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Introduction (Article 1)

This Regulation, drawn up in accordance with the Statutes of the FTSI, This Regulation shall not apply to the exercise of disciplinary powers in respect of The fight against doping, which is the subject of a special regulation annexed to this Regulation.

Chapter 1

DISCIPLINARY BODIES AND PROCEDURES

Section 1: Common Provisions to Disciplinary Commission, Trial and Appeal Division

Article 2

A Disciplinary Commission of First Instance and an Appeal Committee shall be established with disciplinary powers in respect of associations affiliated to the federation, licensed members of such associations and licensed members of the federation.

Each of these bodies shall consist of at least three members chosen for their Legal and ethical competencies. Any disciplinary body shall be composed majority of members not belonging to the board members or board committee of the federation. The President of the Federation shall not be a member of any disciplinary body. No person may be a member of more than one of those bodies.

The members of the disciplinary bodies may not be bound to the federation by a Contractual arrangement other than those resulting from their accession.

The term of office shall be four years. The members of the disciplinary bodies and their president are elected by majority vote in two rounds by the Steering Committee on the proposal of the president of the federation.

In the event of the President's absence or permanent incapacity, the presidency of the Disciplinary is ensured by the oldest member.

Where a member is permanently prevented from attending, a new member shall be appointed under the same conditions as his predecessor for the remainder of the term of office.

Article 3

The Discipline and Appeal Committees meet on convocation Of their president Or of the person appointed by him for that purpose. Each of them may deliberate validly only when at least two of its members are present.

The functions of secretary of the meeting are performed by a person designated by the disciplinary organ on the proposal of its president and who may not belong to that body.

In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote

Article 4

Debate in the front of the disciplinary body, in the presence of public.

However, the President, of the body, may or at the request of one of the parties, forbid the public access to the room during all or part of the sitting in the interest of public order, or where the interest of privacy justifies it. This article will only applicable with the majority consent of the members of the body.

Article 5

Members of Disciplinary Committees may not take part in the deliberations, when they have a

direct or indirect interest in the case.

In the same case, no one may sit on the Appeal Committee, if he/she was in the Disciplinary Committee.

Article 6

Members of disciplinary committees and secretaries of meetings are subject to an obligation of confidentiality for the acts, information and information which they may have/had Knowledge because of their duties.

Any breach of this provision shall result in the termination of the duties of the member of the committee or the secretary of the meeting.

Section 2

Provisions relating to the Disciplinary Committee/Commission

Article 7

Disciplinary proceedings are initiated by the President of the Federation.

The latter shall designate, within the federation or associations or committees department, a person responsible for the instruction (instructor) of disciplinary matters..

The following categories of cases are not investigated:

- Failure to comply with official texts,
- Refusal or dismissal of license to members of an affiliated or un-affiliated sports group/association,
- Refusal to organize a competition,
- Non-compliance with commitments made in a test requested,
- Assault, violence, manipulation, fake allegations or material abuse,
- Deterioration of equipment,
- Abuse of power
- Unsportsmanlike behavior in a competition
- Disrespectful Behavior,
- Forfeiture of a sports competition
- Non-regulatory sportswear,
- Established Connivance,
- Confusion of Type
- Non-compliance with health and safety rules,
- No respect of Reserve right,
- Any act, writing or speech which would jeopardize the operation or reputation of the F.T.S.I. and its decentralized bodies.

Instructors may not have a direct or indirect interest in the matter or sit on the Disciplinary bodies seized of the case which they have examined.

They shall be under an obligation of confidentiality for all acts, information and information which they may have become aware of by reason of their duties. Any infringement of this provision shall result in the termination of their duties by the President of the Federation.

Instructors receive delegation from the President of the Federation for all correspondence relating to the investigation of the case.

Article 8

Where the matter is not exempted from investigation pursuant to the third paragraph of Article 7, the instructor shall draw up a report in the light of the facts of the case file within a period of two months from the date of referral to it, it shall address to the Disciplinary Committee.

Instructor does not have Jurisdiction to close the case on its own.

Article 9

The licensee pursued, Accompanied, where appropriate, by persons having parental authority, shall be summoned before the Disciplinary Committee by the President of the latter, By sending a document setting out the objections in the form of a registered letter with a request for advice of delivery or by any other means enabling proof of receipt by the addressee, at least fifteen days before the date of the meeting. When the disciplinary proceedings are instituted against a legal person (e.g. an affiliated association), its statutory representative is summoned under the same conditions.

The person concerned may only be represented by a lawyer. It may be assisted by one or more persons of his choice. If he does not speak or understand sufficiently the English or Hindi language, he/she may be assisted by a person capable of translating the proceedings.

The person concerned or his counsel may consult/ask, before the sitting, the report and the entire file.

It may request that persons of its choice be heard, of which he/she shall communicate the name at least eight days before the meeting of the Disciplinary Committee.

The President of the latter may refuse requests for hearings which appear to be unfair.

The notice mentioned in the first Subparagraph shall indicate to the person rights as they are defined in this Article.

The fifteen-day period referred to in the first subparagraph may be reduced, at the request of the instructor. In this case, the faculty for the licensee or the association to request the exercising of hearing of persons without delay.

The time limit may, exceptionally, be less than eight days, at the request of the licensee against which disciplinary proceedings are instituted, In the case where he participates in Final stages of a competition.

Article 10

In the event of emergency provided for in the last paragraph of Article 9, Force majeure, the Postponement of the case can be requested.

In other cases, except in cases of force majeure, the postponement of the case may be requested only once, forty-eight hours at the latest before the date of the meeting. The duration of the may not exceed twenty days.

Article 11

When, In accordance with the second paragraph of Article 7, the case was exempted from investigation, the President of the disciplinary committee or the member of the disciplinary committee appointed by president shall set out the facts and the course of the proceedings.

In other cases, the instructor presents his report orally.

The President of the Disciplinary Commission may hear any person whose hearing he considers useful. If such a hearing is decided, the President shall inform before the meeting.

The person concerned and, where appropriate, his defenders shall be invited to speak last.

Article 12

The Disciplinary Commission shall deliberate behind closed doors, outside the presence of the person concerned, his Defendants, persons heard at the hearing and the instructor. It shall decide reasoned decision.

The decision shall be signed by the President. It shall be notified by letter under the conditions set out in the first paragraph of Article 9.

The notification mentions the ways and deadlines for appeal.

Article 13

The Disciplinary Committee shall take a decision within a period of three months the initiation of disciplinary proceedings.

When the meeting was postponed under rule 10, the period referred to in paragraph, shall be extended by a period equal to that of the carry-over.

Failing a ruling within these deadlines, the Disciplinary Committee, is divested and the entire file is forwarded to the Appeal Committee.

Section 3: Provisions Relating to the Appeal Committee/Commission

Article 14

The decision of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed by the person concerned or by the president of the federation within a period of seven days. This period shall be extended to 12 days in the case, where the domicile of the licensee or the head office of the association is located outside the metropolis.

The exercise of the right of appeal shall not be subject to the payment of sum of money to the F.T.S.I. or limited by a decision of a federal body.

Unless otherwise agreed contrary to the Disciplinary Committee reasoned document, the appeal remains suspensive.

Where the appeal does not come from the person prosecuted, the latter shall be informed thereof by the Appeals Committee, which shall indicate the time-limit within which it may submit its observations.

Article 15

The Appeal Board shall rule as a last resort.

It finds itself, on the basis of the file of first instance and the appeals, in accordance with the principle of the right to be heard.

The President shall appoint a reporter who shall draw up a report setting out the facts and conditions of the proceedings. This report is presented orally at the meeting.

The provisions of Articles 9 to 12 above shall apply before the Appeal Committee, with the exception of the third paragraph of section 12.

Article 16

The Appeals Committee must decide within a period of six months from the initial engagement of the prosecution. In the absence of a decision within this period, the appellant may refer the matter to the Indian National Olympic and Sports Committee for the purposes of the conciliation provided for in Article L. 141-4 of the Sport Code.

Where the Appeals Committee has been seized only by the person concerned, the sanction pronounced by the Disciplinary Committee may not be aggravated.

Article 17

The notification of the decision must specify the ways and means of appeal available to the person concerned.

The decision of the Appeals Commission is published in the news of the F.T.S.I. or what takes its place. The Appeal Committee may not include in the publication any personal information that could undermine respect for privacy or medical confidentiality.

Chapter 2 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

Article 18

The applicable penalties/sanctions are:

1 ° Sports penalties such as the cancellation of a competition, disqualification, cancellation of sports

results, decommissioning, temporary exclusion or definitive Proof, penalties in points, loss of points

in an individual classification;

2 ° Disciplinary sanctions chosen from the following measures:

(A) *The Warning*: This is the lightest penalty in the penalty scale. It shall be delivered orally or in writing to the perpetrator of a slight fault or if mitigating circumstances so justified.

When issued by the Tournament Director or the Referees, the warning must be mentioned in the tournament report.

B) *The Blame*: Blame is a reproach formulated solemnly and publicly with regard to that who, either voluntarily or through gross negligence, has breached the obligations imposed on it by the sports ethics, morals or principles of the federal organization.

C) *Suspension from competition or performance of duties*: Suspension is a penalty that temporarily deprives the person to the exercise of any entitlement within the F.T.S.I. and prohibits him from taking part in regardless of the functioning of the F.T.S.I. Or its various bodies Or affiliated groups, and to activities organized by or under its aegis. It must be the subject of an official insertion in the Federal Review. The suspension is defined by its duration. It may, however, be limited in its scope.

Where there is no special mention, the suspension shall have the effect of prohibiting all sporting and administrative activities in the areas managed by the F.F.F.T. And its decentralized structures (leagues, departmental committees, and clubs).

Applications for extension of the membership level, at the hierarchically superior level, and possibly even to the international level, if the request is expressly mentioned in the wording of the penalty and in the notification to the person concerned.

(D) Monetary penalties: When this penalty is imposed on a licensee, it may not exceed the amount of fines for police violations or INR30000 (whichever is less).

(E) The provisional withdrawal of the license

F) The cancellation: It's a definitive suspension of the license
It must be officially included in the Federal Review.

3 ° Ineligibility for a term, determined by the governing bodies, in particular, in the event of serious breach of the technical rules of the game, or breach of sportsmanship.

In the event of a first sanction, the competition suspension may be replaced, with the agreement of the person concerned and, where appropriate, that of his legal representative, or supplemented by the completion for a limited period of activities of general interest for the benefit of the F.T.S.I. or a sports association.

Article 19

The disciplinary body shall fix the date of entry into force of the sanctions and its Implementation.

Penalties of less than six months may not be executed outside the competition periods.

Article 20

The penalties provided for in Article 18, other than warning, reprimand and cancellation, may when imposed as a first sanction, be accompanied, in whole or in part, by a stay.

The suspended penalty shall be deemed to have been revoked, if the person concerned has not

been the subject of any new sanctions referred to in Article 18 within three years of its pronouncement. Any new sanction during this period shall revoke the penalty suspension.

Article 21

The disciplinary body of first instance may legally decide to suspend provisionally a member of the F.T.S.I., until the disciplinary proceedings against him are completed.

This measure of temporary suspension does not have the character of a disciplinary sanction, but constitutes a mere provisional measure pending the implementation of the disciplinary proceedings.

However, between the notification of this provisional measure and the meeting of the Disciplinary Committee concerned, it can only take 20 days.

Chapter 3 FAULTS AND MAXIMUM SANCTIONS

Article 22

The following disciplinary sanctions, to be considered as maximum, may be alleviated when the disciplinary body retains extenuating circumstances in favor of the accused person.

The recidivist, who within a period of 5 years from the expiry or prescription of the previous sanction, shall be considered as an aggravating provision which may result in the doubling of the maximum penalties set out below.

Section 1 Administrative sanctions

Article 23

Failure to comply with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure, Sports Codes

1) By the affiliated groups, the bodies which represent them and their licensees, according to the gravity. *[All sanctions under Article 18 shall apply]*

2) By leaders or players, act, writing or false word before witnesses or anyone discrediting Table Soccer, the F.T.S.I. or its members or its organs (for example associations etc.) at all levels. *[Suspension of 2 years]*

3) In the case of false claims resulting in significant detrimental losses such as the withdrawal of a partnership contract, for example. *[Radiation/striking off/permanent suspension]*

4) Conduct of a competition which does not comply with the rules in force. *[Cancellation. The Sporting Commission reserves the right to Replay the ordeal/test.]*

Article 24

Refusal of licenses of all members of an affiliated/unaffiliated association or club

By executive/directing/board Committee of associations/training facilities like club etc. *[Forfeiture/Withdrawal of Affiliation or licenses]*

Article 25

Refusal to organize a competition

The association (departmental committee, league or club), the previously requested or informed and confirmed.

[Pecuniary penalties equal to the financial loss suffered by the F.T.S.I.]

Article 26

Non-compliance with commitments made in a competition Requested

1. Non-compliance with sports commitments.

[Suspension of sports organization (association/club) for 3 years]

2. Not-respecting the financial commitments

[Reimbursement of damages caused]

3. Failure to comply with protocol procedures

[Blame]

Article 27

Track of Facts

Violence, disrespecting or insulting material act

[Suspension of 4 years]

Article 28

Misappropriation of funds or material

By a player, association member, departmental committee, League or the F.T.S.I.

[Permanent suspension/Striking

off/Radiation]

Article 29

Abuse of power

By a leader (whether coach, official or member of association or federation)

[Ineligible to hold the designation]

Article 30

Insubordination

By a leader

[Striking off/Radiation]

Section 2: Sports sanctions

Article 31

Unsportsmanlike behavior in a competition

1. Disturb a competitor, disrupt the whole event.

*[Warning from the Referee and / or the Tournament Director,
Reported on sports documents, arbitration sheet or results sheet]*

2. The player, after receiving a warning, continues to disturb the course of the event.

[The decision of disqualification belongs to the Tournament Director.

It may be accompanied by referral to the competent organizing disciplinary body.]

3. The player leaves an event/tournament without valid reasons.

[Suspension of 2 years]

Article 32

Disrespectful Behavior

1. Against an opponent, an umpire/referee, the tournament director, or any person present at the event and to any person in connection with the activities of Table soccer (insults, Threats, assault).

[Suspension of 2 years]

2. In the case of medically confirmed, body injury.

[Striking off/Radiation]

Article 33

Forfeiture of one championship scheduled

Recognized without Valid reason

[Suspension of 1 year]

Article 34

Not able to present the Identity documents

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In case of absence of license, Identity documents and non-regularization within 48 hours.
[Suspension for a year]

Article 35

Non-regulatory sportswear

1. Of Players
[Strict application of the Sporting Code by the Tournament Director or by the commission]
2. Of Referees/Officials
[The Tournament Director is responsible for the proper conduct of a competition. It may, under certain conditions, derogate with certain rules.]

Article 36

Established Connivance

Between players, between players and referees, and / or the tournament director.
[The results are canceled & Suspension of 2 years]

Article 37

Affront to honor

Affront to honor of a person by any means whatsoever, particularly insulting gestures or words:

1. By a player: *1 year ineligibility*
2. By an official: *2 year ineligibility*

In all cases, a fine and ineligibility to pursue any activity related to table soccer may also be imposed.

Article 38

Racism

1. Player or official who publicly belittles, discriminates or denigrates an individual in a way that undermines human dignity because of his/her race, colour, language, religion or ethnic origin, or who has a racist or inhuman behavior towards others
{Lifetime ineligibility}

The authority will also issue the justifiable with a ban forbidding him/her to show up in a room where a table soccer competition takes place, even as a spectator, during the ineligibility period.

Associations have to include these provisions in their disciplinary code and execute the provided sanctions. In case the latter are not respected, the concerned association may be excluded for two years from any national competition.

Article 39

Threats

Threats with the purpose of intimidating a match official *{1 year ineligibility or INR2500 fine}*

Article 40

Forged titles

1. Anyone who, within the framework of any activity relating to table soccer creates a false title, falsifies a title or uses a false or falsified title which has a legal scope
{2 year ineligibility}

If the perpetrator is an official, the authority will deliver an ineligibility sanction and a ban from any activity relating to table soccer for a maximal length of four years.

Article 41

Bribery

1. Anyone who offers, promises or grants an unjustified benefit to an FTSl body, a player or an official, for himself/herself or a third party, so as to lead this person to violate the FTSl regulations:

{INR 25,000 fine}

Ban forbidding the perpetrator to perform any activity relating to table soccer

Ban to show up at a table soccer venue

- Passive bribery (seeking, getting promised or accepting an unjustified benefit) is punished in the same way.
- In serious cases and in case of subsequent offences, the ban forbidding the perpetrator to perform any activity relating to table soccer may be delivered for life.
- In all cases, the authority will pronounce the seizure of those patrimonial values that were used to commit the offence. These amounts will go to the ITSF Development Fund.

Article 42

Confusion of Type

A Tournament Director and / or a national commission must in measurement as far as possible not being a player.

[Suspension of 3 years]

Chapter 4
**PREVENTION AND REPRESSION OF THE USE OF DOPING
PRODUCTS ON THE OCCASION OF COMPETITIONS OR
SPORTS EVENTS**

Articles 43

In this area, the disciplinary regulation relating to the fight against doping is set out in the annex to this Regulation.

F.T.S.I. addresses to all the presidents of associations (for circulation) the updated list of products prohibited by the Indian Olympic Association, Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs India, National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) and Sports Committee. Any licensed player may also obtain this list from National Anti-Doping Agency or the Ministry of Sports.

It will take effect from 1st January 2017 onwards.

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