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Preface

Document Basis & Explanation

- The provisions of this Handbook apply to the Federation of International Sports Table Football (FISTF), its Member National Associations (MNAs), registered players, registered Clubs and competition organisers in the conduct of any activity related to sports table football.
- In case of any conflict between the FISTF Statutes and any other section of this handbook, the provisions of the FISTF Statutes shall prevail.
- If any provision of this handbook or its applicability to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this handbook which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this handbook shall be severable.
- In the event of any controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or relating to this handbook, or to the interpretation, breach, or enforcement thereof, the parties shall in good faith use best efforts to settle such controversy, dispute or claim by negotiation. If such negotiation should fail, such controversy, dispute or claim shall be submitted to the FISTF Board of Directors, which shall issue a final, binding and conclusive ruling on all interested parties.
- The rights and obligations herein contained shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, FISTF, MNAs, registered players and registered clubs and their respective executors, administrators, successors and assigns.
- Any forbearance of FISTF, MNAs, registered players or registered clubs to exercise any right or remedy to which they are entitled under this handbook shall not be construed as a waiver of, or preclude the exercise of, any right or remedy.
- As used in this handbook, words in the masculine gender shall mean and include corresponding neuter words or words in the feminine gender and vice-versa, words in the singular shall mean and include the plural and vice versa, and the word “may” gives sole discretion without any obligation to take any action.
- Any case not provided for in this handbook shall be referred to the FISTF Board of Directors, which shall issue a final, binding, and conclusive ruling on the case.

Disclaimer of Liability

FISTF hereby disclaims any warranties, express or implied, including, without limitation, any implied warranty arising from course of performance, course of dealing or usage of trade, and also disclaims all other obligations and liabilities whatsoever whether in contract, warranty, product liability, tort (including without limitation, negligence, active, passive or imputed liability or strict liability), by statute or otherwise, related to the organisation and conduct of sports table football competitions, except as expressly assumed by FISTF in its statutes or in the present handbook.

MNAs by becoming FISTF members and accepting to organise sports table football competitions, expressly agree that FISTF is released from, and shall not be liable to, MNAs or competition organisers upon, any claim howsoever arising out of sports table football competitions, whether in contract, warranty, product liability or tort (including without limitation, negligence, active, passive or imputed liability or strict liability), by statute or otherwise, and all direct, indirect, special, consequential and incidental damages of any nature whatsoever, except as expressly assumed by FISTF in its statutes or in the valid handbook, and MNAs and competition organisers assume all risk and liability whatsoever related to sports table football competition organised by them, that is not expressly assumed by FISTF.

Should a registered player, registered club, registered referee or any other third party assert a claim against or sue FISTF whether in contract, warranty, product liability or tort (including without limitation, negligence, active, passive or imputed liability or strict liability), either at law or in equity, for events related to a sports table football competition, the competition organiser of such competition shall be responsible for dealing with and settling, at their own expense, any such claim, action or proceeding. Should FISTF incur any expenses in dealing with such claim, action of proceeding, the competition organiser shall indemnify FISTF for all damages incurred to FISTF.

At the time of renewing their FISTF membership or of first becoming members of FISTF, MNAs have been expressly made aware of the provisions of this section “disclaimer of liabilities” and, by accepting membership, recognise that these provisions are fully understood and accepted.

At the time of applying for the organisation of a table football competition, competition organisers have been expressly made aware of the provisions of this section “disclaimer of liabilities” and, by accepting membership or the task of competition organiser, recognise that these provisions are fully understood and accepted.

In case of any conflict between this section “disclaimer of liabilities” and any other section of this handbook (excepting the FISTF statutes), the provisions of this section “disclaimer of liabilities” shall prevail.

All MNAs that approve this handbook will be listed here, with date of approval.

This handbook shall become a ‘living’ document, which will be posted on the FISTF website (fistf.com). All changes will be made to it, becoming active at the time of publication, unless otherwise stated. A register of changes will be kept as an addendum.

Section 1 Internal Regulations

1.1 FISTF Departments

1.1.1 FISTF Board of Directors

(a) As the representatives of FISTF, the Board of Directors has the authority and the responsibility for the following matters:

(b) Organisation and administration of the FISTF Member National Associations (MNAs) and registered players, referees, clubs, and supporters.

(c) Organisation and administration of international sports table football competitions. FISTF will support competitors taking part in competitions by offering well organised and high-quality sports table football.

(d) Implementing rules of the game and rules of competitions.

(e) Production and distribution of international official and promotional sports table football newsletters, videos, and other digital material.

(f) Promotion and development of sports table football so that the number of members and registered players, referees, clubs, and supporters can increase and to develop recognition of sports table football as a sport by the public.

(g) Development and support of players' abilities through meetings and specialist high level training camps for players and referees.

(h) Ensuring that sports material is available and distributed and promotes a positive image of sports table football.

(i) All FISTF Board of Directors must use institutional emails for official communications. Any email from other email addresses will not be considered an official FISTF communication.

1.1.2 Definition of Department

(a) Each Board Member has their own Department under their supervision, as follows:

Board Member	Department
President	President's Advisory Group
General Secretary	Administrative Department
Sports Director	Sports Department/Rules Committee
Finance Director	Finance Department
Media Director	Communications Department/Editorial Committee
Promotion & Marketing Director	Promotion and Marketing Department
Development Director	Development Department
Special Sports Director	Special Sports Department
Asian Confederation VP	CASTFA Board
African Confederation VP	ACSTFA Board
North America Confederation VP	CONASTF Board
South America Confederation VP	CSAFM Board
European Confederation VP	ECSTFA Board

(b) Each Department can create Commissions for the purpose of the management of a predetermined task under that Department.

(c) All Departments must communicate with each other and communicate with the Secretary General and the FISTF President in relation to their activities.

1.2 FISTF Commissions

1.2.1 Definition of Commission

(a) FISTF Commissions (Committees) are special groups of people (*Commissioners*) invited or nominated by the FISTF Board of Directors or the relevant Board member to help on determined tasks under the supervision of one of the FISTF Board members who shall have the right to be members of those Commissions.

(b) It is not mandatory that Commission members be members of a FISTF MNA.

Section 2 Administrative Regulations

2.1 FISTF Members

2.1.1 Type of FISTF Members

(a) A FISTF MNA is the only type of FISTF Member.

(b) An MNA does not necessarily have to be an independent nation. Examples include Gibraltar, England, Wales, Scotland & Northern Ireland (GBR), Hong Kong & Macau (CHN), Faroe Islands (DEN), Monaco, San Marino & Andorra, etc. Applications may be accepted by the Board of Directors as stated in the FISTF Statutes.

2.1.2 Criteria for admission (and continuation) as a FISTF MNA

(a) A Board with at least 3 persons: President/Chair, two others.

(b) A Program of sports activities: Organisation of competitions within its national boundaries, and licensing of all players and referees.

(c) A registered bank account.

(d) Completing the relevant FISTF forms, a membership application to become an MNA, enclosing its statutes approved by its national authorities.

(e) The request for admission as an MNA must contain a commitment:

(i) To comply with statutes, rules and decisions of FISTF.

(ii) To observe the laws of the game in force in FISTF.

(f) As stated in the FISTF Statutes, an observation period of six months is required to validate the application for affiliation as an MNA

(g) An MNA undergoing the observation period cannot take part in votes at the AGM but may take part in other FISTF voting activity as decided by the Board.

(h) Status as a FISTF MNA is valid for one sports season only and must be renewed each season. Each MNA's status as a member of FISTF will be validated annually at the Annual General Meeting of FISTF, bearing in mind the criteria set out above.

(i) An MNA shall have a minimum of 10 registered players.

(j) An MNA shall have a minimum of 2 clubs (with teams).

(k) An MNA shall aim to have at least a National Championship and National Cup for Individuals and Teams.

(l) An MNA shall have a web page or other social media platform for sports table football (STF) information purposes.

2.1.3 Rights of MNAs

(a) All MNAs that are members of FISTF may:

(i) Organise their own FISTF tournaments and take part in tournaments listed in the FISTF calendar.

(ii) Grant licenses to their clubs and players to attend FISTF tournaments.

(iii) FISTF will issue an official diploma proving the membership of the MNA each season, upon request.

2.1.4 Administrative Duties of MNAs

(a) At the start of the season each MNA wishing to become or remain an MNA of FISTF must send an information sheet (**Form F01**) and a list of its licensed players and clubs to the FISTF General Secretary (**Form F20**). FISTF Will provide an export from its database for each MNA to check, validate, add or notify players and clubs as being unregistered.

2.1.5 Rules for the Registration of an MNA

(a) **Guidelines about Form F01 - MNA Membership Form**

(i) The completion of this form is mandatory for all MNAs in the terms referred in 2.1.4.

(ii) The form must be completed with as much detailed information as possible. Some of this information will be published on the FISTF website under the Nations pages. It is requested that email addresses of all office holders of the MNA be kept up to date. Additional information of each MNA is appreciated: website, Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter handles.

(iii) When submitting **Form F01**, the MNA must send all the following:

(A) Picture files, on JPG format:

(I) Portrait photo of each Board Member.

(II) Photos of national competition winners from the previous season.

(B) Documents:

(I) Statutes of the MNA.

(II) Each MNA needs to be registered as a club/association or official body within the juridical laws of that Nation (country). Where there are no such laws, the MNA must prove such a situation with an appropriate document or reference to government statutes.

(III) Where an MNA cannot be registered officially as a club/association or official body, FISTF will decide on a case-by-case basis whether to admit the MNA. An organisation must in any case be led by a competent Board of Directors to be the home for players. An association cannot be in the ownership of one or two persons (see section 2.1.2).

(IV) Accounts of an MNA must be controlled by the MNA Board of Directors, with at least two responsible officers in charge of activities.

(iv) MNA Regulations including the following mandatory information:

(A) Registration fee per player and/or per club.

(B) Annual fee per player and/or per club or process for confirming membership.

(C) The format of the championship, the national cup, and the team championship.

(D) Who can be selected and how the selection is made to play in the World Cup and various Continental Competitions as defined by each Confederation.

(E) How their Board of Directors operates.

(F) Copy of any documents that shows the MNA's activity during the previous year, such as newspaper cuttings, links to web articles, videos etc.

(b) **Guidelines about Form F20 – MNA – Licensed Clubs & Players Form**

(i) The completion of this form is mandatory for all MNAs in the terms referred to in 2.1.5. It must be submitted to FISTF by 31st January. As stated previously, FISTF will provide an export from its database for each MNA to check, validate, add or notify players and clubs as being unregistered.

(ii) If MNAs do not send **Form F20** to FISTF on time, players and teams will be removed from world rankings until the list has been received.

(iii) MNAs can send updates of **Form F20** list of licensed players and clubs, including new licenses, at any time.

(iv) In this way new players / clubs registered during the season (after the deadline of January 31st) can participate in FISTF tournaments.

(v) Changes to **Form F20** must be submitted after the Transfer Deadline, and in the event of the creation of new clubs, with players transferring to the new club.

(c) **Licensed Clubs**

(i) **Form F20** must include all clubs licensed by the MNA. Clubs not included in the list will not have a FISTF license to play international FISTF tournaments.

(ii) Every club shall have a unique FISTF license code and maintain the same code from the previous season. This code never changes and cannot be used by other clubs in the future.

(iii) The 3 letters of the MNA code, followed by the letter "C" and 3 sequential digits from 000 to 999, compose the structure of the Club license code. For example, valid club license codes for Austria are AUTC001, AUTC002, …, AUTC999. In the instance of a new club, the code and abbreviation of the club will be assigned by the FISTF Database Manager.

(iv) For each club, it is mandatory to indicate: Full Club Name, Contact Person, Contact Email, Address, City and its logo. Also appreciated are the website, Facebook page, and Instagram and Twitter handles.

(v) A club may enter two or more club teams in FISTF events, such as B-Teams.

(d) **Licensed Players**

(i) **Form F20** must include all players licensed by the MNA. Players not included in the list will not have a FISTF license to play international FISTF tournaments.

(ii) Every player shall have a unique FISTF license code and maintain the same code from the previous season. This code never changes and cannot be used by another player in the future.

(iii) The structure of the Player license code is composed by the 3 letters of the MNA code, followed by 4 sequential digits from 0000 to 9999. For example, valid player license codes for Austria are AUT0001, AUT0002, etc.

(iv) The inclusion of a date of the birth is mandatory for every player for them to be issued a FISTF license.

(e) **Foreign players registered with a National Club**

(i) The MNA has no authority to grant a FISTF license to a foreign player.

(f) **Administrative Sanctions for MNAs**

(i) If an MNA has not submitted its **Form F20** registration before the indicated deadline, its clubs and individual players will be prohibited from taking part in FISTF tournaments until this is in order.

(ii) FISTF may apply a penalty of 100 ranking points for the MNA in the nations ranking for a delay in submitting or failure to submit **Form F20**.

2.2 FISTF Licensed Clubs

2.2.1 Definition of FISTF Licensed Club

(a) A FISTF Licensed Club is a club officially recognised by its MNA, after which it can be included on the list of the MNA's licensed clubs (FISTF **Form F20**), or, in the case of there being no MNA in its country, a License awarded directly by FISTF.

(b) A FISTF License is valid for one sports season only and must be renewed each season.

2.2.2 Definition of the Nationality of Clubs

(a) Regardless of its legal form, a club shall be deemed to have, for the purpose of sports table football, the nationality of the MNA that licenses it to play sports table football.

(b) Clubs shall be individually responsible to apply for the license to play sports table football. The club shall be issued a license card, the form of which is left to each MNA to decide.

(c) The MNA of the country where a club is headquartered, providing this MNA is a member of FISTF, shall solely grant the license to the club.

(d) An MNA shall not unreasonably deny a license to a club headquartered within the country it is representing.

(e) A club headquartered in a country where no sports table football MNA exists, or where the MNA is not a member of FISTF, shall be granted a license directly by FISTF.

2.2.3 Rights of FISTF Licensed Clubs

(a) All clubs that are registered with an MNA of FISTF may take part in all tournaments listed in the FISTF calendar and are included in the world-ranking table.

2.2.4 Duties of FISTF Licensed Clubs

(a) Only FISTF licensed clubs can attend FISTF tournaments.

(b) To attend a FISTF tournament, the Club must request a FISTF License from its MNA.

2.2.5 Rules for the Licensing of a Club

(a) To have a FISTF license, a new club shall request its affiliation with the MNA existing in its country.

(b) If there is no MNA in its country, the club shall request a FISTF license directly from FISTF.

(c) Changes to details or cessation of a club must be noted by an MNA in their **Form F20**.

2.2.6 Administrative Sanctions for Clubs

(a) A club that takes part in a FISTF tournament without having a valid FISTF license *will result in the MNA of that club being fined 30 Euros*.

(i) The Organisers shall also be counselled to ensure only registered clubs/players are admitted to future events.

(ii) A second offence will incur a fine of 30 Euros to the Organiser.

(b) If the offence occurs a third time the fine will be increased to 50 Euros for the MNA.

(c) Sanctions for any further repeat offences will be referred by the BoD to the FISTF Disciplinary Council.

(d) An unregistered club cannot receive world ranking points.

2.3 FISTF Licensed Players

2.3.1 Players Nationality

(a) Players are entitled to register with the MNA of the country:

(i) in which the player was born,

(ii) of which the player is a legal citizen, or

(iii) in which the player has been a permanent resident for a period of three (3) continuous years.

(b) Players who are citizens shall provide official documentation such as a passport, while those who are not citizens need to provide relevant documents to prove their permanent residency for the required period of three continuous years.

(c) FISTF reserves the right to request copies of these documents with the submission of the MNA's **Form F20**.

(d) For all UK players (having the same British citizenship), the requirement for membership shall be the country of birth or the place of residency upon applying for registration for the first time with FISTF.

(e) For the purposes of players in the UK, 'country' refers to England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

(f) Example: A player who was born in Scotland, but has lived continuously in England for three years, and who chooses to become a registered player, can decide to register with either the SSTFA or the ESA.

(g) Players who are currently registered with an MNA cannot transfer nationality unless they meet the requirements of section 2.3.2.

(h) Any dispute or appeal related to the licensing or nationality of players shall be referred in writing within thirty (30) days to the FISTF General Secretary.

(i) Notwithstanding the identity of the MNA with which the player registers, the player shall have the right to be a member of any club of their choice, whether that club is operating within the country where the player resides, subject to the rules and regulations established by FISTF for membership and transfers to and from clubs.

(j) Example: Player C has Belgian citizenship and is licensed by the Belgian MNA (FBFTS). Player C may also be a member of the Washington, D.C., Table Football Club.

(k) Notwithstanding the club of which the player is a member, the player shall have all the rights and obligations of the other players being granted a license by the same MNA.

(l) By being granted a license by an MNA, the player becomes eligible to represent this MNA in individual and team international competitions, including but not limited to the World Cup, subject to the agreement of the direction of such MNA and to the rules of the competition.

(m) Example: Player C has Belgian citizenship, is licensed by the Belgian MNA (FBFTS), but is a member of the Washington D.C. Table Football Club. Player C may be selected by FBFTS to represent Belgium in the World Cup (both for the individual and team competition).

2.3.2 Change of Nationality

(a) A player may request to change their FISTF-recognised nationality under the following conditions:

(i) The player can prove, by providing official papers, that they have the legal citizenship of the country represented by the MNA of which they are applying to become a member; or

(ii) The player can prove, by providing official documentation, that they are a long-time resident (at least 3 continuous years) of the country represented by the MNA of which they are applying to become a member; and

(iii) The player has not changed their FISTF nationality during the previous 10 years.

(iv) For the purposes of players with British Citizenship, 'country' refers to England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Transfers to another MNA within the UK can only be approved if players have resided in one of these 'countries' for at least three years. Citizenship is not a determining transfer factor for players in the UK as they all have the same citizenship (British).

2.3.3 Players without MNA

(a) A player having their nationality in a country where no sports table football MNA exists, or where the MNA is not a member of FISTF, shall be granted a license directly by FISTF.

(b) Example: Player B has a Kenyan citizenship, where no MNA exists. FISTF will grant the player a license on request.

2.3.4 Rights of FISTF Licensed Players

(a) All players who are licensed to play sports table football by an MNA member of FISTF may take part in all tournaments listed in the FISTF calendar and be included in the world-ranking table unless they are under sanction.

2.3.5 Duties of FISTF Licensed Players

(a) When taking part in a FISTF tournament, a player must complete a registration form that is submitted to the organiser. If the player has already completed a registration form during an earlier tournament, they should check on the list of registered players provided by the tournament organiser that their details are correct.

(b) A player is also required at every tournament to sign an enrolment form that is sent to the organiser by FISTF.

2.3.6 Rules for the Registration of Players

(a) Players who take part in FISTF events must provide their nationality, gender, club, and birth date to their MNA to be passed on to FISTF. **All data is mandatory**.

(b) If a player has not provided their birth date, the player cannot attend any FISTF tournament.

(c) It is the responsibility of the MNAs to make sure all players have provided the requested data and validate them.

(d) The list of players (including the full name, address, date of birth, nationality, and club) should be sent to the FISTF General Secretary.

(e) Only the FISTF registration **Form F20** sent exclusively by the MNA is valid for this purpose.

2.3.7 Rules for Free Agents ("unattached" players)

(a) A Free Agent is a player who is not registered with any licensed Club.

(b) If a player wants to become a free agent (player in the individual ranking, but not registered with any club), for the following season, the player shall inform FISTF through the relevant MNA, during the Transfer Period (2.3.9(a)(iii)). No permission/signature from their existing club shall be needed. **Form F06F** must be completed by the player and submitted to their MNA for sending to FISTF.

(c) A “free agent” may join any club (existing or new) during the Transfer Period.

(d) A new player is automatically registered as a free agent unless they join a club during their registration.

(e) A non-ranked (a new player who has never played in any individual or team competition) free agent player can join a club at any time during the Sports Season. If they have participated in any FISTF competition, rule 2.3.9 applies.

(f) A player can change their status to free agent only once during a Sports Season (2.3.9(a)(i)).

(g) A Free Agent registered longer than 13 months (1 year plus 1 month) may join any club at any time, not just during the transfer period.

2.3.8 Rules for the players registered with a club which has ceased activity

(a) All players registered with a club which has ceased its activity, change their status to “Free Agents” (2.3.7). These players may play in all FISTF Individuals competitions during the season.

(b) Registering with a new club shall still respect all rules under 2.3.9. Therefore a “Free Agent” cannot transfer during the season to play team competitions.

(c) A team reserves the right to “release” a player from its list of players during the “Transfer Period” (2.3.9(a)(iii)). In this case, the team is obliged to inform FISTF

(through its MNA) accordingly. The "released" player is then automatically registered as a free agent.

2.3.9 Rules for the Transfer of a Player between two clubs

(a) Players may transfer between two clubs subject to the following conditions:

(i) A "Sports Season" is the period between the 1st of January and the 31st of December each year.

(ii) "National Transfer" is defined as the transfer of a player between 2 clubs of the same nationality as the player.

(iii) "Transfer Period" is defined as the period between the 1st of December and 31st of January for all nations, all regions, using Central European Time as the official date. The official date of the transfer is the date of email sent to FISTF, not the date of signature. All correspondence must be received BEFORE 31st January as mentioned above.

(iv) All National Transfer requests shall be made using **Form F06E**. This shall include the list of all transfers of players registered with the MNA in the relevant season. When completed, the form shall be sent to FISTF for registration. If the MNA has its own internal transfer form, it can still use it for National Transfers. However, the use of **Form F06** for International Transfers is **mandatory**.

(v) An "International Transfer" is the transfer of a player when the former club or new club has a different nationality to that of the player.

(vi) If a player wants to transfer to a new club for the following season, they shall submit FISTF **Form F06** to FISTF during the Transfer Period. No permission/signature from their existing club shall be needed.

(vii) A player may only play for one club in FISTF Teams competitions during a sports season.

(viii) A player can only make one transfer during a Sports Season, excluding a Loan Transfer.

(ix) In the case of an International Transfer, the following procedure must be followed:

(A) New club (or player) submits **Form F06** to the player's MNA.

(B) This form must be signed by the player and by an official of the new club. The signature of the official of the former club is not mandatory, but the official still must be informed by being included in the recipient list of the request email. Also, the form must be disclosed to the MNAs of the new and the previous clubs, for their information.

(C) Once approved by the MNA of the player, the form is sent to FISTF for registration.

(x) There is no restriction on the number of players that can be transferred within the same MNA.

(xi) New players can join a club at any time during the season, as defined above.

(xii) Players may join a newly created club in the period outside of the Transfer Period if they are registered on **Form F20** at the same time as **Form F10** and **Form F20** are submitted by the MNA to FISTF. This is the '*Foundation*

Members' rule. Players who later want to join this newly created club may only do so during the transfer period. New players (previously unregistered) may join at any time.

(xiii) Players shall be enrolled anew each season.

2.3.10 Extended Transfer Period

(i) Players who have not played any team and individual tournaments FISTF can transfer in the first four months of the year until April 30 in an **'Extended Transfer Period'**. This transfer forms must be received by 24.00 hrs (Paris CET), April 30.

(ii) The player transferring during **'Extended Transfer Period'** must not have used the December 1st - January 31st transfer window. For a transfer in the Extended Transfer Period, FISTF will require a fee of €50.00. The transfer will not be considered valid until the fee is received by FISTF Finance.

2.3.11 Foreign Player Rule (FPR)

(a) Foreign players are players who, at the time of the filing of the transfer request, have a different nationality to that of the club to which they are registered, or to which they request to be transferred.

(b) A club may enrol as many foreign players as they want in a sports season or during a specific Teams competition, but only two foreign players registered with that club may be selected to play with the club team in the same match.

(c) For UK players, the 'nationality' is as described in 2.3.1.

(d) Players who are 'foundation' members of a club (in other words, were present or joined a newly created club and were included on the initial **Form F10** of the club) are exempt from the FPR. However, 're-founding' an existing club does not qualify. FISTF reserves the right to decide on applications for exemption.

(e) Players in youth categories who have a different nationality to parents in the same club are also exempt from the FPR.

(f) Players who are permanent residents of the country in which their club is registered are also exempt. A copy of the Permanent Residency document must be provided to FISTF as proof.

(g) Players who have resided on a full-time basis, for three years or more, in the country in which their club is registered, are also exempt. However, they must provide applicable legal documentation as proof of this. The Board of FISTF has the right to ask for full and detailed documentation before accepting this exemption.

(h) Players who live within 50km of their club, even if it is in a different country, are also exempt (Border Rule).

2.3.12 Loan transfer

(a) Any registered player may apply for a "loan transfer" to transfer to a club for a period not exceeding three months.

(b) The "loan player" rule is designed for players who intend on spending a short period of time in a different country to their home nation, either for travels, work assignment or extended holiday.

(c) A player can only ever be given one loan transfer during their playing career.

(d) They must provide travel documents (transport and accommodation) to prove their domicile during the transfer loan period.

(e) The loan player can only play for one club during the loan period.

(f) A loan player can be granted the loan transfer outside of the normal transfer period.

(g) At the end of the loan transfer period, the player reverts to their original club.

(h) If the loan player wants to extend the transfer beyond the three months, it can only be approved during the regulation transfer period. (2.3.9(a)(iii)).

(i) The loan transfer cannot be used as a method to circumvent the normal transfer regulations.

(j) The application for the loan shall be sent at least two months before the proposed loan transfer to FISTF Sports Director, signed by the player and the target club (**Form F06A**).

(k) If there are no outstanding financial penalties on the player, the loan may be approved. The approval is up to the discretion of the Sports Director and/or the Board of Directors.

(l) The period of the loan covers three months from the date of the first tournament in which the player participates.

(m) The player may participate in individual and team events for the "loan" club and will be designated as being a member of that club. For example, a player from Singapore Lions TFC may apply for a "loan transfer" to Budapest Subbuteo. When the player participates in the event, they will be designated as "Budapest Subbuteo".

(n) If the player transfers to a club in a country other than their own, the player will be designated as a foreign player as defined in 2.3.11.

2.3.13 Formal Contract

(a) Formal contracts between a club and a player must be registered with FISTF in order to be accepted as valid.

(b) From the moment the contract is registered, FISTF becomes the referee for every dispute about the referred contract.

(c) Registration of the contract is free of charge and its details will be kept private between the parties.

2.3.14 Administrative Sanctions for Players

(a) A player who takes part in a FISTF tournament without having a valid FISTF license will be fined 10 Euros. They will also not receive any ranking points.

(b) If the offence re-occurs, the fine will be increased to 30 Euros.

(c) An event organiser who allows an unregistered player to participate in a FISTF event will be warned in the first instance and then fined 10 Euros for each subsequent occurrence. All organisers can contact FISTF to confirm national registration of players to comply with entry to FISTF events.

(d) Failure of a player to strictly comply with the transfer regulations shall lead to automatic disqualification from the event and forfeit the world ranking points from the event in question.

(e) FISTF reserves the right to refer any matter to the Disciplinary Committee if strict application of the rule would lead to unfairness.

2.3.15 Players with a Disability

(a) Disability sport classification.

(i) Players interested in registering for a disabled license must apply to the Disabled Sport Department to obtain the relevant license, giving proof of disability directly from their MNA which may need to obtain a confirmation from the relevant disability sports organisation in their country. This is to be sent to the FISTF – Disabled Sports Department, which will communicate with them in order to obtain the necessary license issued by FISTF Sports Department and included in the FISTF World Ranking.

(ii) Any National Federation that wishes to stage a disability event must get full clearance via Disability Sport, FISTF Sport Departments.

(iii) Sports Rules for the game includes specific rules for players with a disability. Rules for this Handbook remain, however, the same, unless otherwise specified and until further notice from the relevant Departments. Duration of match will also be the same as normal matches.

(b) Class Acceptance for Disabled Sports Licence

(i) **Classes 42 to 46**

Classes 42 to 46 are for athletes with limb deficiencies, such as amputations. In classes 42-44, the legs are affected by impairment. In classes 45-46, the arms are affected. All athletes in the 40s classes compete standing and do not use a wheelchair.

(A) **Class 42** Competitors in class T42 and F42 have single above knee amputation, combined arm/leg amputation, or comparable leg impairments. The IPC defined this as: "Single above knee amputees and athletes with other impairments that are comparable to a single above knee amputation. This includes athletes with loss of muscle power in the lower limbs consistent with Class F57 or F58 class."

(B) **Class 43** Competitors in class T43 and F43 have double below knee amputation (or combined arm/leg amputation) or comparable leg impairments.

(C) **Class 44** Competitors in class T44 and F44 have single below knee amputation or those that can walk with moderately reduced function in one or both legs.

(D) **Class 45** Competitors in class T45 and F45 have double above elbow or double below elbow amputations or similar disabilities.

(E) **Class 46** Competitors in class T46 and F46 have single above or below the amputations or have normal leg function but impairment in the arms/trunk.

(ii) **Classes T51-54 and F51-58**

The 50s sport classes only include athletes competing in a wheelchair. A lower number indicates a higher activity limitation.

(A) **T51-52** These athletes have activity limitations in both lower and upper limb.

(B) **T53** These athletes have normal arm and hand function, no or limited trunk function, and no leg function.

(C) **T54** Athletes competing in T54 have partial trunk and leg function.

(D) **F53** Athletes in this class have mild limitations of hand function – no leg or trunk function.

(E) **F54** Athletes in this class have normal function in their arms and hands with no leg or trunk function.

(F) **F55** These athletes have normal arm function, the ability to rotate the spine, and no leg function.

(G) **F56** These athletes have normal arm function, the ability to rotate the spine, can move backwards and forwards, and no leg function.

(H) **F57** These athletes have normal arm, hand, and near normal trunk function. They have increased leg function as compared to F56.

(I) **F58** These athletes have normal arm, hand, and trunk function with more leg function than F57.

2.4 FISTF Licensed Referees

2.4.1 Definition of FISTF Referee Categories

(a) FISTF defines two different referee categories as follows:

(i) Head Referee.

(ii) Referee.

2.4.2 FISTF Head Referee

(a) **Definition of FISTF Head Referee**

(i) During every FISTF event, there must be at least a competition Head Referee to supervise all aspects of refereeing. Their job, during the event, is to:

(A) Take decisions about rules.

(B) Take decisions about behaviour of players, coaches and referees.

(C) Take decisions about equipment used by players.

(D) Support the Tournament Manager in appointing referees.

(E) Inform players and coaches about referee rights and duties.

(F) Submit reports to FISTF about players, coaches, and referees.

(G) Monitor players', coaches', and spectators' behaviour.

(b) **Appointing of Head Referee**

(i) Head Referee(s) will be appointed as described in this handbook for each type of tournament category (see 2.9 to 2.14 inclusive)

(ii) Appointed Head Referee(s) name(s) and Club(s) shall be noted in the tournament venue during the competition.

(c) **Rights of Head Referee**

(i) Head Referees shall be the only person entitled to make reports about referees during matches and submit them to the Disciplinary Council.

(ii) A Head Referee will give a first warning to a referee in the following cases:

(A) is not focused on their assigned game

(B) leaves the table area during a match

(C) gives evaluative comments on a player/match

(D) is not respectful to players/coaches/spectators

(E) fails to compile and/or deliver the match report

(F) is unaware of current FISTF Sports Rules.

(G) behaves in an unsportsmanlike behaviour or consumes alcohol.

(iii) In case of a second warning for the cases at 2.4.2(c)(ii) during the same FISTF event, the Head Referee may substitute the referee and may report the referee to the Disciplinary Council.

(iv) Players with less than a year experience and/or of age categories will be considered as "Beginner Referees" and therefore not able to be sanctioned by the Head Referee. They will, however, be given a warning in cases at 2.4.2.

(d) **Duties of Head Referee**

(i) A player appointed as FISTF Head Referee shall be responsible for their knowledge of the current version of FISTF Sports Rules of Table Football. The current FISTF Sports Rules of Table Football are available on the FISTF website. FISTF approved translated versions may be available from MNAs.

(ii) For the duration of a FISTF event, the presence of at least one Head Referee in the event hall is mandatory. In case of Head Referee playing in a match, another appointed Head Referee must be available.

(iii) The Head Referee is required to:

(A) be fully focused on what happens in the tournament venue.

(B) be ready to interrupt a match if player/coach/referee behaviour requires this.

(C) assist with clarifications about the rules.

(D) avoid any evaluative comment on players/matches.

(E) be respectful to players/coaches/spectators.

(F) check player equipment if required to do so by an officiating referee.

(G) report a player/coach/referee to the Disciplinary Council if needed.

2.4.3 FISTF Referee

(a) **Definition of FISTF Referee**

(i) For every match during a FISTF event, there must be a referee to supervise all aspects of game refereeing according to the FISTF Sports Rules of Table Football. Their job is to:

(A) evaluate the legality of players' equipment and defer to the Head Referee if there is uncertainty

(B) make all rule decisions during play

(C) decide in the event of problems regarding the behaviour of players

(D) submit reports to the Disciplinary Council about players and coaches, if required

(b) **Appointing of FISTF Referee**

(i) Referees will be managed by the Tournament Organiser with support from the Head Referee, as described in the **Tournament Organiser's Handbook**.

(ii) Referee name/club shall be affixed near each match during the competition.

(c) **Rights of FISTF Referee**

(i) During any match, the referee's decision is final and cannot be changed, except in cases where the referee may interrupt the match and ask the Head Referee for advice about rules.

(ii) Players are prohibited from asking the Head Referee for intervention. Only the match referee can ask for Head Referee intervention.

(iii) The following behaviour by players is strictly forbidden:

(A) Making game calls or refereeing actions themselves (e.g., "back", "foul", figure repositioning etc.)

(B) Changing referee decisions

(C) Criticising or influencing the referee's decisions

(D) The use of insulting or harmful comments towards the match referee

(E) Threatening or attempting to use force against the referee

(F) Stealing or damaging the match referee's equipment.

(iv) In (A), (B) or (C) cases listed at 2.4.3(c)(iii), the referee shall use the following procedure:

(A) At the first offence, the match referee shall warn the player that, should the player commit another offence, a yellow card will be issued.

(B) If another offence is committed, the match referee shall issue the player a yellow card and warn that, should the player commit another offence, an orange card will be issued.

(C) If a further offence is committed, the match referee shall issue the player an orange card (with spare goalkeeper removed) and warn that, should the player commit another offence, a red card will be issued.

(D) If a further offence is committed, the match referee shall issue the player a red card. In such a case, the game is terminated, and the match referee must immediately leave the table and inform a Head Referee and the Tournament Organiser about the

situation. The offender is then disqualified and reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser.

(v) In (D), (E) or (F) cases listed at 2.4.3(c)(iii), at the first offence, the match referee shall give the player a red card. In such a case, the game is terminated, and the match referee must immediately leave the table and inform a Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser about the situation. The offender is then disqualified and reported to the Disciplinary Council.

(A) If any of (D), (E) or (F) cases listed at 2.4.3(c)(iii) happens immediately before or after a match, the referee must inform a Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser about the situation.

(B) The offender is then disqualified and reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser.

(vi) The following behaviour by coaches is strictly forbidden:

(A) Disturbing players or referees

(B) Giving verbal instructions in an unreasonable manner

(C) Criticising or influencing the match referee's decisions

(D) The use of insulting or harmful comments towards match referees

(E) Threatening or attempting to use force against the referee

(F) Stealing or damaging the match referee's equipment

(vii) In (A), (B) or (C) cases listed at 2.4.3(c)(vi), any of the four referees shall use the following procedure:

(A) At the first offence, the match referee shall warn the coach that, should the coach commit another offence, the coach will be asked to leave the playing area If another offence is committed, the match referee will ask the coach to leave the playing area. If the coach refuses to leave, the match referee must inform the Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser about the situation. The coach is then reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser.

(B) In (D), (E) or (F) cases listed in 2.4.3(c)(vi), at the first offence, any of the four referees shall inform a Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser about the situation. The coach is then reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser.

(C) If any of (D), (E) or (F) cases listed in 2.4.3(c)(vi) happens immediately before or after a match, any of the match referees must immediately inform a Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser about the situation. The coach is then reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser.

(viii) If the Head Referee finds that a match referee (individual or team) doesn't follow the procedures described above deliberately, their behaviour can be considered a deliberate breach of the present regulations, with the intent to change the normal course of a match. In this case, the referee

(individual or team) may be reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser.

(d) **Duties of FISTF Referee**

(i) For any player it is mandatory to have a good knowledge of the current version of FISTF Sports Rules of Table Football. The current FISTF Sports Rules of Table Football are available on the FISTF website. FISTF approved translated versions may be available from MNAs.

(ii) The referee shall follow the Referee's Guide part of the FISTF Sports Rules.

(iii) The referee is required to:

(A) Enforce the FISTF Sports Rules during the match, including disabled player rules if applicable.

(B) Be fully focused on the game.

(C) Be at the game table on time and during the full duration of the match.

(D) Avoid any evaluative comment on the match/a player.

(E) Be respectful to players/coaches/spectators.

(F) Compile and deliver the match report.

(G) Check each player’s equipment.

(H) Keep match time with their own watch.

(I) Issue yellow, orange and red cards as appropriate.

(J) Ask the Head Referee for advice about Rules if needed.

(iv) A referee that repeatedly violates the behaviour listed at 2.4.3(d)(iii) may be reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser.

(e) **Refusal to Referee**

(i) A player refusing to referee in an assigned round will be fined 25 Euros. For a team refusing to referee in an assigned round (team event), the sanction shall be a fine of 100 Euros. The Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser shall also report the player or the team to the Disciplinary Council.

(ii) A player leaving the tournament without refereeing in the round immediately following their elimination will be fined 25 Euros. For a team, the sanction shall be a fine of 100 Euros. The Head Referee or the Tournament Organiser shall also report the player or the team to the Disciplinary Council.

(f) **Replacement of Referee**

(i) A referee (individual or team) may be substituted by the Head Referee or by the Competition Manager before starting a match if it appears that their nationality or club could be a conflict of interest with one of the players or teams in the match.

(ii) A referee (individual or team) may be substituted after receiving the second warning (see 2.4.2(c)(iii)), but ONLY if so requested by the Head

Referee. The new referee (individual or team) will be appointed by the Head Referee.

(iii) A referee (individual or team) may be substituted before or during a match in case of health problems or other serious reasons. The Head Referee shall approve referee substitution and appoint the new referee (individual or team).

(iv) Except for cases 2.4.3(f)(i), 2.4.3(f)(ii) and 2.4.3(f)(iii), a referee (individual or team) cannot be substituted before or during a match, even if substitution is asked by the referee (individual or team).

(v) Referee (individual or team) substitution is applicable ONLY if a suitable replacement referee (individual or team) is available and accepted by the referee.

(vi) Under no circumstances may an individual player or team request a change of referee.

2.5 Membership Fees & Levies

2.5.1 Membership Fees for MNAs

Registration Fee	**100 EUR**

(a) The FISTF Board of Directors can exempt an MNA from the payment of their Membership Fee on a case-by-case basis when the referred nation adheres to the FISTF Development Program (7.1). Once they have reached a Developed status, they must pay the 100 Euro fee.

2.5.2 Tournament Levies

Tournament Type	*Values per Player*		*Values per Club*
	Individual Competitions: Open & Veterans, U20	**Individual Competitions: U16, U12 and Women**	**Club: Team Competitions**
Major Grand Prix	**2 EUR**	**No Levy**	**5.00 EUR**
International Grand Prix	**1.5 EUR**		**4.00 EUR**
Golden Grand Prix	**1.5 EUR**		**4.00 EUR**
International Open	**1.00 EUR**		**3.00 EUR**
Satellite Tournament	**0.50 EUR**		**2.00 EUR**
Champions & Europa Leagues	**No Levy**		**20 EUR**
World Cup			
Promotional Event			**No Levy**
National Team Tournament			
Continental Championships			

*See also **Entry fees - Maximum values** in the **Tournament Organisers Handbook**.*

(a) To help the development of the game outside of Europe, the FISTF Board has decided that there will be **no tournament levies for Satellites held outside Europe**.

2.5.3 Transfer fees

(a) There is no fee for the transfer of players.

2.5.4 Clubs' fees

(a) Clubs do not have to pay a fee to be members of FISTF.

2.5.5 Players' fees

(a) Players do not have to pay a fee to FISTF to be a registered player or to pay a transfer fee. MNAs may however impose fees on players to be a registered member of that association.

2.5.6 Payments to FISTF

(a) All payments regarding tournament fees and fines to clubs and players of a determined MNA must be done directly to FISTF by the MNA itself.

(b) It is solely the responsibility of the MNA to receive the money from those organisers, clubs, or players.

(c) The FISTF Finance Department will maintain a bank account for receipt of funds from MNAs.

2.5.7 Payments of Tournament Levies

(a) Tournament levies must be paid within 30 days after the date of that tournament.

(b) If the invoice is paid within 14 days, a discount of 25% will be granted. This amount is mentioned on the invoice.

2.5.8 Sanctions for Payment delays

(a) For every payment not made within the determined deadline, a sanction fine will be applied on the following terms:

(i) For payments made during the **30 days** after the deadline, **15%** of the value in debt. In addition, all tournaments that are scheduled during three months after the date when the payment was due will be cancelled.

(ii) Should the outstanding levies (including the 15% penalty) be paid, the tournaments which have been cancelled can be reactivated.

2.6 FISTF Age Categories

2.6.1 Tournaments are divided into different age categories

(a) Players may normally play in only one category at each tournament, apart from the U12 and Female players (see below). Only if the organiser allows it, players can compete in two categories.

2.6.2 Definitions

For the season 2022, the categories are as follows:

(a) Open;

(b) Veterans: players born **before January 1st, 1977**;

(c) Under-20: players born **on or after January 1st, 2002**;

(d) Under-16: players born **on or after January 1st, 2006**

(e) Under-12: players born **on or after January 1st, 2010**;

(f) Women: female players only, of any age.

2.6.3 Dress Code

(a) Definition:

(i) All individual players shall wear sports clothing such as their club or national team shirt, tracksuit, etc. Team players should wear their club colours, and sports shoes must also be worn (following the guidelines of individual venues). These guidelines are essential in promoting the image of the sport.

(b) Infringement:

(i) The organiser must report infringements to the FISTF Sports Director. Any player who fails to observe this rule will be fined a token amount of 1 Euro or 3 Euros in case of a repeat offence.

(ii) The players of a team must wear the colours of their club. In case of infringement, there will be a fine of 20 Euros applied to the team, or 50 Euros in case of a repeat offence.

2.6.4 Presentation of Equipment

(a) Definition:

(i) Some players use teams in which some figures and bases are different from the rest of the team. Understandably, there will be breakages in a set of figures, but players must ensure that all their figures and bases are of the same design and colour. A player has the right to ask their opponent to change teams if this regulation is breached. There is no penalty for abusing this rule, but the referee must enforce it.

(b) Infringement:

(i) The referee must ask the offending player to change their playing figures.

2.6.5 Late withdrawals or early departures of players from FISTF events

(a) Players who:

(i) are not present at the scheduled beginning of any competition which they have committed themselves to attend, and who fail to give an early notice or to present a reasonable justification to the organiser of that competition within a reasonable time, or

(ii) leave the competition while they have already qualified for a next round of games, without playing their scheduled games (except for cases of huge delays of competition schedule or where a delay in competition may result in the player missing travel home on the same day e.g., Saturday or Sunday). If players are planning to stay overnight and travel home the next day (e.g., Monday), they shall stay at the event and play and show respect to fellow competitors.

(b) Shall be penalised as follows:

(i) First time: 50 Euros fine and deduction of 50 world ranking points.

(ii) Second time (same season): 100 Euros fine and deduction of 100 world ranking points.

(iii) Third time: 150 Euros fine, deduction of 200 world ranking points and 6 months' suspension from any FISTF event.

(iv) Additionally, players who leave the competition without playing their scheduled games (or without being given permission to leave where there

are competition delays) will be awarded no world ranking points from that competition.

2.6.6 Late withdrawals or early departures of club teams from FISTF events

(a) Club teams which:

(i) are not present at the scheduled beginning of any competition which they have committed themselves to attend, and which fail to give an early notice or to present a reasonable justification to the organiser of that competition within a reasonable time, or

(ii) leave the competition while they have already qualified for a next round of games, without playing their scheduled games (except for cases of huge delays of competition schedule or where a delay in competition may result in the players missing their travel home on the same day).

(b) shall be penalised as follows:

(i) First time: 50 Euros fine and deduction of 50 world ranking points.

(ii) Second time (same season): 100 Euros fine and deduction of 100 world ranking points.

(iii) Third time: 150 Euros fine, deduction of 200 world ranking points and 6 months' suspension from any FISTF event.

(iv) Additionally, club teams which leave the competition without playing their scheduled games will be awarded no world ranking points from the specific competition. (except for cases of huge delays of competition schedule or where a delay in competition may result in the players missing their travel home on the same day).

(c) Those tournament organisers who send a report with players who failed to attend without valid justification, shall be reimbursed the missing registration fee of those players by FISTF.

2.6.7 Special Rules for FISTF World Cup

(a) MNAs which:

(i) withdraw from a World Cup Teams event after already having registered, and which fail to give an early notice of at least two weeks or to present a reasonable justification to the organiser of that competition within a reasonable time, or

(ii) leave the competition while they have already qualified for a next round of games, without playing their scheduled games (except for cases of huge delays of competition schedule),

(iii) A delay in competition may cause missing travel home on the same day (e.g.: Saturday or Sunday). If players stay overnight and travel home the next day (e.g.: Monday), they shall stay at the event and play and show respect to fellow competitors,

(b) Shall be penalised as follows:

(i) Withdrawal without giving an early notice of at least two weeks: 30 Euros per team

(ii) Withdrawal in the last 5 days before the competition: 50 Euros per team

(iii) Withdrawal in the last 48 hours before the scheduled start of the competition: 100 Euros per team and suspension of the withdrawn team from the next World Cup.

(iv) Additionally, National teams which leave the competition without playing their scheduled games will be awarded no world ranking points from the World Cup. (except for cases of huge delays of competition schedule or where a delay in competition may result in the players missing their travel home on the same day).

(c) Players who:

(i) withdraw from a World Cup Individuals event after already having registered, and who fail to give an early notice of at least two weeks or to present a reasonable justification to the organiser of that competition within a reasonable time, or

(ii) leave the competition while they have already qualified for a next round of games, without playing their scheduled games (except for cases of huge delays of competition schedule),

(d) shall be penalised as follows:

(i) Withdrawal without giving an early notice of at least two weeks: 15 Euros

(ii) Withdrawal in the last 5 days before the competition: 25 Euros

(iii) Withdrawal in the last 48 hours before the scheduled start of the competition: 50 Euros, deduction of 100 world ranking points and suspension from the next World Cup.

(e) Additionally, players who leave the competition without playing their scheduled games will be awarded no world ranking points from the World Cup. (except for cases of huge delays of competition schedule or where a delay in competition may result in the players missing their travel home on the same day)

2.7 FISTF Calendar

Considering the high number of tournaments played every year, some rules have been established.

The organizers of any proposed event to be included in the calendar must wait for the confirmation of the tournament from the F.I.S.T.F. before proceeding to book their venue. If an organiser books a venue and the event is not confirmed by FISTF, then FISTF is not liable for any costs or out-of-pocket expenses that the organiser may incur.

2.7.1 Rules of construction of the Calendar

(a) Only for Europe, the third weekend every month (except for June, July, and August) should be free of Major, Grand Prix and International Open tournaments. All MNAs which have not sent their requests before the 15th of November, will have to send their request to FISTF before the tournament takes place.

(b) An event over a weekend straddling two months will be considered as belonging to the starting month.

(c) The deadlines for requesting an event are:

(i) Grand Prix - **4 months** before the date of the tournament

(ii) International Opens - **2 months** before the date of the tournament

(iii) Satellite Tournaments - **1 month** before the date of the tournament.

(d) Only Satellite Tournaments can be organised on a date that is a public holiday for a single country or a limited number of countries. Each MNA is entitled to organise only one Satellite on a public holiday for its country per season. This is included in the maximum number of Satellite events allowed.

2.7.2 Rules for the request of a FISTF Tournament

(a) MNAs must send the dates for their FISTF tournaments for the following season to the FISTF Sports Director **before November 15th**.

(b) All MNAs that send their dates before November 15 have the chance to have first choice for the weekend they requested for their Grand Prix. After that, the International Open of each MNA will be matched with all Grand Prix dates for the continent. If there is a conflict, the organiser of the International Open must choose another date.

(c) The tournaments are only officially confirmed if they are confirmed by the FISTF Sports Director and mentioned in the official FISTF calendar that is published in the FISTF newsletter or on the FISTF website and/or social media pages. FISTF is not liable for delayed or missing confirmations and each MNA has full responsibility for verification of requested tournaments' acceptance. The first version of the FISTF calendar will be published no later than **the 20th of December**.

(d) **After the 15th of November**, candidatures will not be accepted if they don't respect the deadline referred to in 2.7.1(c) for the tournaments they request.

(e) The FISTF Sports Director may move late applications according to the available dates.

2.7.3 Rules for the Major Grand Prix

(a) A Major Grand Prix is requested **before November 15th**, through a separate process run by FISTF Sports Department, as described in 2.10.1.

(b) A Major Grand Prix tournament must be the only tournament on the weekend in the relevant continent.

(c) The Head Referee is appointed by the Sports Director of FISTF after the registration deadline and before the tournament. The Sports Director can nominate between one and three Head Referees. The tournament Organiser can, however, liaise with the Sports Director to change the appointed Head Referee(s) for specific reasons, which must be documented.

(d) All Major Grand Prix MUST comply with certain rules:

(i) Prestigious Venue

(ii) Same surfaces and same goals on each table

(iii) Update website and social media activity during the tournament.

2.7.4 Rules for the Grand Prix

(a) A Grand Prix must be requested by an MNA **before November 15th**.

(b) Only one Grand Prix per continent is allowed on the same weekend. If several MNAs request the same weekend, the FISTF Sports Director will give priority to the MNA that already had the same weekend the season(s) before.

(c) A Grand Prix may only be confirmed for an MNA that does not have any outstanding invoices payable to FISTF.

(d) If an MNA does not request its Grand Prix **before the 15th of November**, the MNA loses the priority of the date the Grand Prix had the previous season.

2.7.5 Rules for the International Opens, Satellites

(a) These tournaments can be requested by the MNA beginning on the **15th of November**.

(b) In that case the MNA, which had the same date the season(s) before, will have the priority.

(c) Satellites can also be organised on the 3rd weekend of the month.

(d) The tournament organiser is the Head Referee of the tournament.

(e) An updated website for each tournament is advised.

2.7.6 Combination of Tournaments in the same weekend

(a) Two (2) or more tournaments are not allowed to be organised in the same country on the same weekend or public holiday, with the exceptions listed below (in (b) (iv)).

(b) Two (2) or more tournaments can be organised on the same weekend in different countries of the same continent, with the exception of a Major Grand Prix, International Grand Prix and Golden Grand Prix. Therefore, the following combinations will be accepted:

(i) International Open + International Open

(ii) International Open + Satellite

(iii) Satellite + Satellite

(iv) Countries which are not easily to be reached, such as Malta, Cyprus, Faroe Island, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Vanuatu, Samoa or similar are permitted to play the above-mentioned combinations.

(c) The FISTF World Cup weekend will be free of tournaments all over the world.

(d) FISTF will work with the Continental Confederations to ensure their tournaments will be free of FISTF tournaments in Europe.

(e) Tournaments played in a single day of the weekend (only Saturday or Sunday) are considered as occupying the whole weekend. If an event takes place for instance on a Sunday from such a WE (June 30th and July 1st), if the event is played on Sunday July 1st, it will be accounted in the July World Ranking and not June World Ranking.

2.8 FISTF World Cup

2.8.1 General Rules

(a) The FISTF World Cup will be held biennially, in every even year (2020, 2022 etc).

(b) The maximum number of players in each category is as follows:

(i) Open: 64

(ii) Veterans: 64

(iii) Under-20: 32

(iv) Under-16: 32

(v) Under-12 32

(vi) Women: 32

2.8.2 Selection of Players

(a) MNAs may nominate a maximum of 2 players in each category, the national champion in the referred category usually being one of them.

(b) Each MNA may also register a maximum of 2 substitute players in each category.

(c) In addition, the FISTF World Ranking at the end of May will be used to select players as follows:

(i) 8 **Open** category players (maximum **2** players per country);

(ii) 8 **Veteran** category players (maximum **2** players per country);

(iii) 8 **U20** category players (maximum **2** players per country);

(iv) 8 **U16** category players (maximum **2** players per country);

(v) 8 **U12** category players (maximum **2** players per country);

(vi) 8 **Women** players (maximum **2** players per country).

(d) Consequently, an MNA can nominate up to 4 players in each category, including the substitute players plus 2 more players from this country who qualify through FISTF World Ranking (maximum 6 players in this case).

(e) If the required number of players is not reached in a category as defined at 2.8.1(b), the priority for the selection of players is made according to the following criteria:

(i) First substitute from a country that has no players selected by the World Ranking

(ii) First substitute from a country that has 1 player selected by the World Ranking

(iii) Second substitute from a country that has no players selected by the World Ranking

(iv) First substitute from a country that has 2 players selected by the World Ranking

(v) Second substitute from a country that has 1 player selected by the World Ranking

(vi) Second substitute from a country that has 2 players selected by the World Ranking

(f) The World Ranking at the end of May will be used to determine the priorities for 2.8.2(e).

(g) Special wild cards can be awarded by the FISTF Board of Directors, on a case-by-case basis,

(i) to players coming from Nations that are not FISTF MNAs or;

(ii) to players registered by their Nation only for the team competition, even if the Nation's limits set in 2.8.2(d) are exceeded, to complete the maximum number of players in a category, *only with approval of their MNA*.

(h) This system can guarantee that nations have a levelled number of players in the individual event and can also help in having more national teams.

(i) Additionally, there will be National Team events in all categories, limited to those Nations that are Members of FISTF.

(j) Teams eliminated in the first phase (groups) of the World Cup shall be reformed into a second 'Plate' event to give them more competition during the tournament.

2.9 Continental Championships

2.9.1 Definitions

(a) As described in Article 5 of the FISTF Statutes, National Member Associations may group themselves according to Continental geographic areas into 'Confederations'.

(b) Each Confederation may organise their own Continental championships.

2.9.2 European Confederation of Sports Table Football Associations

(a) The ECSTFA will define and organise its own tournaments among members of the European MNAs.

(b) ECSTFA will organise and schedule events taking into consideration the FISTF Calendar.

(c) Qualification for all events will be decided by ECSTFA. All players must be registered with FISTF.

2.9.3 Confederation of Asian Sports Table Football Associations

(a) The Asian Cup of Table Football is organised by the three foundation members: Singapore, Japan, and Australia, on a rotational biennial basis, in years alternating with the FISTF World Cup.

(b) As other countries become full members of FISTF and CASTFA, they shall have the opportunity to stage the Asian Cup if they are willing.

(c) The Host of the Asian Cup has the right to organise categories, respecting the FISTF categories and regulations.

(d) All categories are open to all players registered with any nation in the Asian region, with no restriction on the number of entries. All players must be registered with FISTF.

(e) In the Club Team event, A, B, C etc. teams may enter from one club.

(f) In the National Team event, A and B team events, and Youth and Women events may be organised.

2.9.4 Confederation of South American Sports Table Football Associations

(a) South American Table football is organised by the two members: Brazil and Argentina.

(b) The South American Championship is staged on a rotational annual basis, in the weekend close to the 12 October Holiday.

(c) As other countries become full members of FISTF and CSASTFA, they shall have the opportunity to stage the South American Championship.

(d) The Host of the South American Championship has the right to organise categories, respecting the FISTF categories and regulations but also will organise Button Football categories.

(e) All categories are open to all players registered with any nation in the South America region, with no restriction on the number of entries. All players must be registered with FISTF.

(f) In the National Team event, team events, and Youth and Women events may be organised.

2.10 FISTF Tournaments

2.10.1 Major Grand Prix

(a) **Definition:**

(i) Each season, the five best Grand Prix tournaments around the world are allotted the status of Major Grand Prix. These tournaments are considered the most prestigious outside of the World Cup and Continental Championships. The allotment of all five Major Grand Prix will be reconsidered each season.

(b) **System of selection:**

(i) The right to organise a Major will be given to those tournaments considered to be the best choices for the next season only, according to certain weighted criteria that FISTF has defined.

(ii) The idea is to form a list of "candidate" tournaments every year and let FISTF criteria decide the best five to be named Majors for the next season. Every year, the list of "candidates" shall be populated by a maximum of two tournaments per nation, including any event from the same country already among the five current Majors, which will be named exclusively by the respective MNAs, if candidate events from the same country must be at least 50 Km away from each other.

(iii) Applications must be sent based on the deadlines established in section 2.7.2.

(iv) The criteria for the selection of Majors will be the following:

(A) Total number of individual participants in all categories the last time the event was organised (*)

(B) Total number of categories played (Open, Veterans, U20, etc.) the last time the event was organised (*)

(C) Total number of foreign players in all categories the last time the event was organised (*)

(D) Total number of top-10 ranked players in all categories the last time the event was organised (*)

(E) Total number of events (International Open, Grand Prix and Major Grand Prix) organised in the country of the candidate event during the current season.

(F) An international airport in a short distance from the venue of the event

(G) An overall evaluation judging the quality of venue, condition & number of tables, media coverage, organisers' spirit of cooperation with FISTF, decided by FISTF BoD.

(*) If the event has not been held before the third weekend of April of the current season, the statistics of last year's version of the event will be used instead.

(v) The five tournaments in the list of candidates collecting the most points will be named Majors for next season. No more than 2 tournaments from

the same country will be allowed to have a Major status during the same season.

(c) **Deadline for the MNAs to send candidacies:**

(i) must be sent based on the times established in section 2.7.2;

(ii) the application must come from the MNA but FISTF can contact the organizers if the **Form F04** does not arrive on time.

(d) **Tournament System:**

(i) It is mandatory to have both events, Individual and Teams, in a Major Grand Prix.

(ii) The first round of the tournament must be a group stage with a minimum of 4 players per group, in which all players must participate. Groups with a bigger number of players are accepted.

(iii) The organiser must inform FISTF about the structure of the tournament's groups one month before its date.

(iv) Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the **FISTF Tournament Organisers Handbook** is mandatory.

2.10.2 International Grand Prix

(a) **Definition:**

(i) An International Grand Prix should be the best International tournament organised in a country in terms of quality and total number of players, not considering a Major Grand Prix, organised by the same MNA.

(ii) Only high-quality international tournaments will be accepted as an International Grand Prix.

(b) **Specific competition rules:**

(i) Each MNA of FISTF is entitled to organise one (1) Grand Prix per season.

(c) **Tournament System:**

(i) It is mandatory to have both events, Individual and Teams, at an International Grand Prix.

(ii) The first round of the tournament must be a group stage with a minimum of 4 players per group, in which all players must participate. Groups with a bigger number of players are accepted.

(iii) The organiser must inform FISTF about the structure of the tournament's groups one month before its date. Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the **FISTF Tournament Organisers Handbook** is mandatory.

2.10.3 FISTF Golden Grand Prix

(a) **Definition:**

(i) A FISTF Golden Grand Prix is a special class of Grand Prix, awarded to an MNA for one of its clubs or events which has reached a milestone.

(ii) These Golden Grand Prix are for events which have reached 20, 25, 30, 40 etc. consecutive editions of the event, or existence of the club.

(iii) Only high-quality international tournaments will be accepted as a Golden Grand Prix.

(b) **Specific competition rules:**

(i) Each MNA of FISTF is entitled to organise one Golden Grand Prix per season.

(c) **Tournament System:**

(i) It is mandatory to have both events, Individual and Teams, at a Golden Grand Prix.

(ii) The first round of the tournament must be a group stage with a minimum of 4 players per group, in which all players must participate. Groups with a bigger number of players are accepted.

(iii) The organiser must inform FISTF about the structure of the tournament's groups one month before its date.

(iv) The MNA applying for the Golden Grand Prix must produce documentary evidence supporting the candidature.

(v) Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the **FISTF Tournament Organisers Handbook** is mandatory.

2.10.4 International Opens

(a) **Definition:**

(i) An International Open is the most organised International tournament.

(b) **Specific competition rules:**

(i) Each MNA of FISTF is entitled to organise two (2) International Opens per season.

(ii) AN MNA of FISTF with more than 200 licenced players in the country (Paid members) is entitled to three (3) International Opens per season.

(iii) Each MNA must submit its preferred date(s) to the FISTF Sports Director.

(c) **Tournament System:**

(i) The first round of the tournament must be a group stage with a minimum of 4 players per group, in which all players must participate. Groups with a bigger number of players are accepted.

(ii) The organiser must inform FISTF which will be the structure of the tournament's groups one month before its date.

(iii) Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the **FISTF Tournament Organisers Handbook** is mandatory.

2.10.5 Satellites

(a) **Definition:**

(i) A Satellite is an International tournament reserved for players who are not highly ranked in the FISTF lists. However, all FISTF standards must be respected.

(b) **Specific competition rules:**

(i) Each MNA of FISTF is entitled to organise three (3) **Satellites** per season.

(ii) At least 8 players must take part for world ranking points to be awarded.

(iii) Only players ranked outside the top 100 in the World Ranking may take part in this competition.

(iv) In a Satellite, all players should compete in the Open category, although other categories are allowed.

(v) Players competing in other Categories (i.e., U20, Veterans, etc) are restricted to those ranked outside the top 20 in the World Ranking.

(c) **Tournament System:**

(i) The first round of the tournament must be a group stage with a minimum of 4 players per group, in which all players must participate. Groups with a larger number of players are accepted.

(ii) The organiser must inform FISTF of the structure of the tournament's groups one month before its date.

(iii) Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the **FISTF Tournament Organisers Handbook** is mandatory.

(d) **Teams Competition:**

(i) Satellites for teams can be organised.

(ii) Only clubs which are not in the Top 20 of the Teams Ranking can take part.

(iii) Minimum of 4 teams must take part for world ranking points to be awarded.

(iv) A club from the Top 20 can register its B-team providing:

(A) The B-team is not in the world's Top 20, and;

(B) The players taking part are not in the Top 100 in the Open world ranking or in the Top 20 of Veterans category.

(e) **Wild cards:**

(i) The organisers may invite a maximum of 3 players who don't qualify under the terms of point 2.10.4(b).

(ii) Players who receive a Wild card cannot be in the top 50 of the latest Open world ranking.

(iii) For Satellites organised outside Europe, there is no restriction on the qualification of players for the event.

2.11 Experimental Tournaments

2.11.1 Definition

(a) Experimental tournaments (**ETs**) are not a class, but rather tournaments aimed to test new rules, formats, or equipment, in exemption to the existing regulations.

2.11.2 Parameters

(a) Only Satellites can be ETs.

(b) ETs fall in four categories depending on the nature of the experimentation:

(i) The game rules.

(ii) Organisational aspects (for example the suppression of the sudden death extra time).

(iii) The format (e.g., the Swiss formula).

(iv) The game equipment. This category is more suited for achieving sponsorships with equipment producers.

(c) Organisers of a certain event may ask FISTF to stage an **ET** at least 60 days in advance. They must declare the specific innovation(s) to be experimented. Typically, only one kind of innovation per tournament is permitted, unless the experiment involves several connected innovations of minor import. The Sport Director has the authority to decide whether to grant or refuse the request.

2.11.3 Duties and responsibilities of the organisers

(a) The tournament's experimental nature must be clearly stated on the tournament website, on posters and on each form of announcement/advertisement. In addition, the organisers must clearly and carefully detail the category, nature, and scope of the innovation.

(b) Before the start of the competition (or before the start of the consolation tournament), an adequate amount of time must be committed to briefing players on the nature of the experiment and the proposed changes. In the case of category I ETs, it is strongly recommended that the organisers distribute leaflets detailing the rules changes and organise displays on the pitches, to ensure everyone understands the changes.

(c) Category I ETs shall use referees. These are players familiar with the innovation(s). The organisers must appoint enough referees so that one of them is always on hand (i.e., not engaged in play or the organisation) to clarify doubtful situations.

(d) Organisers are required to write a report on the outcome of the experiment.

2.11.4 FISTF duties and responsibilities

(a) ETs are exempt from all FISTF fees.

(b) The experimental nature of the event shall be noted on the official FISTF calendar.

2.12 Friendly International Matches (National Team)

2.12.1 Definitions

(a) Friendly international matches are matches between two national teams.

2.12.2 Specific competition rules

(a) There can be 2 official matches between 2 nations possible per season. See also section 2.13 International National Team Tournaments.

(b) Matches can be staged between MNAs and MNAPs.

(c) If the match takes place at an international tournament, the organiser of this tournament must be informed too.

(d) If both MNAs confirm the scheduling of an official match, but one nation fails to attend, the game will be awarded as a 4-0 forfeit.

(e) Official friendly national team games/matches must be played with referees.

(f) After the match a **Form F19: International National Team Friendly match** with the results and the referees must be sent to FISTF for the result to be included in the FISTF Nations ranking.

2.12.3 Requirements for requesting National Team friendly matches

(a) International friendly national team matches must be requested by both participating national federations 4 weeks before the planned date for the matches,

with the FISTF Sports Department and confirmed by the FISTF General Secretary department.

(b) For any international friendly national team match to be recognised by FISTF, part 1 must be complied with fully by all involved MNAs and MNAPs.

2.13 International National Team Tournaments

2.13.1 Definitions

(a) FISTF permits the organisation of tournaments involving national teams, so that emerging MNAPs and their players experience “internationals” and gain “caps” for playing international matches.

(b) These events may be used to draw media attention when internationals are played, such as the “British Home Nations” or regional matches like in Iberia, Central Europe, the Scandinavian region or in other confederations. Local or regional rivalries can boost interest and participation in every region in the world. .

(c) World ranking points. There will be an additional percentage of World Ranking Points awarded as in normal friendly matches. (3.1.8)

(i) 30% more points for a 3-country event than for a simple friendly international.

(ii) 40% more points for a 4-country event than for a simple friendly international.

(iii) 50% more points for a 5-country event than for a simple friendly international.

(iv) 60% more points for a 6- or more country event than for a simple friendly international.

(d) Such events can only be staged once a year.

(e) Such tournaments can only be staged between MNAs and emerging MNAPs.

(f) If the games take place at an international tournament, the organiser of this tournament has to be informed too.

(g) If the MNAs confirm the scheduling of an official game, but one nation fails to attend, the game will be awarded as a 4-0 forfeit.

(h) Matches as these tournaments must be played with referees.

(i) After the game a **Form F19T: International National Team Tournament** with the results and the referees must be sent to FISTF for the result to be included in the FISTF Nations ranking.

2.14 Consolation Tournament

2.14.1 Definitions

(a) Organisers of all tournaments are encouraged to organise consolation tournaments for the players in each category who are eliminated in the first round of the main tournament. This rule is NOT mandatory but recommended.

2.14.2 Specific competition rules

(a) Where possible, consolation tournament matches should have referees, at least for final stages (semi-finals and finals).

Section 3 Rankings

3.1 FISTF World Ranking

3.1.1 Rules

(a) For every FISTF tournament, world rankings points are awarded.

(b) When compiling results and rankings of any one month, points from the previous 12 months are counted in full, points from between 12- and 24-months prior are halved and points from more than 24 months prior are removed.

(c) If a tournament is played over 2 days of different months (e.g. September 30 & October 1), the tournament will count for the first month possible (e.g. September)

3.1.2 Tables

(a) Points are awarded as follows:

Tournament Type	Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finals	Quarter Finalist	Last 16	Last 32	Formal Rounds
World Cup	600	400	240	120	60	30	15
Continental Cup	500	350	200	100	50	25	13
Major	400	270	160	80	40	20	10-5-3
Grand Prix	300	200	120	60	30	15	8-4-2
Golden Grand Prix	300	200	120	60	30	15	8-4-2
International Open	150	105	60	30	15	8	5-3-1
Satellite	50	35	20	10	5	3	2-1

(b) Adjustment according to the number of players.

(i) These are only valid for the Continental Cups (for individuals), Majors, Grand Prix, Golden Grand Prix, International Opens and Satellites.

Open	Veterans	U20 & U16	Teams & U12 & Women
Over 64 = 120%	Over 48 = 120%	Over 32 = 120%	Over 16 = 120%
48 – 64 = 100%	36 – 48 = 100%	16 – 32 = 100%	12 – 16 = 100%
32 – 47 = 90%	24 – 35 = 90%	8 – 15 = 90%	8 – 11 = 90%
16 – 31 = 75%	12 – 23 = 75%	5 – 7 = 75%	4 – 7 = 75%
8 –15 = 60%	6 – 11 = 60%	4 = 60%	3 = 60%
6 - 7 = 40% (Satellite)	Under 6 = 0	Under 4 = 0	Under 3 = 0
Under 6 = 0			

3.1.3 Individual rankings

(a) Individual rankings are updated according to the criteria mentioned above. In December, some players are removed from the U20, U16 and U12 categories if they are too old.

(b) The world rankings allow some players to be selected for the World Cup.

3.1.4 Champions League Ranking

(a) Hereunder, the table of the points awarded:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	800	**7**	360	**13**	290	**19**	230
2	650	**8**	340	**14**	280	**20**	220
3	500	**9**	330	**15**	270	**21**	210
4	475	**10**	320	**16**	260	**22**	200
5	400	**11**	310	**17**	250	**23**	190
6	380	**12**	300	**18**	240	**24**	180

3.1.5 Europa League Ranking

(a) Hereunder, the table of the points awarded:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	250	**7**	130	**13**	80	**19**	45
2	200	**8**	120	**14**	75	**20**	40
3	180	**9**	100	**15**	70	**21**	35
4	170	**10**	95	**16**	65	**22**	30
5	150	**11**	90	**17**	55	**23**	25
6	140	**12**	85	**18**	50	**24**	20

(b) Points adjustments according to the number of participant teams for Europa League:

Number of Teams	Percentage
16 to 24 teams	100%
12 to 15 teams	90%
8 to 11 teams	80%
Less than 8 teams	70%

3.1.6 Other Continental Club Championships

(a) Hereunder, the table of the points awarded:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	800	**9**	250	**17**	150	**25**	65
2	600	**10**	240	**18**	140	**26**	60
3	450	**11**	230	**19**	130	**27**	55
4	425	**12**	220	**20**	120	**28**	50
5	375	**13**	210	**21**	110	**29**	45
6	350	**14**	200	**22**	100	**30**	40
7	325	**15**	190	**23**	90	**31**	35
8	300	**16**	180	**24**	80	**32**	30

(b) Points adjustments according to the number of participant teams on other Continental Championships:

Number of Teams	Percentage
24 teams or more	100%
20 to 23 teams	90%
16 to 19 teams	80%
12 to 15 teams	70%
8 to 11 teams	60%
4 to 7 teams	50%

3.1.7 Clubs' rankings

(a) Tables 3.1.2(a) and 3.1.2(b) are used for Club competitions.

3.1.8 Friendly International Matches

(a) Award Points for the FISTF Nations Ranking:

(i) Victory: 20 points

(ii) Draw: 8 points

(iii) Loss: 0 points

(b) Bonus points for the FISTF Nations Ranking:

(i) 10 points for beating the World's number 1 team.

(ii) 6 points for beating the World's number 2 team 3 points for beating the World's number 3 team.

(iii) 30% more points for a 3-country event than for a simple friendly international.

(iv) 40% more points for a 4-country event than for a simple friendly international.

(v) 50% more points for a 5-country event than for a simple friendly international.

Section 4 Standardisation

4.1 Controls on the Game Equipment and Event Locations

4.1.1 Definition

(a) Regular controls over equipment and event locations are an essential feature of any sporting activity. They are managed according to the **FISTF Equipment Handbook** that includes the list of all FISTF-approved equipment. The controls on the players' equipment (4.1.2) are implemented in every FISTF tournament; controls on the organisers' equipment and the event locations (4.1.3) are intermittently carried out by FISTF officials. Finally, in certain high-level tournaments the organisers must provide information about the pitches and goals they will use in the event (4.1.3).

4.1.2 Controls on the players' equipment

(a) The controls are handled by delegates appointed by the event organisers. They are implemented mainly through the FISTF Measuring Tool, following the instructions of the "FISTF Measuring Tool – Directions of use" document. The equipment checked includes bases, balls and goalkeepers. Figures only come into consideration insomuch as the height of base + figure is concerned.

(b) The organisers must:

(i) Have at least two FISTF Measuring Tools.

(ii) Have a copy of the **FISTF Equipment Handbook**.

(iii) Have a copy of the FISTF Measuring Tool – Directions of use.

(iv) Appoint one or more delegate(s) to carry out the controls.

(v) Send a report to FISTF with any issues that occurred.

(c) For each event day (this usually means once for the team event and once for the individual competition), the delegate(s) check several game tables equal to 15% (rounded up) of the number of players participating in the tournament. The tables to be checked are chosen at random. The checks are performed before the start of the matches, after the players have deployed their teams and goalkeepers. Moreover, checks must be run in at least two separate batches performed at different times. If the tournament is subdivided in categories, at least one table in each category must be checked. If it is not sent, it will be mandatory to pay a penalty of € 100.

(d) For each table the delegate(s) checks the ball, the goalkeeper and one of the bases (selected at random) used by each player, taking advantage of the FISTF Measuring Tool.

(i) In the case of the base the delegate checks:

(A) the minimum height of base + figure.

(B) the maximum base diameter.

(ii) In the case of the goalkeeper the delegate checks:

(A) that the figure passes through the opening smoothly, while holding the rod in a perfectly horizontal position.

(B) the thickness of the goalkeeper figure.

(C) the straightness of the rod. Only a slight angle at the junction point between the rod and the handle is allowed.

(D) The rod's width.

(E) The lengths of the rod and the handle.

(iii) In the case of the ball, the delegate checks its diameter and that it rolls straight.

(e) A player who suspects their opponent is using irregular equipment may alert the referee either before the match starts or during the half time interval. The referee determines if the charge is plausible. If so, the Head Referee(s) and/or the organisers shall be alerted. Checks requested by players must be noted in the pertinent form, but they do not count toward the minimum number of controls that must be performed each day.

(f) If a referee believes a player is using irregular equipment, they proceed in the same way and at the same points in time (before the match starts or during the half time interval).

(g) Disagreements on the regularity of a player's equipment are adjudicated by the Head Referee(s).

(h) **Sanctions:**

(i) Upon being confirmed to be using irregular equipment, a player must immediately surrender it to the organisers, who shall hold it in custody if the player remains in play. No attempt to rectify the item(s) on the spot is allowed. Repeat of the infringement or refusal to surrender it will lead to the player's immediate disqualification from the tournament (both days).

4.1.3 Controls on the organisers' equipment and the event locations

(a) The controls are performed by FISTF inspectors. These are volunteers appointed by FISTF.

(b) Inspectors for a certain event cannot be selected among the members of the organisers' team. Inspectors will preferably be chosen among foreign players (in respect to the country hosting the competition).

(c) FISTF will present inspectors with any information provided by the organisers about the equipment used in the event.

(d) The inspector checks:

(i) The pitches and goals to see if their brands correspond to the organiser's indications.

(ii) the tables and pitches, paying attention to:

(A) the balance of the table (the surface must be neither bended nor inclined); and

(B) the uniformity of the cloth (there must be no bubbles or waves especially in the playing area).

(iii) the functional and aesthetic value of the equipment (newness, cleanness, lack of wear).

(iv) the merits of the facilities arranged by the organisers, including:

(A) the game hall.

(B) the positioning of tables and fences.

(C) the bar / restaurant.

(D) The toilets.

(e) Optionally, the inspector may assess additional features, like the respect of the time schedule, of FISTF tournament regulations, players wearing sports uniforms, and the suitability of the official hotel accommodation, if applicable.

(f) **Sanctions for false statements rendered by the organisers:**

(i) False statements rendered by the organisers shall be sanctioned with a fine between 20 EUR and 100 EUR, depending on the severity of the situation.

4.2 Decisions by the FISTF Board

4.2.1 Definitions

(a) It is solely at the discretion of the FISTF Board of Directors to take a decision about any situation not described or not well clarified by the present Handbook.

(b) In the case of any doubt, the decision of the FISTF Board will be accepted as valid. The Board has the right to take such decisions to an ad hoc vote of the member associations for validation.

(c) Any decision taken by the FISTF Board of Directors/Members within this context will prevail for future similar situations.

(d) Only the FISTF AGM or Congress has the authority to override the decisions of the FISTF Board of Directors.

Section 5 Finance Regulations

5.1 Bank Account for Event Fees Online

FISTF – Fred Vulpes

Targobank Düsseldorf

IBAN: DE35 3002 0900 5390 2350 28

BIC: CMCIDEDD

PayPal: finances@fistf.com

5.2 Financial Plan – Expenditure

Several issues are anticipated about expenditure:

5.2.1 FISTF organisation and administration

(a) The members of the Board of Directors and any committees may present a claim for payment of expenses to the Board of Directors. These expenses can only be for the purpose of attending FISTF sporting events. However, the BoD shall limit the payment to the Director whose place of residence is closest to the venue for the above events. Only one Director shall be entitled to claim expenses per event. If the Director takes part in the event as a player, then the Director shall be ineligible to make a claim on expenses. It shall then be at the discretion of the BoD to allow another Director to claim expenses.

(b) The exception to this rule shall be for the FISTF annual general meeting or the Congress. For these, a BoD member can receive 200 Euro allowance for attendance at the AGM or Congress if it is associated with the World Cup but ONLY if the director attends in a non-playing role. If they attend in a playing role, then the amount remains 20 Euros per day on-site.

(c) Each Director wishing to make a claim, must provide an expense claim form (**Form F05**) at least a week before the planned expenses, and have this approved by the BoD. The BoD will then instruct the Finance Director to authorise payment on receipt of invoices/proof of expenses/travel.

5.2.2 Development assistance

(a) FISTF will devote part of its budget to the development of sports table football. This assistance will be in practice:

(i) Reductions in the fees paid by the MNAs.

(ii) The purchase and provision of equipment for the smaller associations.

(iii) Donation to event organisers for the running of events.

5.2.3 Allowances

(a) Miscellaneous payments - FISTF may contribute to MNAs whose clubs and players have contributed towards the development of sports table football.

Section 6 Marketing and Promotion Media Regulations

6.1 Marketing, Promotion, Media Regulations

6.1.1 Definitions

(a) The Marketing and Promotion Department is responsible, along with the Media Department, for the aesthetic, technical and practical aspects of FISTF's activities: the FISTF website, FISTF blog, news, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other means of generating publicity for FISTF and sports table football.

(b) The Marketing and Promotion Department together with the Media Department shall be responsible for developing relations with the international media and with the communications departments of national associations, so that 'sports table football' is promoted as a sport.

(c) This is necessary to gain publicity and sponsorship for as many events as possible worldwide.

6.1.2 Communication action points

(a) There are various issues to develop:

(i) Membership administration:

(A) It is the general secretary's responsibility to maintain a list of registered players and clubs of FISTF in conjunction with the MNAs and tournament organisers.

(ii) Rules of the game:

(A) The rules of the game must be available in French and English, the two official languages used by FISTF. The MNAs must arrange translations of the rules into their own national languages. FISTF shall monitor this effort.

(iii) FISTF Sports News is the FISTF e-newsletter.

(iv) Promotion, public relations, and sponsorship:

6.1.3 Publications

(a) Sports table football literature

(i) Various publicity leaflets about sports table football will be produced for the attention of the media, the public (for distribution at events) and partners.

6.1.4 Marketing

(a) The Marketing, Promotion and Communication Department shall be responsible for:

(i) The general aesthetic (clothing, places, events, etc.).

(ii) Rules and requirements for FISTF tournaments.

(iii) Licensing of competition equipment, through sponsorship with manufacturers and other companies.

(iv) The Design and Style Guide of FISTF and all the international events, sponsors, relation with producers and distributors of equipment.

(v) Offering producers and distributors a collaboration package.

6.1.5 Equipment Guides

(a) This section is available in a new document, which will be maintained online on fistf.com.

Section 7 Development

7.1 FISTF Development Program

(a) FISTF will issue programs for the development of sports table football at a national and/or regional level worldwide.

(b) These programs shall be established between FISTF and an MNA or a club.

(c) FISTF partners can be added to the program on a case-by-case basis.

(d) A protocol shall be signed between all involved parts to define duties and rights of each part.

(e) There are no restrictions on which MNAs and clubs can take part in the FISTF Development Program.

7.2 FISTF Training Centres

7.2.1 Goals of the centres

(a) To give local, national and foreign players a place to meet, play and communicate with other players.

(b) To have a place to train your local and/or national team for international competitions.

(c) To build the sporting image of Sports Table Football.

(d) To support national federations in developing Sports Table Football in their country.

7.2.2 Centre characteristics

(a) There must be good quality FISTF approved pitches.

(b) The centre should be open at least 1 day a week for a minimum of 3 hours each time.

(c) The centre must be set up in a clean and non-smoking environment.

7.2.3 What the Centre gets in return from FISTF

(a) Official title as “FISTF Training Centre”.

(b) A place on the FISTF website listing all the Centres with their locations and information, which is also a way to display the projects and organisational skills of national federations.

(c) Flags, banners, posters, rules can be downloaded freely from the FISTF website.

(d) Countries with little financial resources can request help through the FISTF Development Fund (FISTF MNAs only).

(e) There are no registration fees for creating and maintaining a FISTF Training Centre.

(f) The club may use the official FTC Logo with the certified Level number (1 to 4) on the sports shirts and tracksuits. The graphics are available in the data centre for download. FISTF Corporate identity. www.fistf.com

(g) The Club will be recommended by FISTF to players, parents, media, TV and other institutions, as necessary.

7.2.4 How to apply

(a) The **Form F21** (Training Centres Request Form, version A) shall be used for the application.

(b) Applicants must fill a form for each centre seeking registration / certification.

(c) A training centre can host more than one independent club, but each club must submit its own training centre application.

(d) The application will be submitted to the General Secretary of FISTF for clearance and consideration by the FISTF board.

(e) The application/request can be sent at any time. A level 1, 2 or 3 FTC can apply any time to raise its level if conditions are met and proven.

(f) A minimum of 4 photos of the venue shall be included with the application, one photo from outside and three photos from inside.

(g) Clubs as Training Centres must meet a minimum of 5 to 10 conditions:

(i) e1. A permanent training room facility as a home of the club**. Must be a Non-Smoking area**.

(ii) e2. Weekly club training with a fixed time and date. (Minimum requirement 3x a month)

(iii) e3. Competent trainers to teach youth the sport's rules and correct play.

Note: A competent trainer is a person who is able to teach youth proper play, has experience working with youth, knows FISTF sports playing rules (laws), plays STF himself and speaks the local language.

(iv) e4. A club website to present the sport and inform the public about club activities. A link to the FISTF.com website is required.

Note: Social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram or similar are NOT websites. Not everyone has access or wants to use social media.

(v) e5. Organising internal club league championships and cups.

Specify internal club League and knock-out cup system in a handbook. Refer to the FISTF tournament guide and use the FISTF Pyramid.

(vi) e6. Participating in the domestic National Championship (League) and knock-out Cup.

(vii) Individual and Club with one or more teams.

(viii) e7. Respecting the Code of Conduct. Teach clean flicking and fair play.

(ix) e8. Register as a non-profit club in the country to foster stability and sustainability. (**)

(x) e9. Adopt official club statutes / constitution. Copies to be sent to FISTF.

(xi) e10.(*) A club Board of Directors consisting of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. Democratic vote according to the club statutes / constitution.

(h) Additional information: Cooperation with other clubs or institutions.

Please, inform FISTF on (h)(i) to (h)(iv).

(i) Cooperating with other clubs or institutions. More than one is possible

(A) Football clubs,

(B) Other sports clubs (e.g., Futsal, Handball, Gymnastics)

(C) Cultural clubs (e.g., libraries, hobby associations, art and music groups)

(D) Educational facilities and institutions (e.g., universities, schools).

(ii) Supported by the local city council, municipality, district department. Such as a free training area or financial support or other support (help).

(iii) Supported by sponsors and supporters.

(iv) The sports table football club has a membership fee (levies) system.

Please note:

(*) Mandatory for every club world-wide. No club board means no club!

(**) The registration as a non-profit club shall be the target for each MNA and club, as that will warrant the legal status for our sport. In countries where the registration as a non-profit club (some countries call it “association”) is complicated, FISTF is open to an alternative solution. Please inform us on domestic laws in your country.

(***) FISTF has no intent to disadvantage clubs in certain countries and or different cultures, but the target shall be a focus on legal, stable, sustainable, and working clubs. We wish clubs to exist for a long time (tradition) and not fold (shut down) after a short period of time after foundation (establishment) date.

7.2.5 Overall Benefits

(a) All players with a valid FISTF license can use a certified FISTF Training Centre for free.

(b) The certified club can publicly use the certificate to promote the club and gain sponsors and new members

(c) Certification aims to enhance the positive image and status of the club.

7.2.6 FISTF Certification

(a) The certification diploma will be sent to the applicant by the FISTF General Secretary to confirm recognition.

(b) Each certificate diploma will have an FTC code for identification. Example: FTC 0087

(c) The training centres will be classified into 4 Certification levels:

Certification Level conditions fulfilled and confirmed (proven):

(i)	Certification Level 4	10	Red
(ii)	Certification Level 3	8-9	Black
(iii)	Certification Level 2	6-7	Green
(iv)	Certification Level 1	5	Grey

(d) A certification diploma shall be issued to all approved FISTF Training Centres (FTC).

(e) The certification diploma shall be issued for promotion and be publicly viewable, preferably on a board or in a picture frame. It should also be displayed on the club website.

(f) The certification diploma has a validity of maximum 36 months from date of issue. After 36 months the validity will expire automatically. An extension request with up-dated new information can be sent any time. **Form F21** will always be used.

Section 8 Disciplinary Council

F.I.S.T.F. Disciplinary Regulations

Part 1 Rules of Construction

1 The provisions of these regulations apply to FISTF, MNAs, Clubs, Players and competition organisers in the conduct of any competition activity related to sports table football.

2 In case of any conflict between the FISTF Statutes and any other section of these regulations, the provisions of the FISTF Statutes shall prevail. The definitions used in the FISTF Statutes shall be used in the interpretation of these regulations.

3 If any provision of these regulations or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this handbook which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of these regulations shall be severable.

4 In the event of any controversy, dispute or claim arising out of or relating to these regulations, or to the interpretation, breach, or enforcement thereof, the parties shall in good faith use best efforts to settle such controversy, dispute or claim by negotiation. If such negotiation should fail, such controversy, dispute or claim shall be submitted to the FISTF Disciplinary Council (hereinafter 'Council'), which shall issue a final, binding, and conclusive ruling on all interested parties.

5 The rights and obligations herein contained shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, FISTF, MNAs, Clubs and Players and their respective executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

6 Any forbearance of FISTF, MNAs, Clubs or Players to exercise any right or remedy to which they are entitled to under these regulations shall not be construed as a waiver of, or preclude the exercise of, any right or remedy.

7 Any case not provided for in, but related to, these regulations shall be referred to the Council, which shall issue a final, binding, and conclusive ruling on the case.

Part 2 Organisation and Responsibilities

Article 1 FISTF Disciplinary Council

1.1 The management of disciplinary matters within FISTF is entrusted to the Council, as defined in the FISTF Statutes, Article 19, with the sole exception of the authority to pronounce the exclusion of an MNA, which is reserved by the FISTF Congress in accordance with Article 22.3 of the FISTF Statutes.

1.2 The Council is composed of three disciplinary judges appointed and revoked in accordance with Article 19 of the FISTF Statutes (hereinafter 'Judges'), by the FISTF Board of Directors who will be agents of FISTF when exercising their official duties. Once appointed, these Judges will appoint a Council Chairperson among themselves (hereinafter 'Chairperson'). Should the Judges fail to appoint a Chairman within three months of full manning of the Council, the matter shall be referred to the FISTF Board of Directors (hereinafter 'Board'), who may take any measure it deems appropriate, including but not limited to the revocation of the mandate of one or more Judges and the appointment of a Chairman.

1.3 The FISTF President can become an ex-officio member of the Council, in a non-voting role, to assist with procedures and preparation of documents.

1.4 The Chairperson is responsible for the coordination of the activities of the Council and for the handling of all claims and correspondence addressed to the Council. The Chairperson may delegate this latter responsibility to another member of the Council.

1.5 The Council is responsible for the revising, drafting and promulgation of the FISTF disciplinary regulations in accordance with Article 20 of the FISTF Statutes. For that purpose, it will consult within FISTF on the efficiency of the rules and produce changes as it deems necessary.

1.6 The Council is responsible for the enforcement of the FISTF disciplinary regulation and to impose disciplinary sanctions in accordance with Article 20 and Article 22 of the FISTF Statutes. For that purpose, the Council will render disciplinary judgements (hereinafter 'Judgement').

1.7 When the Council must make a decision related to 1.5 or 1.6 above, it will first of all attempt to reach a consensus of all its members. Should the Chairperson consider, after a reasonable period of discussions, that a consensus cannot be achieved, the Chairperson will call for a vote of the Judges, and the decision will be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast. In case of equality of the votes cast, the Chairperson will have the casting vote. The deliberations and votes of the Council will be secret.

1.8 During the discussions leading to a decision related to 1.5 or 1.6 above, the Council may conduct hearings of the parties and witnesses, and consult with competition organisers, MNA and Club representatives, independent experts and Board members.

1.9 Decisions of the Council do not have to be made at a formal meeting, and may be achieved through any reasonable method, including but not limited to informal meetings and e-mail or telephone exchanges. The Chairperson will use their best endeavours to involve equally all Council members in the discussions leading to such decisions.

Article 2 Specific Obligations of Council Members

2.1 The members of the Council, as well as the members of the Board, who are sanctioned for disciplinary reasons according to these Disciplinary Regulations, will be punished exemplarily with the greatest sanction that applies to the specific infraction.

2.2 Members of the Council may not accept from any person instructions, orders, gifts or bribes of any kind that could be related to the exercise of their official duties as Judges. If a member of the Council becomes aware that another Council member has accepted such instructions, orders, gifts or bribes, the member will inform the Chairperson and/or the FISTF President as soon as possible.

2.3 Members of the Council have to inform the other Council members if they are themselves parties in a proceeding before the Council (either plaintiff or defendant), are related in the first degree (husband, wife, recognised partner, father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister) to a party in such a proceeding, or are affiliated in another way with a party in such a proceeding (such as holding a management function in a Club that is a party to such a proceeding) or have a personal friendship with a party.

2.4 Members of the Council must perform their official duties as Judges with utmost impartiality, fairness, and without any discrimination on the grounds of citizenship, gender, age, marital status, employment, education, race, religion, or sexual or political orientation.

Article 3 Competition Organisers and/or Head Referees

3.1 The Council may delegate to the organisers of FISTF competitions and/or the head referee to such competition the power to decide if an action by an MNA, Player or Club is in breach of these disciplinary regulations and refer the relevant party to the Council.

3.2 This will be limited to cases where the Council itself, or a member, is not present to make a referral for judgement and sentence.

Part 3 Disciplinary Sanctions

Article 4 Disciplinary Sanctions against Players and Clubs

4.1 In accordance with Article 22 of the FISTF Statutes, FISTF Clubs and Players who are judged by the Council to have breached the disciplinary regulations will be sentenced by the Council or its delegate, according to the extent of their actions, to one or more of the sanctions below (sanctions may be combined or added one to another as decided by the Council):

(a) Official warning.

(b) Fine.

(c) Deduction of a defined number of world ranking points.

(d) Deduction of part or all the world ranking points gained in a specific tournament.

(e) Disqualification from a specific match.

(f) Disqualification from a specific competition.

(g) Disqualification from a specific competition for a specified period up to one (1) calendar year.

(h) Suspension from participation in defined FISTF competitions (e.g., in a specified country or countries) for a specified period up to one (1) calendar year.

(i) Suspension from participation in all FISTF competitions for a specified period up to one (1) calendar year.

(j) Exclusion from FISTF. Note: This can only be recommended by the DC. As per the FISTF Statutes, only a Congress or AGM of FISTF can expel an MNA.

Offence	Competition Organiser/Head Referee	Disciplinary Council actions			
	Immediate action	Ban	Ranking pts	Additional	Summary
Assault of a player or referee	If a match is in progress, the offending player is immediately issued a Red Card, loses the match 0-3 and is expelled from the tournament. If the match was ongoing at the time of disqualification and had a more detrimental result against the defendant, such higher score will be kept. All subsequent scheduled matches by the player are registered as 0-3 loss. In a Team event, each game result in the round in which a player (team member) is disqualified is registered as a 0-3 loss and the Match result for that round is registered as 0-4. The Team can play again, but not the offending player. If the offence is committed by a referee, they are immediately expelled from the tournament. The Disciplinary Council informed by an official report.	One year	Loss of all WR points	Formal letter of apology	Must comply with all before can return to play
Threat of violence to player of referee	If a match is in progress, the offending player loses the match 0-3 and is expelled from the tournament. If the match was ongoing at the time of disqualification and had a more detrimental result against the defendant, such a higher score will be kept. All subsequent matches are registered as 0-3 loss. In a Team event, each game result is registered as a 0-3 loss and the Match result is registered as 0-4. The Team can play again, but not the offending player. If the offence is committed by a referee, they are immediately expelled from the tournament. Disciplinary Council informed by an official report.	Six months	Loss of 500 WR points	Formal letter of apology	Must comply with all before can return to play
Insults, abuse or verbal threats	If a match is in progress, the offending player loses the match 0-3 and is expelled from the tournament. If the match was ongoing at the time of disqualification and had a more detrimental result against the defendant, such a higher score will be kept. All subsequent matches are registered as 0-3 loss. In a Team event, each game result is registered as a 0-3 loss and the Match result is registered as 0-4. The Team can play again, but not the offending player. If the offence is committed by a referee, they are immediately expelled from the tournament. Disciplinary Council informed by an official report.	One month	Loss of points from the event PLUS additional loss of 100 ranking points	Formal letter of apology	Must comply with all before can return to play

Offence	Competition Organiser/Head Referee	Disciplinary Council actions			
	Immediate action	Ban	Ranking pts	Additional	Summary
Poor behaviour, aggression, failing to follow the rules (persistent breaches of Rule 2.4.3(c)(iii), resulting in red card)	If a match is in progress, and the offending player receives a red card, they lose the match 0-3 and are expelled from the tournament. If the match was ongoing at the time of disqualification and had a more detrimental result against the defendant, such a higher score will be kept. All subsequent matches are registered as 0-3 loss. In a Team event, each game result is registered as a 0-3 loss and the Match result is registered as 0-4. The Team can play again, but not the offending player. If the offence is committed by a referee, they are immediately expelled from the tournament. Disciplinary Council informed by an official report.	The Tournament	Loss of all ranking points from the relevant event, PLUS additional loss of 50 ranking points	Formal letter of apology	Must comply with all before can return to play
Poor behaviour, aggression, failing to follow the rules (persistent breaches of Rule 2.4.3(c)(iii), resulting in yellow or orange card); failing to complete a match, either by failing to start or failing to finish a match.	DC informed by Competition Organiser and/or Head Referee. Cards are forwarded to the DC. Failing to complete a match, either by failing to start or failing to finish a match, is recorded as a 0-3 loss.	N/A	Loss of all ranking points from the relevant event, PLUS additional loss of 50 ranking points	Formal letter of apology	Must comply with all before can return to play
Consumption of alcohol in the playing venue by referees or players who are still likely to participate in the competition.	DC informed by Competition Organiser and/or Head Referee.	N/A	Loss of 100 ranking points		

Article 5 Official Warning

5.1 An official warning is a letter written by the Chairperson to a defendant who has been judged by the Council guilty of a breach of these disciplinary regulations. The Council may decide that this letter will also be sent to other parties such as the defendant's Club or MNA, as well as the FISTF Board.

5.2 The Council will keep a register of all official warnings. This register must be kept electronically on a suitable web-accessible database, with access by the FISTF President and Secretary General.

Article 6 Fine

6.1 A disciplinary fine is a pecuniary obligation of a defendant who has been judged by the Council guilty of a breach of these disciplinary regulations and sentenced to pay a fixed amount of money. Fines will be defined by the Council in multiples of 10€.

6.2 An MNA, Player or Club sentenced to a fine will be automatically suspended from participating in any FISTF competition until this fine is fully paid, unless the Council decides otherwise.

Article 7 Disqualification

7.1 The disqualification of a defendant who has been judged guilty of a breach of these disciplinary regulations results in the defendant automatically losing the match and/or competition(s) from which they are disqualified.

7.2 If the disqualification is for one match, the defendant will lose the match with a minimum of 0-3 for an individual match, and of 0-4 for a team match. If the match was ongoing at the time of disqualification and had a more detrimental result against the defendant, such higher score will be kept.

7.3 If the disqualification is for one or more competitions, the defendant will lose all matches of that competition with a minimum of 0-3 for an individual match, and of 0-4 for a team match. If a match of the defendant was ongoing at the time of disqualification and had a more detrimental result against the defendant, such higher score will be kept.

7.4 The disqualification of a defendant may be decided by the Council or, by delegation, by a competition organiser and/or head referee. The disqualification is the only disciplinary sanction that the Council may allow a delegate to decide on. In that case, the delegate may only sentence the defendant to a disqualification for the match(es) and/or competition for which they are the organiser and/or head referee.

7.5 When a defendant is sentenced to disqualification by a delegate of the Council, that delegate or a third party may in addition file a claim to the Council for the same facts. Should this be the case, the Council may decide to sentence the defendant to an additional sentence.

7.6 The decision of a delegate of the Council to disqualify a defendant for a match and/or a competition is final and may not be appealed or modified. The Council or FISTF will not hold any liability, monetary or otherwise, towards the defendant for that disqualification.

Article 8 Suspension

8.1 A suspension is an interdiction of a defendant who has been judged by the Council guilty of a breach of these disciplinary regulations to play some or all future FISTF competitions for a defined period of up to one (1) year.

8.2 A suspended defendant will lose all the benefits of FISTF affiliation for the duration of the suspension as defined in the sanction, while still retaining all their FISTF obligations.

8.3 The suspension of an MNA will automatically imply the suspension of all Clubs and Players affiliated with that MNA.

8.4 The suspension of a Club will automatically imply the suspension of all Players affiliated with that Club.

Article 9 Expulsion

9.1 The expulsion of a defendant who has been judged by the Council guilty of a breach of these disciplinary regulations is a revocation of the membership and/or affiliation with FISTF for that defendant. The expulsion implies the indefinite suspension from all FISTF competition.

9.2 When the Council decides to expel a Player or Club from FISTF, this expulsion will only become effective when ratified by the Board.

9.3 When the Council decides to propose the expulsion of an MNA from FISTF, this expulsion may only be pronounced by a decision of the Congress.

9.4 Even after it has been expelled from FISTF, an MNA, Club, Player, its successors and assignees, shall remain liable for any obligation, monetary or otherwise, incurred when it was an FISTF Member or associated with FISTF.

9.5 FISTF will have no liability whatsoever, monetary or otherwise, towards an expelled defendant, unless these liabilities were incurred prior to the expulsion.

Article 10 Sentencing Guidelines

10.1 The Council will publish sentencing guidelines, where it will present, for several types of breach of these disciplinary regulations, the associated sentences. These sentencing guidelines will be used by the Council and its delegates in further sentencing, without the Council being thereby bound to these guidelines.

10.2 The Council will update these sentencing guidelines on a regular basis.

10.3 The sentencing guidelines are additional to, and do not replace, the provisions of these regulations.

Part 4 Substantive Disciplinary Regulations

Article 11 General Duties and Obligations

11.1 *Obligation of ethical behaviour*: The MNAs, Players and Clubs to which the present regulations apply must maintain behaviour consistent with the athletic standards of fairness and morals, in all their actions, both during competitions as well as during their financial or social actions relating to FISTF or sports table football more generally. All players, in whatever role, registered with FISTF, have an obligation to maintain the best interests of the sport, and refrain from any action or words which would bring the game or FISTF into disrepute.

11.2 *Obligation to produce documents*: All FISTF MNAs, Players and Clubs are obliged to provide the Council with any information in their possession that the Council requests them to provide during disciplinary proceedings. In case of failure to comply, the Council may decide that they will be punished with a fine.

11.3 *Obligation to testify*: If a FISTF MNA, Player of Club is called as a witness in disciplinary proceedings by the Council and refuses to testify, the Council may decide that they will be punished with a fine.

11.4 *Obligation to maintain the secrecy of proceedings*: The FISTF MNAs, Players and Clubs who are taking part in disciplinary proceedings are forbidden to make any public

declarations related to these proceedings or to make public comments related to other parties to, or persons involved in, such proceedings. They are also forbidden to supply to anyone information regarding disciplinary proceedings that are not yet finalised. In case of failure to comply, the Council may decide that the transgressor will be punished with a fine.

11.5 *Obligation to refrain from inciting violence*: FISTF MNAs, Players and Clubs may not publicly make declarations, indirectly or directly, which could, in the opinion of the Council, incite others to use any type of violence, negative criticism, or harmful comments. In case of failure to comply, the Council may decide that the transgressor will be punished with a suspension from participating in any FISTF Tournament. The Council may also decide to propose to the Board (for Players or Clubs) and/or the Congress (for an MNA) the exclusion from FISTF.

11.6 *Obligation of truthful and complete answers*: FISTF MNAs, Players and Clubs are obliged to send to the Council, full, correct, and honest answers to every question addressed to them. In case of failure to comply, the Council may decide that the transgressor will be punished with a fine. In addition, the Council may decide that the transgressor will be punished with a suspension from defined FISTF events.

Article 12 General Obligations of Players and Clubs

12.1 *Obligation to refrain from unduly influencing a match result*: The Club, team, or Player whose actions lead to the abnormal conduction of a match will be sanctioned by the competition head referee or, in their absence, by the competition organiser with immediate disqualification of the specific match. The sanction of immediate disqualification can be given to both Players of a match when they both have the same responsibility for the above.

12.2 When there are facts that cannot be technically proved during a match, the Council may examine and judge if the result or the conduct of a match in general was normal. Where it is found not to be normal/acceptable, the Council may disqualify one or both the opponents, or order a replay of the match if it was not played.

12.3 *Liability of Club representatives*: The Players who are appointed to legally represent their Club are presumed to be equally liable, until the opposite is proved, for any breach of disciplinary regulations by their Club.

12.4 *Liability of team captains*: The Player who is the Captain of a Team in a specific game is liable according to the present handbook for any breach of disciplinary regulation by their team. This responsibility for the specific delinquency can be reduced if another specific member of their team is held liable.

Article 13 Special Obligations of Clubs

13.1 Clubs may reply directly to FISTF or the Council through their official representative, according to the FISTF rules.

13.2 *Vicarious liability of Clubs*: Clubs may be held vicariously liable for the acts of their representatives and may face equally any consequence where one of their representatives being found in breach of these disciplinary regulations.

13.3 *Liability for negligent oversight*: The Council may decide on its own initiative to enter Judgement and sanction on Clubs that negligently fail to ensure that their Players do not breach these disciplinary regulations.

13.4 *Obligation of internal control*: A breach of a disciplinary regulation by a Player member of a Club will not automatically lead to the liability of their Club. However, if a Player is sentenced by the Council, their club has the obligation to sanction him internally.

13.5 *Obligation not to employ suspended or disqualified Players*: The sanction of disqualification will be given to a Club by the competition head referee or, in their absence, by the

competition organiser which uses suspended or disqualified Players during a competition, or Players who in general have no right to play.

Article 14 Special Obligations of Players

14.1 *Obligation of restraint*: Players will show restraint during competitions, whether they are presently engaged in a match. In particular, the following will be considered as a breach of these disciplinary regulations:

(a) Negative criticism or harmful comments about another Player, Club, a referee, the head referee, a third party, the competition organiser or an MNA. Behaviour or declarations which are capable of leading to acts of violence.

(b) Deliberate breach of the present regulations or of the FISTF rules of the game, with the intent to change the normal course of a match.

(c) Exaggerated celebration of a win or a goal, which could be considered as an insult to the opponent.

(d) Swearing during the match against anyone.

(e) Insults against another Player, Club, a referee, the head referee, a third party, the competition organiser or an MNA.

(f) Denial of a request to referee a game or absence during a mandatory refereeing.

(g) Threat or attempt to use force against another Player, a referee, the head referee, a third party, or the competition organiser.

(h) Unlawful use of force against another Player, the referee, the head referee, a third party, or the competition organiser.

(i) Damage of the opponent's or a third party's equipment.

(j) Damage of the equipment used for the competition.

(k) Repeated violation of referee duties.

14.2 Players breaching the above obligations will be punished according to the extent of their actions, with one or more of the following sanctions (sanctions can be combined or added one to another):

(a) For the cases 14.1(a) to 14.1(f): The delegate of the Council may sentence the offender to disqualification from a match or disqualification from the competition. In addition, the Council may give the defendant an Official Warning and/or a fine.

(b) For the cases 14.1(g) to 14.1(j): The delegate of the Council may sentence the offender to disqualification from a match or disqualification from the competition. In addition, the Council may sentence the defendant to any disciplinary sanction.

(c) For the case 14.1(k): The delegate of the Council may give the defendant an Official Warning and/or a fine.

14.3 For the sentencing of all breaches of the obligation of restraint, the delegate of the Council, or the Council itself may consider acts of provocation or a breach of these disciplinary regulations by the victim, as extenuating circumstances.

Article 15 Red Cards Records System

15.1 The Council will hold a record of the Red Cards that have been issued to Players in accordance with the FISTF rules of the game.

15.2 In addition to the sanctions referred to Article 14, the following sanctions will be given by the Council:

(a) Player who has been issued two (2) Red Cards during the same sports season (September to August): Loss of 200 World ranking Points and any fine.

(b) Player who has been issued three or four (3 or 4) Red Cards during the same sports season: Loss of 200 World Ranking points, a fine, and a 3 months' disqualification from any FISTF competition.

(c) Player who has been issued five (5) Red Cards or more during the same sports season: Loss of a minimum of 300 World Ranking points, any fine, and disqualification from any FISTF competition for a minimum of one (1) year.

Article 16 Orange Cards Records System

16.1 The Council will hold a record of the Orange Cards that have been issued to Players in accordance with the FISTF rules of the game.

16.2 In addition to the sanctions referred to Article 14, the following sanctions will be given by the Council:

(a) Player who has been issued three or four (3 or 4) Orange Cards during the same sports season: Loss of 50 World Ranking points, and a 40 Euro fine.

(b) Player who has been issued five or six (5 or 6) Orange Cards during the same sports season: Loss of 150 World Ranking points, any fine, and a 2 months' disqualification from any FISTF competition.

(c) Player who has been issued seven (7) Orange Cards or more during the same sports season: Loss of 200 World Ranking points, any fine, and a 3 months' disqualification from any FISTF competition. The Council may decide, depending on the number of cards and/or the specific cases, if the player should get any additional sanction.

Article 17 Yellow Cards Records System

17.1 The Council will hold a record of the Yellow Cards that have been issued to Players in accordance with the FISTF rules of the game.

17.2 In addition to the sanctions referred to Article 14, the following sanctions will be given by the Council:

(a) Player who has been issued four (4) Yellow Cards during the same sports season: Loss of 50 World Ranking points, and a 20 Euro fine.

(b) Player who has been issued five to seven (5 to 7) Yellow Cards during the same sports season: Loss of 100 World Ranking points, any fine, and a 1-month disqualification from any FISTF competition.

(c) Player who has been issued eight (8) Yellow Cards or more during the same sports season: Loss of 150 World Ranking points, any fine, and a 3 months' disqualification from any FISTF competition. The Council may decide, depending on the number of cards and/or the specific cases, if the player should get any additional sanction.

Article 18 Cards Records System - Combinations

18.1 In addition to the sanctions referred to Article 15, Article 16 and Article 17, the Council may give a sanction to a player who has a combination or Red/Orange/Yellow cards. Any player having two (2) or more cards in each category (e.g., 2 Orange & 2 Yellow) and even if according to Article 15, Article 16 and Article 17 they would get no sanction, may be sentenced by the Council according to its judgment.

Article 19 Recurring Breaches of Disciplinary Regulations

19.1 A Club or Player who, after they have been sentenced by the Council according to the present disciplinary regulations, fails to comply with the sentence and/or breaks the same or any other rule repeatedly, will receive a stronger sanction.

19.2 To be considered as recurring breaches, the breaches must have occurred during the last two (2) sports seasons.

Part 5 Rules of Procedure of the FISTF Disciplinary Council

Article 20 Filing of Claims

20.1 Notwithstanding the rights of the Head Referee and Tournament Organisers outlined elsewhere in the regulations, when FISTF, an MNA, Player or Club becomes aware of a possible breach of these disciplinary regulations, they may file a claim reporting such breach. This must be reported to the Council within thirty (30) calendar days of the presumed breach. Such a claim will be addressed to the Council Chairperson, or the person to whom they have given the authority to process claims.

20.2 Claims must be filed in writing by one named plaintiff against one or more named defendants. FISTF, MNAs, Clubs and Players may be plaintiffs or defendants. Such claims will set out in enough detail the charges against the defendant, and will list as a minimum:

(a) The names and contact details of the plaintiff.

(b) The name of the defendants in enough detail to allow the Council to identify them.

(c) A description of the facts presumed to be a breach of these disciplinary regulations, including but not limited to time and place information.

(d) If possible, citation of the part of the disciplinary regulations that the plaintiff considers have been breached.

(e) A description of the prejudice caused to the plaintiff by the presumed breach, if any.

Should the initial claim, in the opinion of the Council, not contain enough information, the Chairperson n will contact the plaintiff to collect that information. The plaintiff will be responsible to provide the missing information to the Council.

20.3 Should the Council decide that the plaintiff has not provided sufficient information to allow the Council to render a Judgement, the claim will be dismissed as inadmissible. The Chairperson will inform the plaintiff in writing as soon as possible of such a decision.

20.4 Should the Council decide that the claim is admissible, the Chairperson will inform in writing as soon as possible the defendant of the details of the claim and charges against him, and that the defendant may file a written explanatory memorandum in their defence to the Council within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the Chairman's message.

Article 21 Proceedings before the Council

21.1 For the investigation of the claim, the Council may request the production of other supporting documentation, such as Match Report, Referee's Reports, Head Referee's Report, Report of the Competition Manager and the defendant's apology letter. Upon receipt of the Council request to produce such supporting documentation, the document holder has the obligation to provide a copy of the requested document to the Council.

21.2 Proceedings before the Council will be accusatory. Both plaintiff and defendant will be invited to present their case before the Council. This presentation does not have to be made within the frame of formal hearings and may be achieved through any reasonable method

as determined by the Council, including but not limited to informal meetings and e-mail or telephone exchanges.

21.3 Should the Council decide that a preponderance of the available evidence suggests that a breach of the disciplinary regulations did take place, the Chairman will request the defendant to submit an apology letter to the plaintiff and/or any part that has suffered damages from the breach, with a copy to the Chairman. The defendant will have to submit such an apology letter in writing within ten (10) days of the Council decision.

Article 22 Judgement

22.1 Based on the available evidence and on the apology letter of the plaintiff, if any, the Council will render a Judgement, where it will decide that a preponderance of the available evidence suggests that the defendant is:

(a) Guilty of one or more breaches of the disciplinary regulations, and will then sentence the defendant to one or more disciplinary sanctions; or

(b) Not guilty of a breach of the disciplinary regulations.

Such Judgement will be supported by a reasoned opinion approved by the Council that sets-out the reasons for the Judgement and sentence.

22.2 A defendant may be found guilty of breaches of the disciplinary regulations that were not listed among the charges in the original claim.

22.3 In rendering Judgement, the Council will use as guidelines previous Judgements of the Council and the applicable sentencing guidelines but will not be bound by such Judgements or guidelines.

22.4 In sentencing the defendant to a disciplinary sanction, the apology letter of the defendant, if any, will be considered as a mitigating circumstance.

22.5 When more than one claim is filed against the same defendant for the same facts, only one Judgement may be rendered against the defendant (no double jeopardy). However:

(a) When additional claims are filed after Judgement has been rendered, that add new facts that the Council decides to be relevant to the original charges, the Council may decide to reopen the disciplinary proceeding.

(b) A claim that has been dismissed as inadmissible will not preclude the filing of another claim against the same defendant for the same facts.

22.6 The Chairperson will inform in writing as soon as possible the plaintiff and the defendant of the Judgement rendered by the Council and of the related sentence. In addition, the Judgement and sentence will be published as soon as possible on the FISTF official website www.fistf.com.

Article 23 Execution of Disciplinary Sanctions

23.1 Any disciplinary sanction will become effective, and its execution will start on the day following the publication of the sentence on the FISTF official website, unless the Council decides otherwise in the Judgement.

23.2 The execution of a sentence will be suspended during the duration of the proceedings that follow the admission by the Council of an appeal from the related Judgement. The period between the start of the execution of the sentence and the suspension of the disciplinary sanction will be deducted from the duration of any new disciplinary sanction imposed by the Judgement on appeal.

23.3 If a sentence cannot be fully executed during a sports season, it will continue during the next sports season(s).

23.4 If a Player is transferred to another Club and/or MNA, they will normally continue their sentence, even if for example a whole team to which they are not a member anymore had been sanctioned.

Article 24 Appeal

24.1 The plaintiff, the defendant or both may, within thirty (30) calendar days of the publication of the Judgement on the FISTF official website, appeal from a Judgement and/or sentence by writing to the Chairperson.

24.2 Should the Council decide that the plaintiff, the defendant or both have not provided any additional evidence that could lead the Council to review its Judgement and/or sentence, the relevant appeal will be dismissed as inadmissible.

24.3 Should the Council decide that an appeal, either by the plaintiff, the defendant or both, is admissible, the Council will suspend the Judgement and the execution of the sentence. The Chairperson will inform as soon as possible the plaintiff and the defendant.

24.4 Following the suspension of the initial Judgement, the Council will re-start the proceedings and render a new Judgement as described in Article 2 and Article 3.

Article 25 Miscellaneous Provisions

25.1 When a member of the Council is a party in a proceeding before the Council (either plaintiff or defendant), is related in the first degree (husband, wife, recognised partner, father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister) to a party in such a proceeding, or is affiliated in another way with a party in such a proceeding (such as holding a management function in a Club that is a party to such a proceeding, or as mentioned earlier), they will not take part in the decisions of the Council related to that proceeding.

In cases where a member of the Council absents themselves because of 25.1, the Chairperson of the Council may appoint a suitable replacement member for the period of the proceedings.

25.2 For these rules of procedure, written documents will include, but not be limited to manuscripts, typed letters, faxes, e-mails (and their attachments) and cell phone text messages. In case of doubt, the Council will decide if a specific communication is a written document.

Section 9 Rules of the Game

The laws of the game are available in a separate specific document.

This file consists of two parts:

1 Rules of the game.

2 Referee's guide.

Section 10 Forms

National Federations must fill out the following forms where applicable:

Notes:

- If you see a small letters index such as "**a**, **b**, **c**" then it is a newer version of the Form with updated information
- If you see a Capital letters index such as "**A**, **F**, **T**" then it is a specific additional Form in that group of Forms.
- Example **Form F06Fa**, that means a separate **form no. F06 + 'F' + index 'a'**.

Form	Title / Description / Notes
F01	To be completed by the National Member Association Board at the start of the season to confirm joining FISTF and to confirm all contact details. Can be re-sent at any time.
F02	Not Occupied
F03	Not Occupied
F04	Event Request Form
F05	Expenses Claim Form
F06	Players Transfer Form
F06a	Players Transfer Form – Loan Transfer
F06e	National Player Transfer List
F06f	Players Transfer Form – Free Agent
F07	Not Occupied
F08	Not Occupied
F09	New Sports Table Football Equipment Homologation Form
F10	New Club Registration Form
F11	Change of Club Details Form
F12	Not Occupied
F13	Recognition for a New Production Company Form
F14	Not Occupied
F15	Not Occupied
F16	Nomination for Person to work with Board
F17	Not Occupied
F18	Not Occupied
F19	International National Team Friendly
F19T	International National Team Tournament
F20	List of Licensed Clubs and Players by an MNA
F21	Training Centres Request Form
F22	Event Registration for Individuals Form
F23	Event Registration for Teams Form
F24	Team Competition Match Form
F25	Individual Competition Match Form

Form	Title / Description / Notes
F26	Products Update Homologation Form
F27	Not Occupied
F28	Partner License Request Form
F29	Supporter License Request Form
F30	New Products Homologation Form
F31	Equipment Checks Form
F32	Event Scrutiny Form
F40	World Cup Registration Individual and Nat Team (Excel Format)
F41	Confederation Championship Individual and Nat Team (Excel Format)
F42	Confederation Cup, League Club Teams Youth teams (Excel Format)
F43-F49	Occupied by Continental Forms
F50	Finance Invoice-Rechnung-Faktura (Excel Format)
F51-F59	Occupied by Finance Forms
F60	General Data Protection Act, 28th May 2018 (GDPA) for all players worldwide
F90-F99	Occupied by General Secretary

Appendices

Appendix 1 FISTF Timeline Checklist

Timeline (1st January – 31st December each year)

- 1st January
  - Updated **Form F01**
  - **Form F20** of all associations (licensed players and clubs)
- 1st August – 1st October
  - Collecting ideas for changes in handbook/rules/homologation from associations
- 1st October – 1st December
  - Letter with information about proposed changes to the Handbook to be sent to the MNAs, each point should be listed, and it should be possible for associations to vote about the change at least.
- 1st December
  - Publish the new valid release of the handbook
- Before 15th November
  - Letter to the MNAs with the dates of the Major tournaments, World Cup and Continental Championships and Champions League/Europa League, publishing 'draft' calendar version on FISTF website.
  - Ask MNAs to nominate their requested events, following the requirements:
    - Membership of the MNA is paid for the following season
    - No open payments of tournament organisers and/or MNA (fines or something similar)
    - Updated **Form F01** has been submitted
    - Updated **Form F20** sent.
- 20th December
  - Letter to the MNAs with the approved events (Majors, Grand Prix, FISTF WC, FISTF Continental Championships, FISTF Champions League/Europa League, FISTF Continental Team Competition), Publishing the calendar on FISTF HP
- 30th June
  - Letter to the MNA with information for the WC (list of qualified players from the WR, and registration form for the WC
- 15th July (in World Cup Year)
  - Deadline of registration for the World Cup
  - Sport department makes the starter list and informs the associations who are the substitutes who can play the individual too
  - Publish starter list and list of substitutes in order
- 1st of December and 31st of January:

- Is the transfer period is the transfer period for both international and national transfers
- For international transfers, **Form F06** must be completed.

- General activities during the season:
  - Appointing of head referees by the sports department till latest Thursday every week, when there is an event on the following weekend where a head referee is necessary according to the handbook, request the starter lists from the organisers or refer to the tournament HP. Maybe it could be good to have a set of Head Referees who are ready to do the job, if they are taking part in the tournament, then it would be easier for the Sports Department to appoint people.
  - Take care that the tournament papers and result sheets are available on the FISTF HP, if not the FISTF Sports Department must send the papers to all tournament organisers when their events are approved by the sports department.
  - FISTF Financial Department should send out the payments latest on 10th of the month for the tournaments of the previous month.
  - Results and tournament papers must be sent in time
  - Use the possibilities of sanctions, especially when Majors, Grand Prix, WC, CC and/or CL/EL are organised.
  - Every request for tournaments or transfers must be answered by FISTF officially. If the request is ok a confirmation is needed, if the request is not ok, a refusal must be sent. That work should be done by the Gen. Sec., always based on the FISTF Handbook.
  - FISTF Tour results must be online as soon as possible after FISTF has received them. Otherwise, it is difficult to ask the results of the events immediately after the event from the organisers, while FISTF isn't publishing them quickly.
  - All important information (forms, etc.) must be available in the latest version on FISTF HP.
  - FISTF Calendar on FISTF HP
    - The tournament homepage (if available) should be available without clicking into the tournament details. They should be added to this page of the calendar - fistf.com/events/

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Date/Time	Event	Continent	Country	City	Indiv.	Teams	Contact	Pitches
04/12/2021 - 05/12/2021	Grand Prix Ilioupoli/Athens *1st Athletic Complex of Municipality of Ilioupoli, Polykladika Ilioupoli*	Europe	Greece	Polykladika Ilioupoli	Y	Y	Georgios Dimakeas	ExtremePitch
04/12/2021	Satellite Maryland *Maryland, Maryland USA*	North America	All	Maryland	Y	N	Paul Eyes	ExtremePitch
11/12/2021 - 12/12/2021	GP Benningen *THE CITIZEN HOUSE KELTER / OLD TOWN HALL Great Hall, Benningen on the Neckar*	Europe	Germany	Benningen on the Neckar	Y	Y	Panagiotis Krommydas	ExtremePitch

  - Check all the links on FISTF HP

Appendix 2 Revisions to Handbook

List of major revisions to the Handbook

16-Aug-2019

- General: Reformatting and renumbering of Handbook
- P.2: All changes are active from the time of republication
- Section 1.2: New presidential advisory group
- 3 (e) - Foreign players no longer need to be registered with a foreign MNA
- 4.1 (b) Clarify that licences need to be renewed each season
- 4.7 (a) (ii) - Organisers liable to a fine for allowing unregistered clubs to take part in events
- 5.7 (b). New form for Free Agent notification
- 5.8 (b) clarifying free agent
- 5.9 (vii) New transfer deadline
- 5.9 (xiv) New Foundation Members rule
- 5.10 Foreign Players Rule explained
- 5.11 Loan transfer introduced
- 6.2 (c) Clarifying warning reasons
- 6.2 (d) Clarifying presence of Head Referee
- 6.3 b – Reference expanded Tournament Organisers Handbook
- 6.3 Who needs to report offences to Disciplinary Council
- 6.3 (f) Change of referee
- 7. Membership fee changed
- 7.2 Tournament Levies Changes
- 9.3 Prize money for Majors removed
- 11. Changed to reflect new qualification criteria; Youth Champions League added.
- 12.2 Change to minimum numbers
- 12.3 New Event Category
- 12.4 b Change to minimum numbers
- 12.5 e - change for non-Europeans
- 14 Expanded and clarified
- 15 Introduced
- 17.4 Adjustment to points removed

29-Aug-2019

- Document approved by FISCT
- Changes to MNAs in Appendix 2

13-Sept-2019

- Change to the Calendar construction 9.6 (b) to allow GP and IO on same weekend/same continent

9-Aug-2020

- Changes to reflect the changes to the Season dates for FISTF.

10-Sept-2020

- FISTF Training Centre - New regulations and precise description

27-Aug-2021

- Deadline with the new competitive season; various edits; removing of European events.

Various changes throughout.

Formatting fixed and page numbering

Appendix 3 All Contacts

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