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## MAIN STATUTE

From the Presidency of the Turkey Esports Federation:

# TURKEY ESPORTS FEDERATION MAIN STATUTE

## CHAPTER ONE

## Preliminary Provisions

### Purpose

**ARTICLE 1-** (1) The purpose of this Main Statute is to regulate the organization, duties, powers and responsibilities, and working procedures and principles of the Turkey Esports Federation, its General Assembly, Management, Audit and Discipline Boards.

### Scope

**ARTICLE 2-** (1) This Main Statute covers the General Assembly, Management Board, Audit Board and Discipline Board of the Turkey Esports Federation and its other boards, sports clubs operating in the sport branch, sports joint-stock companies and other related organizations, athletes, coaches, referees, managers, observers, executives, representatives and other sports personnel, as well as all their domestic and international activities.

### Legal basis

**ARTICLE 3-** (1) This Main Statute has been prepared based on the Law on Sports Clubs and Sports Federations No. 7405 dated 22/4/2022 and the Sports Federations Regulation published in the Official Gazette No. 32612 dated 25/7/2024.

### Definitions

**ARTICLE 4-** (1) As used in this Main Statute:

a) Main Statute: The Main Statute of the Turkey Esports Federation,

b) Minister: The Minister of Youth and Sports,

c) Ministry: The Ministry of Youth and Sports,

d) Budget: The document that shows the revenue and expenditure estimates for a specific period and matters related to their implementation, and that enters into force in accordance with the appropriate procedure,

e) Evaluation Commission: The Sports Federations Presidential Candidates Evaluation Commission established by the General Directorate to assess whether presidential candidates of the Sports Federation meet the candidacy requirements,

f) Delegate: Persons who have the right to attend and vote at the General Assembly,

g) Audit Board: The Audit Board of the Turkey Esports Federation,

h) Discipline Board: The Discipline Board of the Turkey Esports Federation,

i) EEF: The European Esports Federation,

j) Federation President: The President of the Turkey Esports Federation,

k) Individual competition: Competitions conducted through individual ranking outside of team competitions,

l) GEF: The Global Esports Federation,

m) General Director: The General Director of Sports Services,

n) General Directorate: The General Directorate of Sports Services,

o) IESF: The International Esports Federation,

p) IOC: The International Olympic Committee,

q) Provincial directorate: The youth and sports provincial directorate,

r) District directorate: The youth and sports district directorate,

s) Law: The Law on Sports Clubs and Sports Federations No. 7405 dated 22/4/2022,

t) Sports joint-stock company: A joint-stock company established either as an affiliate, subsidiary or participation of a sports club, or independently from a sports club, in accordance with the Turkish Commercial Code No. 6102 dated 13/1/2011, for the purpose of engaging in sports activities, and which has had its sport branch registration recorded with the Ministry and the Sports Federation,

u) Sport branch: MOBA, FPS, RTS, Battle Royale, Sports, MMORPG, FIGHTER, AR&VR Esports sport branches,

v) Sports activity: Competitions and tournaments organized or authorized by the Ministry or the Sports Federation in the sport branch affiliated with the Sports Federation, as well as related preparatory and training activities,

w) Sports Federation: The Turkey Esports Federation,

x) Mandatory organs of the Sports Federation: The Management, Audit and Discipline Boards of the Sports Federation,

y) Sports club: Private law legal entities that have had their Ministry registration and sport branch registration recorded with the Sports Federation in order to participate in sports activities,

z) Arbitration Board: The Arbitration Board of the Ministry of Youth and Sports,

aa) Team competition: Competitions in which the points obtained as a result of team play are accepted as team points, and even if played individually, no individual ranking is made and ranking is done as team ranking,

bb) Directive: A regulatory instrument prepared by the Management Board in accordance with this Main Statute and published on the Ministry's internet site upon the Ministry's approval to enter into force,

cc) Umbrella organization: Federations with legal personality formed by sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies, and confederations formed by these federations,

dd) Management Board: The Management Board of the Turkey Esports Federation,

ee) Regulation: The Sports Federations Regulation published in the Official Gazette No. 32612 dated 25/7/2024,

shall mean.

## CHAPTER TWO

## Organization, Duties and Powers of the Sports Federation

### Organization

**ARTICLE 5-** (1) The Sports Federation has administrative and financial autonomy and legal personality. The headquarters of the Sports Federation is Ankara. The Sports Federation consists of its central organization and provincial representatives.

(2) The central organization of the Sports Federation consists of the following organs:

a) General Assembly.

b) Management Board.

c) Audit Board.

d) Discipline Board.

e) General Secretariat.

(3) Sports Federation provincial representatives may be established in the provinces to ensure coordination between the activities of the Sports Federation in the provincial directorates and the domestic connections of the Sports Federation.

(4) The working procedures, principles, duties, powers and responsibilities of boards other than those specified in the second paragraph are determined by directives.

### Duties and powers of the Sports Federation

**ARTICLE 6-** (1) The duties and powers of the Sports Federation are as follows:

a) To carry out activities related to the sport branch in accordance with national and international rules, to ensure the application of international rules specific to the sport branch, and to represent our country abroad in matters related to the sport branch.

b) To ensure the development of the sport branch, its conduct in every age group, and its widespread adoption across the country, to make necessary arrangements, produce projects, make decisions and implement them in these matters.

c) To follow domestic and international developments related to the sport branch, to follow developments and innovations related to the sport branch, and to ensure that more people within the country benefit from this information.

d) To plan and control the implementation of international sports activities related to the sport branch, both domestic and abroad, and other domestic activities related to the sport branch.

e) To organize competitions within the country, to ensure the continuity of all competitions organized within the country, and to assign referees, representatives and observers.

f) To determine the standards of equipment belonging to the sport branch according to international rules and to have them manufactured domestically or abroad, or to ensure their procurement.

g) To carry out necessary infrastructure work in a coordinated manner with the Ministry for the purpose of training high-performance athletes at the national and international level.

h) To take necessary measures regarding athlete health.

i) To resolve technical disputes that may naturally arise between sports clubs, sports joint-stock companies, provincial directorates and their representatives.

j) To organize courses, seminars, panels, symposiums and sports organizations at the national and provincial level.

k) To organize international courses, seminars, panels and symposiums with the permission of the international sports federation.

l) To organize international sports organizations with the permission of the international sports federation and the approval of the Ministry.

m) To grant permits to requesting persons and organizations regarding special competitions, special seminars and courses they will organize, and to follow up on the fulfillment of the required conditions.

n) To prepare and implement directives for the regulation of activities related to the sport branch.

o) To organize the Sports Federation, to establish economic enterprises for the purpose of carrying out activities aimed at the Sports Federation's objectives or generating resources for its affiliated sport branch.

p) To propose to the General Directorate for submission to Ministry approval that Sports Federation provincial representatives be established in the provinces to ensure coordination between the Sports Federation's domestic connections and sport branch activities in the provincial directorates, and to ensure that the representatives work in a coordinated manner among themselves and with the Sports Federation.

q) To select national team athletes and technical personnel such as managers, coaches, masseurs, doctors, and statisticians who will participate in international competitions, to ensure the preparation and participation of selected teams in competitions.

r) To monitor successful athletes, to take necessary measures for the development of athletes and, from the Ministry budget excluding those given awards, to reward successful sports clubs, athletes, coaches and technical personnel in a manner to be determined by directives on procedures and principles.

s) To prepare and implement projects related to the infrastructure and education of the sport branch, to determine talent, to ensure their implementation, and to open education and preparation camps for athletes at every level.

t) To implement the decisions of the Arbitration Board.

u) To carry out the work and procedures related to the registration of sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies for sport branches, to organize sport branch activities, participation procedures and required rules, to prepare directives, and to conduct audits.

v) To supervise sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies participating in activities in sport branches affiliated with it from a sportive perspective.

w) Regarding the obligation of having sports joint-stock company status within the scope of the third paragraph of Article 14 of the Law, to decide on imposing a minimum capital requirement of not less than one million Turkish liras of paid-in capital for such companies.

x) To cooperate with public institutions and organizations, local governments and private law legal entities, provided that this does not mean the complete transfer of the duties and powers of the Sports Federation.

y) To prepare annual and four-year strategic plans and submit them to the Ministry.

z) To assist sports clubs, sports joint-stock companies and umbrella organizations in matters related to infrastructure and the development of sports.

aa) To examine the applications of those wishing to open private physical education and sports facilities in sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation and to provide competency certificates to those deemed suitable in terms of the sportive competency of the facility, and to report to the Ministry on sportive and technical matters regarding the supervision of private physical education and sports facilities.

bb) To provide an opinion to the Ministry regarding the determination of sports clubs working for the public benefit.

cc) To provide an opinion to the Ministry regarding the professional determination of sport branches affiliated with it.

dd) To participate as a party alongside and assistant to the plaintiff or as ancillary intervener in cases required to be filed under Article 22 of the Law until the investigation is concluded.

ee) To file complaints regarding the sport branch activity of those found to be operating without the written permission of the Sports Federation pursuant to the sixth paragraph of Article 47 of the Law.

ff) To carry out archive and statistical studies related to the sport branch, to prepare educational films, slides and brochures, and to cooperate with press and television organizations in this regard.

gg) To carry out the affairs and transactions of coaches, referees and similar sports personnel with sports clubs, sports joint-stock companies and sponsorships through the Ministry information technology system and to submit statistical information on these matters to the General Directorate every three months.

hh) To work in coordination with the Ministry headquarters and provincial organization.

ii) To carry out the business and transactions of the Sports Federation through the Ministry information technology systems.

jj) To perform other duties specified in the relevant legislation.

**General Assembly**

**ARTICLE 7-** (1) The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the Sports Federation.

(2) The number of General Assembly delegates may not be less than 100 and not more than 200.

**Duties and powers of the General Assembly**

**ARTICLE 8-** (1) The duties and powers of the General Assembly are as follows:

a) To amend the Main Statute for submission to the Ministry's approval.

b) To elect the Federation President and Management, Audit and Discipline Board members.

c) To approve the budget.

d) To authorize the Management Board to make changes between budget expenditure items.

e) To authorize the Management Board to assume financial commitments with international sports federations for real estate purchases and sales.

f) To vote on whether the activity report of the Management Board is granted discharge.

g) To vote on whether the report of the Audit Board is granted discharge.

h) To propose to the Ministry for submission to the Sports Federation the affiliation or separation of a new sport branch.

i) To decide on the establishment of professional branches to be submitted to the Ministry's approval.

j) To decide on the establishment of economic enterprises with working procedures and principles to be determined by the Main Statute.

k) Within the scope of evaluation of non-discharge of the activity report and the Management Board; to discuss the report prepared by the Sports Evaluation and Development Board regarding the inadequacy of the management and representation of the Sports Federation's Management Board.

l) To perform other duties specified in the relevant legislation.

**Composition of the General Assembly**

**ARTICLE 9-** (1) The delegates composing the General Assembly are as follows:

For delegates of sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies:

1) One delegate per sport branch from sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies that placed in the top three in any of the last two seasons of the Turkey Cup and leagues organized by the Sports Federation in the last two completed seasons before the General Assembly date, or the Turkey Cup, and placed in the top three in the last two seasons.

2) One delegate per sport branch for sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies that participated in activities in the last two consecutive seasons, excluding the activities specified in subparagraph (1) above, from among the other activities in the Sports Federation activity calendar completed before the General Assembly date.

b) Those who serve as acting sports federation presidents in the relevant sport branch or sport branches by proxy, as a result of judicial or administrative investigation being concluded in their duties.

c) Ministry delegates in the proportion of ten percent of the total number of General Assembly delegates.

d) Two delegates determined by the Turkey Amateur Sports Clubs Confederation.

e) A maximum of five persons from among those who have served on behalf of our country in the management boards of international sports federations of which the Sports Federation is a member, in order of priority, before the General Assembly date.

f) Five athlete delegates who have been national in sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation, provided that they have retired from active sports at least one year before the General Assembly date.

g) Five referee delegates to be determined by lot from among those who have retired from active refereeing at least one year before the General Assembly date, registered with the Sports Federation, and who have refereed internationally in sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation.

h) Five coach delegates to be determined by lot from among those who have retired from active coaching at least one year before the General Assembly date, are Turkish citizens registered with the Sports Federation, and have served as national team technical director in the adults category in sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation.

(2) In the General Assembly, the number of delegates of sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies may not be less than sixty percent of the total delegate count.

(3) In determining sports club and sports joint-stock company delegates, sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies that have completed two consecutive seasons of Sports Federation activities before the General Assembly date shall be taken as basis. Completed two seasons shall be determined taking into account the seasons registered in accordance with the Sports Federation's relevant legislation season definition. Delegate lists shall be re-arranged by taking into account the last two consecutive completed seasons before each General Assembly meeting.

(4) Ministry delegates are determined by the Minister from among the general director, president, general director deputy, department head, and youth and sports provincial directors.

(5) In determining national athlete General Assembly delegates; a) National athletes who have placed in the top three in olympic or paralympic or deaflympic games, b) National athletes who have placed in the top three in adults world championships, c) National athletes who have placed in the top three in adults European championships, d) National athletes who have actually competed in international sports competitions and represented our country in the highest number, are taken as basis. In determining the number of athletes based on the same statute, those with more success count shall be taken as basis.

(6) The determination of delegate counts and their lottery-like work and procedures shall be evaluated within each group. Persons who are unable to obtain delegate rights within a group may obtain delegate rights from the relevant other group, provided that they meet all the delegate conditions of the other group.

(7) If a person has delegate rights based on more than one status, only one delegate right shall be given taking into account the ranking in the first paragraph. Proxy voting may not be used at the General Assembly.

(8) In determining the number of Ministry delegates; the total of other delegate counts is determined to be ten percent of the total delegate count. The total delegate count thus determined is established as ten percent being the Ministry delegate count. In this context, fractions are rounded to the nearest whole number in determining the number of Ministry delegates.

(9) If the delegate count exceeds the upper limit prescribed in this Main Statute for each group, the delegate count is reduced to the prescribed number by lot to be drawn in the presence of a notary and upon the request of interested parties. In this context, the list of those who will enter the lottery and the place and time of the lottery are announced on the Sports Federation and Ministry internet sites at least two days in advance.

(10) In the event that the minimum delegate count prescribed for the General Assembly is not reached; delegate rights equal to the prescribed minimum delegate count are additionally granted to each sports club and sports joint-stock company, with the delegate counts of representatives of sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies remaining fixed excluding Ministry delegates, and the Ministry delegate count is determined accordingly.

(11) Delegates of sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies; a) From among members in sports clubs, b) From among shareholders or representatives in sports joint-stock companies, are determined by the management board of the relevant sports club or sports joint-stock company.

(12) Delegates must be eighteen years of age.

(13) Sports Federation employees may not be delegates.

**General conditions required for the Federation President and Management, Audit and Discipline Board members**

**ARTICLE 10-** (1) The general conditions to be sought in the Federation President and Management, Audit and Discipline Board members are as follows:

a) Being a citizen of the Republic of Turkey.

b) Being at least a high school graduate.

c) Not having received a penalty or disqualification sanction of six months at one time or one year in total within the last five years from the Arbitration Board, Ministry sports discipline boards, national or international sports federations' discipline boards.

d) Even if pardoned, not having been convicted of imprisonment of one year or more for intentionally committed crimes; crimes against the security of the State, crimes against the Constitutional order and its functioning, embezzlement, bribery, theft, fraud, forgery, breach of trust, fraudulent bankruptcy, bid rigging, interference with performance of obligations, money laundering, financing of terrorism, smuggling, hate and discrimination crimes, crimes against sexual inviolability, prostitution, manufacturing or trafficking narcotics or stimulant substances, facilitating use of narcotics or stimulant substances, purchasing, accepting or possessing narcotics or stimulant substances for use, using narcotics or stimulant substances, match-fixing or incentive premiums, contrary to law providing venues and opportunities for betting and games of chance based on sports competitions, advertising, facilitating money transfers or acting contrary to Article 20 of the Law.

e) Federation presidential candidates must have the written support of at least ten percent of the General Assembly delegates.

f) Federation presidential candidates must pay the candidacy fee, which shall not exceed the amount found by multiplying the civil servant monthly coefficient by an indicator of 40,000, to the Management Board at least ten days before the General Assembly date.

(2) The general conditions specified in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the first paragraph are sought for the principal and reserve members of the Management, Audit and Discipline Boards of the Sports Federation.

(3) The club memberships and executive positions of those who serve in paid or honorary capacities in the Sports Federation in sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation that are registered, automatically terminate from the date they assume their duties. The rights arising from club membership and executive positions of those whose duties end in the Sports Federation are preserved.

(4) Those who serve in the organs of sports joint-stock companies operating in sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation, or who work in the Sports Federation in any capacity, may not simultaneously serve in organs other than the general assemblies of sports joint-stock companies.

**Duties of the Federation President**

**ARTICLE 11-** (1) The duties of the Federation President are as follows:

a) To represent the Sports Federation.

b) To carry out the activities of the Sports Federation in accordance with the relevant legislation and the decisions of the General Assembly and Management Board.

c) To chair the Management Board, determine the agenda of Management Board meetings and implement Management Board decisions.

d) To propose other boards to be established and their members to the Management Board, and to chair these boards when deemed necessary.

e) To make expenditures for the realization of the general objectives of the Sports Federation, and when necessary to delegate this authority to the deputy president.

f) To determine the federation deputy president and vice presidents.

g) To propose to the Management Board the employment of persons deemed suitable to work in the Sports Federation.

h) To propose to the General Directorate for submission to Ministry approval the appointment of Sports Federation provincial representatives.

**Management Board**

**ARTICLE 12-** (1) The Management Board is the management and representation organ of the Sports Federation.

(2) The Management Board, including the Federation President elected by the General Assembly, consists of eleven principal and eleven reserve members. At least two principal members of the Management Board must be athletes who have been national in the relevant sport branch in the adults or higher level olympic, paralympic and deaflympic games or world or European championships or cups, and who have retired from active sports at least one year prior. Where national athletes who could serve as Management Board members are not available, non-active licensed athletes who have not been active for at least one year may be elected as Management Board members.

(3) A federation deputy and one or more vice presidents may be appointed by the Federation President from among the Management Board members according to the needs of the Sports Federation.

(4) In the event of death, resignation, deemed resignation or departure of principal members of the Management Board, reserve members are called by the Federation President in order of sequence to complete the remaining term. Where a non-national athlete or non-active licensed athlete who is a Management Board member departs from membership for any reason or whose membership ends, reserve members in the same status are called. Where reserve members so called also depart from membership for any reason or whose membership ends, remaining reserve Management Board members may be called.

(5) If the total number of principal and reserve Management Board members falls below the meeting quorum due to death, resignation or similar reasons, the General Assembly is convened for an extraordinary meeting.

**Duties of the Management Board**

**ARTICLE 13-** (1) The duties of the Management Board are as follows:

a) To carry out every type of activity related to sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation.

b) To carry out sport branch registration applications and related work and procedures of sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies, to divide them into groups, to organize competitions, and to determine

the promotion and relegation status to be applied.

c) To organize sport branch activities, to register competition results and decide on sport competitions.

d) To decide on the cancellation of sport branch registrations of sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies that do not participate in their committed sport branch activities without permission and without excuse for three consecutive years, and to report this decision to the Ministry.

e) To determine the annual visa fee for coaches, trainers, referees and similar sports personnel.

f) To reward successful sports clubs, athletes, coaches and technical personnel remaining after those awarded from the Ministry budget due to outstanding achievements in national and international sports competitions, in a manner to be determined by directives on procedures and principles.

g) To carry out the affairs and transactions of sales and transfers of goods and materials within the scope of the Law on Machinery and Chemical Industry Corporation Joint Stock Company No. 7330 dated 30/6/2021.

h) To carry out real estate purchase and sale transactions in accordance with the authority obtained from the General Assembly.

i) To assume financial commitments with international sports federations in accordance with the authority obtained from the General Assembly.

j) To audit all types of sponsorship and advertising contracts of television, radio, internet, printed works and publications, sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies related to sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation.

k) To establish other boards needed beyond the mandatory boards upon the proposal of the Federation President, and to determine their working procedures and principles by directives.

l) To take necessary measures within the scope of the Law No. 6222 dated 31/3/2011 on the Prevention of Violence and Disorder in Sports and related legislation regarding safety and health measures in competitions.

m) To implement the budget and spending principles determined for sports federations pursuant to the Law.

n) To carry out General Assembly meeting related affairs and transactions in accordance with the relevant legislation.

o) To prepare the budget and make changes between budget items in accordance with the authority obtained from the General Assembly.

p) To use the powers granted by the General Assembly.

q) To carry out the duties and activities of the Sports Federation; to determine the number of administrative and technical personnel other than public officials to be assigned to the central organization and provincial representatives, their contract fees and social rights, and the travel allowances and per diem of board members deemed necessary.

r) To prepare directives on matters within the Sports Federation's area of duty and submit them for publication to Ministry approval.

s) To ensure the execution of the activities of economic enterprises affiliated with the Sports Federation.

t) To provide an opinion to the Ministry regarding the professional determination of sport branches affiliated with it.

u) To train managers, technical directors, coaches, masseurs, technical staff, referees and similar elements related to sport branches, and to take all types of measures for the development of these elements.

v) To operate and manage the facilities within the Sports Federation, to provide all types of vehicles, equipment, materials and similar necessities so that activities can be carried out.

w) To decide on the applications of sports clubs, sports joint-stock companies and related organizations, as well as athletes, technical managers, coaches, referees, and other officials and interested parties with duties in sport branches, by obtaining opinions in necessary cases from the organizations to which they are affiliated.

x) To apply to the Ministry for the establishment of professional branches in accordance with the authority obtained from the General Assembly.

y) To fulfill the duties assigned by legislation and General Assembly decisions and make arrangements in these matters within the framework of the Law and relevant legislation.

**Management Board meetings**

**ARTICLE 14-** (1) The Management Board meets at least once every three months with an agenda determined by the Federation President. Other matters proposed by Management Board members may also be added to the agenda. The Management Board is also convened at the request of the simple majority of the total number of members by the Federation President.

(2) The Management Board meets with the simple majority of the total number of members and makes decisions with the simple majority of the participants. In the event of a tie vote, the side on which the Federation President voted is deemed to have achieved a majority.

(3) The Sports Federation may also hold Management Board meetings through information technology systems deemed appropriate by the Ministry. Data to be processed in the said systems shall be processed and stored in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Law No. 6698 dated 24/3/2016 and legislation enacted pursuant to this Law.

(4) Management Board decisions taken in the electronic environment are recorded in the Management Board decision register maintained in the physical environment, separately with date and sequence number. All procedures and principles regarding the physical conduct of Management Board meetings specified in the relevant legislation also apply to meetings held in the electronic environment.

(5) Members who will participate in Management Board meetings to be held in the electronic environment log in using one of the identity verification factors determined by the Ministry.

(6) The membership of a member who fails to attend a total of four meetings without excuse within two consecutive meetings or two years automatically terminates. Members must notify their excuses in writing together with the reasons to the president at the latest one hour before the meeting time. The decision on whether to accept the excuse is made by the Management Board members attending the meeting.

(7) The General Secretary provides information to the Management Board about the administrative transactions of the Sports Federation and participates in all Management Board meetings, including the writing and recording of decisions, and carries out the secretariat work of the meeting. The General Secretary does not have the right to vote in Management Board meetings.

(8) Decisions are written in decision registers and signed. The decision register is stored at the Sports Federation headquarters. Decisions taken are executed by the Federation President.

**Audit Board**

**ARTICLE 15-** (1) The Audit Board audits on behalf of the General Assembly whether the financial transactions of the Sports Federation are in compliance with legislation, documents and decisions.

(2) The Audit Board consists of three principal and three reserve members appointed by the Ministry, alongside two principal and two reserve members who are experts in financial matters selected by the General Assembly, totaling five members. Principal members elect from among themselves a chairperson, a deputy chairperson, a deputy and a rapporteur. The names and information of Audit Board members appointed by the Ministry are communicated to the Sports Federation in writing within three months from the date of the General Assembly.

(3) The appointment of Audit Board members appointed by the Ministry is communicated to the Sports Federation.

(4) The Audit Board carries out its activities by convening upon the call of the Audit Board Chairperson at necessary times. The Board meets with the simple majority of the total number of members and makes decisions with the simple majority of the participants. Members who do not participate in the decision are obligated to explain their reasons in the relevant decision.

(5) The Audit Board is impartial and independent in its duties. Members may not be removed from their duties and replacements may not be appointed unless they resign or are deemed to have resigned. To complete the remaining term of principal members elected by the General Assembly in the event of death, resignation or deemed resignation, reserve members are called by the Audit Board Chairperson in order of sequence to complete the board.

(6) The membership of a member who fails to attend a total of four meetings without excuse within two consecutive meetings or two years automatically terminates. Members must notify their excuses in writing together with the reasons to the chairperson at the latest one hour before the meeting time. The decision on whether to accept the excuse is made by the Audit Board members at that meeting.

(7) Audits must be conducted at the headquarters of the Sports Federation. Financial audits are conducted at least four times a year, and notifications are made to the Management Board for the necessary actions on identified matters. The Management Board is obligated to fulfill the matters identified by the audit. The Audit Board also prepares the audit report it will prepare on a yearly basis for each financial General Assembly, and submits it for the approval of the General Assembly.

**Duties, meetings, and audit procedures and principles of the Audit Board**

**ARTICLE 16-** (1) The Audit Board audits on behalf of the General Assembly whether the financial transactions of the Sports Federation are in compliance with legislation, documents and decisions. The audit is carried out for the purpose of examining the compliance of the Sports Federation's financial transactions with legislation, the accuracy of accounts and transactions related to income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, and evaluating the reliability of the financial system and statements.

(2) In each fiscal year, at least four audits are performed in quarterly periods, and the Audit Board meets at least once for each audit. A copy of the minutes prepared and matters identified at the end of the meeting is submitted to the Management Board. The Management Board is obligated to fulfill the matters identified. If the identified matters are not fulfilled, the situation to be submitted to the General Assembly must be stated in the Audit Board report.

(3) The Audit Board prepares a separate audit report for each completed fiscal year. The audit results are reported in a format suitable for the report template annexed to the Regulation. Audit Board reports clearly state compliance or non-compliance with the rules specified in Article 43 of the Law, alongside matters of specific and general nature.

(4) The audit also covers the economic enterprises of the Sports Federation. In the report prepared, the activities of economic enterprises are evaluated under a separate heading.

(5) In years when a Financial General Assembly is held, an audit report is also prepared for periods covering the period from the end of the previous Financial General Assembly to the date of the Financial General Assembly to be held from the date the previous Financial General Assembly ended and earlier, so as not to be contrary to audit reports prepared earlier for those periods.

(6) During the audit, all information and documents requested by the Audit Board must be provided by Sports Federation officials. The Audit Board may also utilize expert witnesses if deemed necessary. The fee to be paid to expert witnesses is met from the amount determined by the Management Board in accordance with the Minimum Expert Witness Fee Tariff for the relevant year.

(7) The entirety of the audit report is announced to General Assembly members via publication on the Sports Federation and Ministry internet sites fifteen days before the General Assembly meeting.

**Discipline Board**

**ARTICLE 17-** (1) The Discipline Board has jurisdiction in discipline disputes arising from competitions and activities included in the activity program of the Sports Federation or authorized by the Sports Federation. The Discipline Board deals with matters related to sports ethics and discipline-contrary behaviors of organizations, sports clubs, sports joint-stock companies, and all related persons including athletes, coaches, referees, trainers, managers, executives, officials and others related to activities in sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation involved in competitions and activities.

(2) Discipline Board members, selected by the General Assembly, consist of five principal and five reserve members. At least three of the principal and reserve members must be lawyers. Principal members elect from among themselves a chairperson, a deputy chairperson, a deputy and a rapporteur.

(3) The Discipline Board is independent in its duties and decisions. Members may not be removed from their duties and replacements may not be appointed unless they resign or are deemed to have resigned. To complete the remaining term, reserve members are called by the Discipline Board Chairperson in order of sequence. Where a legally trained Discipline Board member departs for any reason or whose membership ends, reserve members in the same status are called.

(4) The Discipline Board deals with and decides on matters within its area of duty by convening upon the call of the Discipline Board Chairperson at necessary times. The meeting agenda is determined by the Discipline Board Chairperson. In the absence of the Discipline Board Chairperson, the deputy presides. The Discipline Board meets with the simple majority of the total number of members and makes decisions with the simple majority of the participants. Members who do not participate in the decision are obligated to explain their reasons in the relevant decision. In the event of a tie vote, the side on which the chairperson voted is deemed to have achieved a majority.

(5) The membership of a member who fails to attend a total of four meetings without excuse within two consecutive meetings or two years automatically terminates. Members must notify their excuses to the Discipline Board Chairperson in writing together with the reasons at the latest one hour before the meeting time. The decision on whether to accept the excuse is made by the board members at that meeting.

(6) No organ, authority, office or person may give orders, instructions, advice or suggestions regarding the use of Discipline Board powers. Discipline Board members, during their terms of office, may not serve on other boards and organs of the Sports Federation, or within sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies operating in sport branches within the Sports Federation's structure, or other private law legal entities directly connected therewith.

(7) Discipline Board Chairperson and members are obligated to disclose in writing all types of circumstances and conditions that may reasonably justify doubts about their impartiality and independence, primarily conflicts of interest, that may affect their impartiality and independence before and during the acceptance of their duties and the trial process.

(8) In the event that there are reasonable grounds to seriously suspect the independence and impartiality of the Discipline Board Chairperson and members, they must immediately recuse themselves from the file.

(9) The Discipline Board may impose penalties including warnings, reprimands, fines, return of awards, disqualification, expulsion from competition, suspension from competition, license and other eligibility document suspension or cancellation, sport branch registration cancellation, playing without spectators, venue closure, default loss, point deduction, relegation, and other penalties to be determined by regulations or directives issued by the Ministry and the Sports Federation.

(10) Discipline Board decisions are recorded in the Ministry information technology system by the Sports Federation within one month from the date of the decision.

(11) Decisions issued by the Discipline Board may be appealed to the Arbitration Board.

**General Secretariat**

**ARTICLE 18-** (1) The General Secretary is employed by the decision of the Management Board from among persons with at least five years of professional experience in the public or private sector and at least four years of higher education.

(2) The General Secretary is authorized and responsible for carrying out all types of administrative affairs and transactions of the Sports Federation in accordance with the directives of the Management Board. The General Secretary participates in Management Board meetings, provides information and writes reports as rapporteur on Management Board decisions.

(3) The General Secretary's duties are as follows:

a) To conduct correspondence on behalf of the Federation President with national or international sports federations, public institutions and organizations. To ensure coordination with provincial directorates.

b) To carry out the necessary transactions related to the Sports Federation's expenditure directives, to prepare documents and arrange payments. The signature of the General Secretary must also be present on payment documents alongside the signature of the Federation President or the deputy president. If the General Secretary is unable to sign the payment documents, payment transactions may be carried out with the joint signature of the Federation President and the federation deputy president. In this case, the relevant reasons and justifications are reported to the General Directorate by the General Secretary.

c) To ensure that the movable and immovable property records of the Sports Federation are kept.

d) To fulfill other duties assigned by the relevant legislation and the Federation President.

(4) Other conditions to be required for the General Secretariat and the working procedures and principles are carried out within the framework of the Law and relevant legislation.

**Provincial representative**

**ARTICLE 19-** (1) Sports Federation provincial representatives may be appointed in the provinces to ensure coordination between the domestic connections of the Sports Federation and the Sports Federation's activities in the provincial directorates, upon the proposal of the Federation President and the approval of the Ministry.

(2) The conditions specified in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the first paragraph of Article 10 are sought for Sports Federation provincial representatives.

(3) The duties and powers of the provincial representative are determined by directives issued by the Sports Federation.

**Other boards**

**ARTICLE 20-** (1) The formation, working procedures and principles of other boards to be established by the Sports Federation and not specified in this Main Statute are determined by directives.

## CHAPTER THREE

## Federation Presidential Candidacy Application and Evaluation

**General principles regarding the election of the Federation President**

**ARTICLE 21-** (1) The election of the Federation President is held together with the election of the Management, Audit and Discipline Boards.

(2) A person may serve as president of the same sports federation for a maximum of three consecutive or intermittent terms. Holding elections in extraordinary General Assemblies is deemed to have completed one term regardless of the Federation President's term of office.

(3) In the event of the death, resignation of the Federation President, or loss of any of the conditions for being president, the duty of the federation presidency is carried out by a Management Board member to be selected by the Management Board, provided that elections are held within at most sixty days.

(4) The Federation President and Management, Audit and Discipline Board members; a) From one month before the announcement of the renewal decision regarding parliamentary and local government general and interim elections and from seven days after the elections, b) In the event of being a candidate for another federation presidency, from the date of being a candidate until the general assembly meeting date of the sports federation where they will be a candidate, may not nominate or be nominated as candidates.

**Documents requested from federation presidential candidates**

**ARTICLE 22-** (1) The following documents are requested from federation presidential candidates during the application process: a) Copy of Republic of Turkey identity document, b) Copy of educational certificate, c) Declaration regarding not having received a penalty or disqualification sanction, d) Criminal record including archive record, e) Candidacy application fee receipt, f) Written support of at least ten percent of delegates.

**Documents requested from Management, Audit and Discipline Board member candidates**

**ARTICLE 23-** (1) For those elected to principal and reserve membership of the Management, Audit and Discipline Board at the General Assembly, the documents specified in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the first paragraph of Article 22 are requested from the Sports Federation.

**Federation presidential candidacy applications**

**ARTICLE 24-** (1) Federation presidential candidate applicants are required to submit their written petitions indicating their desire to be federation presidential candidates and the required other documents and a ballot paper forming a sealed envelope to Sports Federation officials by 17:00 on the last application day, at least ten days before the date the General Assembly will be held.

(2) The sealed envelopes containing application documents are signed by the federation presidential candidate applicant, sealed by Sports Federation officials without being opened and without any examination, and accepted on record. A copy of the delivery minutes is given to the federation presidential candidate applicant.

(3) Application documents received by the Sports Federation, together with the application envelope, are taken on record by the end of business on the application day and delivered to the Ministry by the Sports Federation's three-member commission.

(4) Federation presidential candidacy applications are forwarded to the Evaluation Commission within the shortest possible time from delivery to the Ministry, in accordance with the General Assembly calendar, to determine whether they are federation presidential candidates.

**Evaluation Commission**

**ARTICLE 25-** (1) Whether federation presidential candidate applicants meet the candidacy requirements is determined by the Evaluation Commission established by the General Directorate.

(2) The Evaluation Commission consists of five principal and five reserve members appointed by the General Director.

(3) The date, place, time and hour of the Evaluation Commission meeting are communicated to the Sports Federation and presidential candidate applicants.

(4) The General Secretary of the Sports Federation or a representative of the presidential candidate applicant may attend the Evaluation Commission meeting. The application documents relating to each presidential candidate applicant are examined, and those deemed to meet the required conditions are identified as presidential candidates. Findings regarding presidential candidacy are recorded in minutes signed by the Evaluation Commission members and those attending the meeting.

(5) At the end of the meeting, the names of persons among the presidential candidate applicants determined to meet the required conditions are announced to the public as presidential candidates on the Ministry and Sports Federation internet sites. Objections to the decisions of the Evaluation Commission against presidential candidates and their lists announced on the Ministry internet site may be filed with the Arbitration Board within three days from the date of announcement. The Arbitration Board renders its final decision on objections within two days.

## CHAPTER FOUR

## General Assembly

**General principles**

**ARTICLE 26-** (1) All affairs and transactions related to the convening of the General Assembly are carried out by the Management Board. (2) General Assemblies of the Sports Federation are held in Ankara. (3) The Ministry assigns an observer to General Assembly meetings. The observer audits whether the General Assembly meeting was properly conducted, submits the report to the Ministry within fifteen days. The observer participates in the presidency bureau of the General Assembly meeting in a section reserved for this purpose. The travel expenses of the observer are met by the Sports Federation.

**General Assembly meetings**

**ARTICLE 27-** (1) The Ordinary General Assembly is held within four months after the conclusion of the summer olympic games. (2) In the event of postponement of summer olympic games for any reason; a) a postponement of no more than one year, the current Federation President and organs continue their duties until the first General Assembly. b) In the event of postponement of more than one year or cancellation, the General Assembly is held within at most three months. (3) The Financial General Assembly, to be held once every two years, is held: a) Together with the Ordinary General Assembly, b) In years when there is no Ordinary General Assembly, in September, October or November, at the date determined by the Management Board. (4) Extraordinary General Assembly is held in the event of: a) Decision of the simple majority of the Management Board, b) Written application by notary channel of the simple majority of delegates at the last General Assembly, c) Resignation, death or loss of any qualification of the Federation President, d) Fall below quorum of Management, Audit or Discipline Board, e) Non-discharge of Management Board at Financial General Assembly.

**General Assembly call and agenda**

**ARTICLE 28-** (1) The General Assembly call, date, place and agenda are determined by the Management Board and announced on the Ministry and Sports Federation internet sites at least thirty days before the General Assembly date. (2) In the General Assembly call, it is stated that if a quorum cannot be achieved at the first meeting, the second meeting shall be held on the following day without seeking quorum, but with at least twice the number of principal members of boards determined by election. (3) The General Assembly agenda must include: a) Opening, b) Moment of silence and reading of the National Anthem, c) Election of the Tribunal, d) Reading and voting of the agenda, e) Discussion and decision on the budget, f) Voting on discharge of the Management Board activity report, g) Voting on discharge of the Audit Board report, h) Election of Federation President and Management, Audit and Discipline Board members at ordinary and elective extraordinary General Assemblies.

### Delegate list and General Assembly preparatory proceedings objection

**ARTICLE 30-** (1) The provisional delegate list may be objected to the Management Board by interested parties within five days from its announcement date. Objections to the delegate list are decided within two days. These decisions may also be objected to the Arbitration Board within two days. The Arbitration Board renders its final decision within five days.

### Tribunal

**ARTICLE 32-** (1) The Tribunal, selected by the General Assembly from among delegates, consists of a chairperson, a vice chairperson and a secretary member. Additionally, ballot box officials are selected from among the delegates for conducting election operations. The election of the Tribunal and ballot box officials is conducted by open voting.

### Election of Federation President, Management, Audit and Discipline Board members

**ARTICLE 34-** (1) The election of the Federation President, Management, Audit and Discipline Boards is conducted together. Federation presidential candidates and their lists are voted on as a block. Elections are conducted on the basis of the list system by secret ballot and open counting. No drawing, deletion or addition may be made on the ballot papers. (10) The federation presidential candidate who receives the most votes in the election is deemed elected. In the event of a tie vote, a second vote is held the following day. The number of participants in the meeting shall not be less than twice the number of principal members of the boards determined by election. If there is a tie in the second vote, the Federation President and boards taking office are determined by lot.

### Annulment of the General Assembly

**ARTICLE 35-** (1) When the Ministry observer report is issued, interested parties may request the annulment of the General Assembly at the Ankara civil court of first instance within thirty days from the date the General Assembly was held.

## CHAPTER FIVE

## Financial Provisions

### Sports Federation budget

**ARTICLE 36-** (1) The fiscal year of the Sports Federation is the calendar year. The budget is prepared by the Management Board for each calendar year and for every two years, and is put into effect after approval by the General Assembly. (2) The budget shows all types of revenues, allowances for activities, personnel expenses, expenses of boards, management and service expenses and other expenses. (3) The Federation President has the authority to make collections and expenditures within the principles specified in the budget. (4) The signature of the General Secretary must be present on payment documents alongside the signature of the deputy president or the president's deputy.

### Revenues of the Sports Federation

**ARTICLE 37-** (1) The revenues of the Sports Federation are as follows: a) Allocation from the Ministry budget, b) Resources for supporting education and infrastructure improvement projects, c) Participation fees, application fees and dues, d) Amounts from coaches, referees, athletes' license and visa fees and transfers, e) Club registration fees, f) Broadcasting revenues, g) Revenues from economic enterprises, h) Sponsorship

revenues, i) Advertising revenues, j) Penalty and objection revenues, k) Grants and donations, l) Rental and operating revenues, m) Application fees from federation presidential candidates, n) Other similar revenues. (2) The assets of the Sports Federation are deemed State property and may not be seized pursuant to Article 40 of Law No. 7405. (3) Activities related to the Sports Federation's duties shall not be deemed to constitute an economic enterprise.

**Sports Federation expenditures**

**ARTICLE 38-** (1) The Sports Federation prepares its budget on an annual basis; and carries out all necessary expenditures within this Main Statute and related legislation to fulfill the duties assigned to it. (2) The Sports Federation has the authority to purchase, sell, lease, rent, operate, establish partnerships, establish mortgages and all types of rights and obligations on all types of movable and immovable properties, and to evaluate donations and grants in accordance with Management Board decisions. (3) Budget-related expenditures are specified in the budget directive prepared by the Management Board. (4) Expenditures are made in accordance with the following principles: a) Being mandatory or beneficial for work within the framework of the Sports Federation's and Management Board's duties, b) Being appropriate to the nature of the work and the Sports Federation's needs, c) Being proportionate to the Sports Federation's revenues within the framework of prudent and foresighted management principles, objective and good faith rules.

**Budget and spending principles**

**ARTICLE 39-** (1) The Sports Federation; a) Shall show the necessary care to fulfill its financial obligations within the prescribed period, b) Shall establish a balanced budget and create an administrative and financial structure, is obligated. (2) The Sports Federation may not borrow in an amount exceeding ten percent of the previous year's revenues. (3) Payments and collections must be made through banks, financial institutions or the Postal and Telegraph Organization. (4) Ensuring the balance of revenues and expenditures and not having overdue public debts is essential. (5) The Federation President and Management Board members are jointly and severally liable for damages from intentionally or negligently violating their obligations. (6) The Management Board may not, without Ministry permission, enter into transactions that would put the Sports Federation into debt exceeding its term of office.

**Accounting records and books**

**ARTICLE 40-** (1) The Sports Federation is obligated to establish an accounting service and keep accounting records current. (2) The Sports Federation keeps its records based on the uniform chart of accounts and balance sheet basis. The fiscal year is the calendar year. (3) Accounting transactions must be based on evidential documents. (4) Accounts are kept according to the calendar year basis. (5) Accounting records belonging to the Sports Federation for aid tracking by the Ministry are entered into the Ministry information technology system in bulk form and monitored separately. (6) The Sports Federation is obligated to maintain Management Board decision registers, Audit Board decision registers, Discipline Board decision registers, and other board registers. (7) The Sports Federation keeps its registers at its headquarters. The Federation President and General Secretary are jointly responsible in the event of loss, theft or illegibility of the registers.

**Ministry assistance**

**ARTICLE 41-** (1) All types of movable and immovable properties acquired using resources allocated from the Ministry budget to the Sports Federation may not be used for purposes other than their intended purpose, and may not be sold or transferred to third parties without Ministry permission. (2) Service fees for Ministry facilities used by the Sports Federation are paid within seven days and within fifteen days to the Ministry Accounting Office. (3) Other than fees to be paid to technical personnel and athletes, salaries and travel allowances of Sports Federation employees and other officials may not be met from advertising revenues obtained from public institutions and organizations.

**Forms of assistance**

**ARTICLE 42-** (1) The Sports Federation may provide assistance to sports clubs, sports joint-stock companies and umbrella organizations in matters related to infrastructure and sports development. (2) Assistance may be in kind or cash. The Sports Federation may not provide in-kind or cash assistance within the scope of the first paragraph up to one month before the start of the related olympic games and until the

ordinary General Assembly is held. (3) The Sports Federation may provide assistance in the form of in-kind, cash or technical staff assignment to school sports clubs.

## CHAPTER SIX

## Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

### Awards and sponsorship

**ARTICLE 43-** (1) Award and sponsorship transactions are carried out within the framework of the relevant regulations. (2) The Sports Federation may give awards according to directive provisions for athletes, sports clubs and coaches not covered by the regulation. However, awards to be given in this case may not be met from the allocation to be transferred from the Ministry budget for infrastructure projects and from advertising revenues obtained from the Sports Toto Organization Directorate.

### Regulation of broadcasts

**ARTICLE 44-** (1) The Management Board has exclusive authority over the transmission, communication, organization and programming of broadcasts by all types of technical devices related to all competitions in sport branches within the Sports Federation's activities within the borders of the Republic of Turkey. (2) Competitions not authorized for broadcast by the Sports Federation may not be broadcast.

### Resolution of disputes

**ARTICLE 45-** (1) Except for matters related to the audit of the Sports Federation, disputes arising between the Ministry and the Sports Federation are resolved through a commission formed by a member to be determined by the Arbitration Board under the chairmanship of a member, with the participation of a Ministry and Sports Federation representative. Appeals against the decisions of this commission are examined and concluded by the Arbitration Board.

### Intellectual, industrial and commercial rights

**ARTICLE 46-** (1) The ownership and right of use of all intellectual and industrial property rights, including brands, logos and similar, used or to be used by the Sports Federation, exclusively belongs to the Sports Federation. The existence of these rights does not prevent their registration with the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and International Patent Offices on behalf of the Sports Federation.

### Determination and conduct of sport branches

**ARTICLE 47-** (1) The Sports Federation has exclusive authority to organize and carry out activities related to sport branches affiliated with it in accordance with national and international rules, together with the Ministry. (2) No person, institution or organization may operate in organizing and carrying out sport branches without the written permission of the Ministry or the Sports Federation. Legal and administrative proceedings are established against those acting contrary to this provision pursuant to the Law.

### Sport branch registration

**ARTICLE 48-** (1) Sport branch registrations of sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies are carried out in accordance with the Sports Clubs and Sports Joint-Stock Companies Registration Regulation published in the Official Gazette No. 31890 dated 8/7/2022. (2) Participation of sports clubs and sports joint-stock companies in activities in sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation requires registration by the Sports Federation. (3) Sport branch registration fee, procedures and other requirements are regulated by the Sports Federation's directives. (4) The Sports Federation may impose a minimum capital requirement for sports joint-stock company status. (5) Sport branch registrations of non-participating clubs are cancelled and reported to the Ministry.

### Merger and asset transfer

**ARTICLE 49-** (1) Sports clubs operating in sport branches affiliated with the Sports Federation may merge with another sports club in the same province pursuant to Article 8 of the Law. They may also transfer one or several sport branches, or their assets as a whole, to another sports club or sports joint-stock company. (2-6) Mergers and asset transfers are carried out in accordance with the relevant regulations and legislation.

**Subordinate regulatory instruments**

**ARTICLE 50-** (1) Other subordinate regulatory instruments prepared based on this Main Statute are published on the Ministry internet site.

**Termination**

**ARTICLE 51-** (1) The legal personality of the Sports Federation terminates upon the publication of the Presidential Decree regarding this matter in the Official Gazette. The assets of the Sports Federation whose legal personality is terminated are transferred to the Ministry organization.

**Repealed main statute**

**ARTICLE 52-** (1) The Turkey E-sports Federation Main Statute published in the Official Gazette No. 32017 dated 18/11/2022 has been repealed.

**Transitional provision**

**PROVISIONAL ARTICLE 1-** (1) The provisions of subordinate regulatory instruments in force before this Main Statute entered into force that are not contrary to this Main Statute shall continue to remain in effect until the subordinate regulations to be issued by the Sports Federation enter into force.

**Entry into force**

**ARTICLE 53-** (1) This Main Statute enters into force on the date of its publication.

**Execution**

**ARTICLE 54-** (1) The provisions of this Main Statute are executed by the President of the Turkey Esports Federation.