governed by the Internal Regulations of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE)

CHAPTER 2: ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES

Article 15:

The governing bodies of the FBSE are:

- The General Assembly;
- The Federal Council;
- The Executive Committee.

Section 1: The General Assembly

Article 16:

The General Assembly is the plenary deliberative body of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE)

• It defines, guides, and oversees the implementation of the general policy of the Beninese Federation of Esports (FBSE);

• It approves the Executive Committee's administrative and financial management reports as well as the reports of the Federal Council;

• It votes on the budget and grants discharge to the Executive Committee of the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE) for its management;

• It adopts the action plan of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) and its financing plan;

• It approves all activities of the Executive Committee and may terminate its mandate by an absolute majority;

• It establishes the geographical areas of jurisdiction for the Leagues and Districts upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee;

• It elects the members of the Executive Committee and appoints the Auditors;

• It determines, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the number of Central Committees and their responsibilities;

• It amends and votes on changes to the regulatory texts (Bylaws and Internal Regulations);

• It grants definitive membership to federation members following an investigation into character, integrity, sportsmanship, and ethical conduct. This investigation lasts two statutory seasons and is conducted by the Rules and Penalties Committee, which submits a report on the Association in question each season;

• It authorizes Associations that have received provisional membership from the Executive Committee to participate in the various statutory competitions of the FBSE in the interim, provided that the members of such Associations are neither eligible for office nor eligible to vote in any organizational structure of the Federation until definitive membership is granted;

• However, the General Assembly may not refuse definitive affiliation to the Federation to an association established for the practice of the discipline or one of the disciplines included in the Federation's purpose unless it fails to meet the

- Conditions mentioned above, or if the structure of this association is not compatible with these bylaws. In this case, the Association is placed on probation for two statutory seasons but continues to participate in competitions as provided for in the preceding paragraph of this article, pending a decision by the next General Assembly.

Article 17:

The General Assembly consists of:

1° WITH VOTING RIGHTS:

• Associations that are permanently affiliated, active, and up to date with their dues;

• Beninese representatives and officials in international esports bodies at the level of the African Confederation of Digital Sports and the International Esports Federation;

2° WITH ADVISORY VOTING RIGHTS:

• Members of the Federation's Executive Committee;

• Delegates from the Executive Committee of the Leagues (one per Regional League of the Federation);

• Honorary Members;

• The Presidents or Representatives of the Central Committees;

• Representatives of the National Technical Directorate (the National Technical Director and two (02) National Coaches);

• Two (02) Representatives of the Referees' Association;

• One (01) Representative of the Sports Physicians Association

• Four (04) Representatives of the National Team Athletes (one per age group);

• Two (02) representatives of the Sports Journalists Association;

• One (01) Representative of the Benin National Olympic Committee (CNOS BEN);

• One (01) representative from the Ministry of Sports;

• Any person whose assistance is deemed necessary for the smooth progress of the work.

Article 18:

The General Assembly meets ordinarily once every two (02) years. The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE). It defines general policy and makes the decisions necessary for its implementation.

2. The General Assembly may be either an ordinary or an extraordinary meeting

3. The General Assembly is composed of:

a. Representatives of affiliated national associations,
b. Members of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE), Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of committees

4. The Ordinary General Assembly meets once a year. The General Assembly may be held in person or via videoconference, as decided by the Executive Committee. In the absence of physical attendance, member associations may participate in the proceedings of the General Assembly via videoconference. Their participation shall have the same legal effect as physical attendance.

5. The Executive Committee sets the date, place, and time of the General Meeting. This information is communicated to the members in writing or electronically at least 30 days before the date set for the General Meeting. This does not apply to the first constituent General Meeting.

6. The formal notice of the meeting must be issued in writing or electronically at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the meeting. The agenda for the General Meeting is attached to the notice. This does not apply to the first constituent General Meeting.

7. All documents relating to the General Assembly shall be sent to members at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the first constituent General Assembly.

8. Proposals submitted by national associations to the General Assembly must be sent in writing to the General Secretariat of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the General Assembly. These proposals must be accompanied by a brief but precise statement of reasons.

9. Each national association is entitled to one (1) vote.

10. The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Assembly.

11. If two-thirds of the national associations request it in writing, an Extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened, during which only the items on the agenda shall be discussed. The Executive Committee shall convene the Extraordinary General Assembly within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the request by the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE).

12. The notice specifying the location, date, and agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be sent to members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the opening of the Assembly.

13. Delegates accredited to the General Assembly must be bona fide members of the national association they represent, be appointed by its competent body, and be citizens of the country.

14. Unless otherwise specified, decisions are made by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, and only in that case, the President of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) casts the deciding vote.

15. The rules of procedure of the General Assembly of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) apply to all procedural matters during the proceedings of the General Assembly.

Article 19:

Participants in the General Assembly are appointed in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of these Bylaws.

Article 20:

The Ordinary General Assembly is convened by the Executive Committee. The Secretary General of the FBSE shall notify all participants in the General Assembly of the date and location of the meeting at least 45 days prior to its convening.

The agenda must be communicated by the Executive Committee at least eight (08) days prior to the meeting.

Article 21:

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at the initiative of the Executive Committee or the Federal Council, or upon a reasoned request from two-thirds (2/3) of the permanently affiliated, active associations that are in good standing with regard to their dues. In such cases, the date and agenda are set by the body that took the initiative, but the Secretary General of the Federation is responsible for convening the meeting. In any event, the Extraordinary General Assembly must be convened at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, and the agenda must be communicated to the participants at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

Article 22:

The Bylaws specify the provisions regarding the agenda of Ordinary General Meetings.

Article 23:

The quorum required for the holding of general meetings is an absolute majority of the delegates.

Article 24:

Decisions of the General Assembly are made by a simple majority of the members present.

Article 25:

As a general rule, votes are taken by a show of hands, but at the request of one-third of the participants, any decision may be subject to a secret ballot.

Article 26:

The deliberations of the General Assembly are recorded in minutes. A special, paginated, and initialed register is maintained for this purpose.

Section 2: The Federal Council

Article 27:

As the administrative and supervisory body, the Federal Council is empowered, between two (02) General Assemblies, to take the decisions necessary for the proper functioning of the Federation in accordance with the guidelines, directives, and resolutions of the General Assembly. It oversees the activities of the Federation's Executive Committee and makes recommendations as necessary. It may, if necessary, decide to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly.

Article 28:

The Federal Council consists of:

1. WITH VOTING RIGHTS

- The members of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE);
- One (01) representative per League;
- One (01) representative per Sports District;
- Beninese representatives in international esports bodies at the level of the African Badminton Confederation and the International Esports Federation (FBSE).

2. IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY

- The National Technical Director;
- The Presidents and Secretaries General of the Central Commissions;
- Any person whose participation is deemed useful for the smooth conduct of proceedings.

Article 29:

The Federal Council meets in regular session once between two (02) General Assemblies. The Federal Council is empowered to make the decisions necessary for the proper

functioning of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) in accordance with the guidelines and resolutions of the General Assembly. It oversees the activities of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) and makes recommendations as necessary. It may, if necessary, decide to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly

Article 30:

The Secretary General of the Federation must notify the participants of the Federal Council, in accordance with the provisions of Article 29 of these bylaws, at least 15 days in advance, of the date and location of said council meeting as well as its agenda.

Article 31:

The Federal Council may convene in special session as often as necessary at the initiative of two-thirds of its members or two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee to address urgent and important matters. In such cases, the date and agenda shall be set by the body that initiated the session, and the Secretary General must issue the call for the session at least eight
(08) days prior to the meeting.

Article 32:

The quorum required for the holding of general meetings of the Federal Council is a simple majority of the delegates. However, if this quorum is not reached at the first meeting, the Federal Council shall be validly convened regardless of the number of delegates present following a new notice issued five (05) days after the first.

Article 33:

Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present.

As a general rule, votes are taken by a show of hands at the request of one-third of the participants; any decision may be subject to a secret ballot.

Section 3: The Executive

Committee Article 35:

The Executive Committee is the executive body of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE)

In this regard, it is responsible for implementing the policies, guidelines, and resolutions of the General Assembly and the decisions of the Federal Council, to which it reports.

The Executive Committee is responsible for the administrative, technical, and financial management of the Beninese Esports Federation (FBSE)

It is the sole body authorized to:

• grant provisional affiliation to sports associations;

• issue licenses to members of affiliated sports associations;

• organize or supervise qualification courses (level advancement) for referees and coaches in collaboration with the Ministry of Sports, in accordance with the standards of the International Esports Federation;

• ensure compliance with the rules of the game and impose sanctions when necessary;

• select the best athletes to form national teams in the various categories and for both genders;

• to authorize and, if necessary, oversee competitions organized by third parties;

• to deliberate on all matters not expressly within the purview of the Federal Council and the General Assembly;

• represent the International Esports Federation and the African Digital Sports Confederation and cooperate with them;

• approve development projects for the discipline throughout the entire national territory;
• vote annually on:
- membership fees;
- license fees;
- the fee for a letter of resignation;
- clubs' contribution to refereeing costs;
- the entry fees for national competitions;
- the contribution paid to clubs participating in a Cup;
- voting on the financial scale each season;
- and, in general, any financial contributions to associations.
Minutes of the General Assembly shall provide a comprehensive breakdown of the fees approved by the Executive Committee.

Article 36:

The Executive Committee consists of:
- One (01) President;
- Three (03) Vice-Presidents from the three regions (South, Central, North);
- One (1) Secretary-General;

- One (1) Deputy Secretary General;
- One (1) General Treasurer;
- One (1) Deputy Treasurer General;
-One (01) General Organization Manager;
- One (01) Head of eSports Events and Productions;
- One (1) Project, Training, and Conference Coordinator
- One (01) Referee Representative
- One (01) Manager of Women's Sports Engagement

Article 37:

The Executive Committee may be assisted by an Administrative Director whose duties are set forth in the Bylaws. The Administrative Director attends sessions of the Executive Committee, the Federal Council, and/or the General Assembly in an advisory capacity.

In addition, the Executive Committee establishes technical committees, whose composition and responsibilities are set forth in the Bylaws.

Article 38:

Two (02) Auditors are elected at the General Assembly and are not members of the Executive Committee.

Article 39:

The Chair of the Executive Committee represents the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) in all civil matters at the national and international levels.

- He convenes and presides over the meetings of the Executive Committee, the Federal Council, and the General Assembly;

- He is the authorizing officer for the budget of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) ;

- The President is assisted by three (03) Vice Presidents who replace him when necessary;

- In the event of a vacancy in the office of President for any reason whatsoever, his duties shall be temporarily performed by the Vice-Presidents in hierarchical order or, failing that, by the Secretary General;

- At the first meeting following the vacancy, the General Assembly shall elect a new President for the remainder of his predecessor's term. The three (03) Vice-Presidents shall be drawn respectively from the three regions (South, Central, and North).

Article 40:

The Secretary General is responsible for drafting the minutes and keeping the

of meetings of the Executive Committee, the Federal Council, and the General Assembly.

minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee, the Federal Council, and the General Assembly.

He is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE);

- He is responsible for maintaining the archives of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE);

- He drafts and sends out notices of meetings and correspondence, and updates the various registers in accordance with the Bylaws;

- He is responsible for issuing licenses to participants;

- In collaboration with the President, he ensures the implementation of decisions and tasks arising from General Assemblies, Federal Councils, and Executive Committee meetings;

The Secretary General is assisted by a Deputy who replaces him or her when necessary.

Article 41:

The Treasurer General is responsible for the financial management of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) in accordance with the Bylaws.

- For each sports season, he submits a draft budget to the Executive Committee for adoption by the General Assembly.

- He is responsible for presenting the year-end financial statements after approval by the Executive Committee.

- He reviews all proposed decisions with financial implications in order to make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer General is assisted by a Deputy who replaces him when necessary.

Article 42:

The Head of Organization is responsible for the planning, monitoring, and execution of all events of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) in coordination with all other relevant bodies.

He is assisted by two deputies. The deputies replace him when necessary, in accordance with an order of precedence established by the General Assembly.

Article 43:

The Executive Committee is collectively responsible for its activities to the General Assembly. However, in the event of personal misconduct, members of the Executive Committee may be held individually liable.

Article 44:

The Federation's Executive Committee shall hold regular meetings at least once (01) a month upon convocation by the President or at the request of at least one-quarter of its members. Special meetings may be convened whenever the need arises.

Article 45:

The position of Executive Committee member is unpaid; however, members of the Executive Committee may, upon justification, be reimbursed for travel, mission, or representation expenses incurred in the course of their activities. These provisions also apply to the Executive Committees of the Leagues and Districts.

Article 46:

The quorum required for a meeting of the Executive Committee is two-thirds of its members. However, if this quorum is not reached at the first call, the meeting shall be validly held with at least one-third of its members following a new call issued at least three (3) days after the first.

Article 47:

Any inability to attend a meeting of the FBSE Executive Committee must be reported in advance to the President, along with a written opinion on the agenda items, to be transcribed and included in the minutes.

Any member of the FBSE Executive Committee who is absent without valid reason three times in a year is subject to sanctions ranging from a written warning to temporary suspension.

In the event of a warning, if the absence is repeated at two meetings, the member shall be considered in default and shall be excluded from the Executive Committee, and their duties shall be assumed by their deputy or any other member of the Executive Committee capable of doing so.

In the event of a temporary suspension, upon the member's return to their position, a single instance of absence will result in their being considered in default and excluded from the Executive Committee.

Article 48:

Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present and by a regular vote.

Article 49:

Any decision requested by at least one-third of its members shall be subject to a secret ballot.

TITLE 3: OPERATIONS

CHAPTER 1: General Assembly Article 50:

Delegates to the General Assembly are appointed in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of these bylaws.

Article 51:

The General Assembly meets at least once every two years. The Secretary General of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) must notify the participants of the General Assembly of the date and location of the meeting at least 45 days prior to the scheduled date. An extraordinary meeting may be convened at the initiative of the Executive Committee, the Federal Council, or upon a reasoned request from two-thirds of the affiliated associations. In the latter case, it must be convened within one (1) month. When the meeting is held at the request of the Executive Committee or the Federal Council, the date is set by the body that initiated the meeting and which determines the agenda.

Article 52:

The quorum required for the General Assembly to be held is two-thirds of the delegates. However, if this quorum is not reached at the first meeting, the General Assembly shall be validly held regardless of the number of delegates present following a new meeting convened at least fifteen (15) days after the first.

Article 53:

Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present.

Article 54:

In any event, no member may hold more than one proxy.

Article 55:

At the request of at least half of the delegates present, any decision shall be subject to a secret ballot.

CHAPTER 2: Federal Council

Article 56:

Delegates to the Federal Council shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Article 28 of these Bylaws.

Article 57:

The Secretary General of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) must notify the participants of the Federal Council of the date and location of the meeting at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled date.

Article 58:

Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present.

Article 59:

Any decision requested by at least two-thirds of the delegates shall be subject to a secret ballot.

CHAPTER 3: Executive Committee

Article 60:

The election of members of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) is conducted by secret ballot using a multi-member district system. The voting booklet is used for this purpose.

Article 61:

The nomination procedure for members of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE) consists of three (03) phases:

➢ **Phase 1:**

The General Secretariat of the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE) issues a call for nominations to affiliated associations, specifying the eligibility criteria, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the General Assembly.

➢ **Phase 2:**

Each application must be received by the Secretariat of the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE) within 30 days of the date of the call for applications.

➢ **Phase 3:**

The final list of candidates will be published in the press 8 days prior to the General Assembly by the Secretary General of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE)

Article 62:

Any person of Beninese nationality who meets the following conditions may be elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE):

• Be at least 25 years of age on the date of the elections;

• Have been a member of the sports movement in governing bodies at various levels for at least two (02) years;

• Have never been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude;

• Enjoy full civil and political rights;

• Be a member of the executive board of an affiliated sports association, be up to date with membership dues, and provide proof thereof;

• Belong or have belonged to the sports movement permanently affiliated with the Federation;

• Be of good moral character;

• Demonstrate competence;

• Hold a valid FBSE leadership license.

Article 63:

Any candidate for any position on the FBSE Executive Committee must have served on the Executive Board of their home club or association for the entire duration of the previous term.

1. A nomination for the presidency of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) must be made by at least one national member association of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE).

2. A candidacy for the presidency of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) is admissible only if it is supported, in writing, by at least six (07) national member associations of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE), including the national member association of the candidate in question.

3. No national member association of the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE) may nominate and/or support more than one candidate.

4. A national association may submit only one nomination.

5. The names of candidates for the presidency and the Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) must be submitted by their national association to the General Secretariat of the Beninese Federation of Digital and

at least thirty (30) days prior to the election date. An exception is made for the first constituent General Assembly.

6. Applications received after the deadline (as evidenced by the postmark) will be automatically rejected.

7. At the end of the aforementioned period, all candidacies will be final. They will be put to a vote, unless the candidate in question withdraws by any means.

8. At the time of the election, candidates for the positions of President and Members of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) must be bona fide members of their national associations and must not be older than 70 years of age.

9. The President is elected by a simple majority of the votes cast.

10. In any case, when there is only one candidate, he or she is elected unopposed by acclamation.

11. The election of members of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) is decided by a simple majority.

12. Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws, decisions are made by a simple majority of validly cast votes.

Article 64:

Any candidate for the position of President or Secretary General of the FBSE Executive Committee must have served on the Federation's Executive Committee for the entirety of the two preceding terms and possess proven proficiency in ICT.

Article 65:

Elected members and/or officials in confederal or international esports bodies, if any, shall automatically have the right to vote.

Article 66:

The positions of members of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Esports (FBSE) are incompatible with those of members of the Executive Committees of the Leagues, Districts, and Associations affiliated with the same Federation.

Article 67:

The members of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Assembly for a renewable four-year term. This term may be terminated early by the General Assembly under the conditions set forth in the Bylaws. Voting is by secret ballot. All votes are cast at the same time when a delegate enters the voting booth.

Article 68:

The Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) meets in regular session at least once a month and in special session whenever the need arises.

Article 69:

A vacancy may arise due to:

• Resignation;

• Suspension;

• Removal from office;

• Physical or mental incapacity;

• Death.

In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, it shall be filled at the next General Assembly. The term of office of the newly elected member shall end at the same time as that of the member they have replaced.

Article 70:

The quorum required for a meeting of the Executive Committee is two-thirds (2/3) of the members. However, if this quorum is not reached at the first call, the meeting shall be valid regardless of the number of members present following a new call made at least seven (7) days after the first.

Article 71:

Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent without valid reason for three (3) consecutive sessions shall be deemed to have resigned.

Article 72:

Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present and by roll call vote.

Article 73:

Any decision on a motion submitted by at least one-third (1/3) of its members shall be decided by secret ballot.

TITLE 4: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 1: Resources of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) Article 74:

The resources of the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE) consist of:

• Annual dues and voluntary contributions from its members;

• Proceeds from the sale of its rights to competitions (sponsorship);

• Proceeds from competitions and all other events organized or authorized by it
;

• Grants from the State, local authorities, public and private institutions, and international organizations;

• Donations and bequests;

• Any income from its movable and immovable property;

• Fines and penalties imposed in accordance with applicable laws;

• Proceeds from the sale of licenses, transfers, and/or changes in membership status of practitioners.

Article 75:

The amount of membership dues is set by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Article 76:

All funds received by the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) are acknowledged with a receipt and recorded in accordance with current accounting rules.

CHAPTER 2: Expenses

Article 77:

Only expenditures included in the budget are authorized.

Article 78:

Expenditures not included in the budget that are deemed necessary may also be authorized by decision of the Executive Committee.

Article 79:

All loans made in connection with the Federation’s activities must be granted on a necessity basis by decision of the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER 3: Budget Management Provisions Article 80:

The fiscal year of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year.

Article 81:

Funds shall be held in a bank account and/or a Treasury account opened for this purpose.

Article 82:

Withdrawals of funds for any reason whatsoever shall be made with the joint signatures of the President, the Secretary General, and the Treasurer General.

Article 83:

The Beninese Federation of Esports (FBSE) must maintain regular accounting records in accordance with applicable regulations. At the end of the fiscal year, these records must include summary financial statements and a balance sheet.

Article 84:

The Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE) must annually report to the Ministry of Sports on the use of subsidies received from public authorities and all other institutions.

Article 85:

Accounting records and documents must be presented, without delay upon request, to the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Sports.

Article 86:

The auditors are elected by the General Assembly. They are authorized to verify all accounting and financial transactions at any time. They are required to present to the General Assembly a report on the year-end financial statements, which the Executive Committee is obligated to submit to them at least two weeks prior to the date of the General Assembly. They are elected by the General Assembly for a renewable term of four (4) years.

TITLE 4: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Article 87:

These Bylaws may only be amended by the General Assembly. The agenda for said Assembly, as well as the proposed amendments, must be communicated to the members of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) one (01) month in advance by the Federation's Executive Committee, which will have previously compiled the proposals.

Article 88:

When convened for the purpose of amending the Bylaws, the General Assembly may only validly convene and deliberate if a four-fifths (4/5) majority of its members is present or duly represented.

Decisions to amend the Bylaws shall be taken by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present or duly represented.

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In any event, no member may hold more than one proxy.

TITLE 5: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 1: Dissolution

Article 89:

The General Assembly and, exceptionally, the public authorities for serious reasons, are authorized to terminate the functions of the governing bodies or to dissolve the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE);

In the event of dissolution, the General Assembly must be specially convened, and the agenda must be duly communicated to all members one (1) month in advance.

Article 90:

The General Assembly shall dissolve the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) by an absolute majority of its affiliated members present, appoint a liquidator, and allocate the organization's net assets to one or more sports federations of its choosing.

Under no circumstances may members of the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE), except for the return of their initial contributions, acquire any assets of the dissolved Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE).

Article 91:

The minutes of the deliberations of the General Assembly provided for in Articles 60 and 61 above shall be sent without delay to the Minister of the Interior and the Minister responsible for Sports.

CHAPTER 2: Transitional Provisions

Article 92:

The President of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) shall, within a maximum period of two (02) months from the date of amendment of these Bylaws,

all administrative formalities with the competent authorities, in particular with the Minister of the Interior and the Minister responsible for Sports.

Article 93:

The Executive Committee is authorized to affiliate the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE) with national or international organizations with similar objectives, such as the Beninese National Olympic and Sports Committee (C.N.O.S.B.), the African Confederation of Digital Sports, the International Federation of Electronic Sports, etc.

Article 94:

The practical procedures for implementing these Bylaws shall be established by Internal Regulations. The Internal Regulations shall be adopted by the General Assembly upon the proposal of the Executive Committee of the Beninese Federation of Electronic Sports (FBSE). They may only be amended in accordance with the same procedure.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Proposing Texts of the Beninese Electronic Sports Federation (FBSE)

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