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# Preface

### Document Basis & Explanation

- o 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.
- o In case of any conflict between the FISTF Statutes and any other section of this handbook, the provisions of the FISTF Statutes shall prevail.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.

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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 competitions 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 or 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.

This handbook shall become a ‘living’ document, which will be posted on the FISTF website ([fistf.com](http://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.

Convention :

All dates linked to the current season are highlighted in blue.

Major changes are highlighted in green.

## **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:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Department</b>
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



Board Member	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

- (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 Types of FISTF Members

- (a) FISTF MNAs and players licensed by FISTF are the only FISTF members.
- (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 and/or PayPal account.
- (d) Completing the relevant FISTF forms as set out in 2.1.5, 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) Payment of membership fees as set out in 2.5.1 and 2.5.2.
- (g) Compliance with administrative duties of MNAs as set out in 2.1.4.
- (h) As stated in the FISTF Statutes, an observation period of six months is required to validate the application for affiliation as an MNA
- (i) 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.
- (j) 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 manually at the Annual General Meeting of FISTF, bearing in mind the criteria set out above.
  - (i) An MNA will continue to be admitted as a full MNA if it continues to provide an updated **Form 01** and **Form 20** on a regular basis.
  - (ii) An MNA that fails to update its **Form 01** or **Form 20** will temporarily lose its full MNA status. It will have no voting rights at the FISTF AGM or Congress, and all events in their territory will be suspended. To revert to full MNA status, it must complete these forms and comply with the other MNA criteria.
  - (iii) An MNA that has not updated its **Form 01** or **Form 20** for 3 years consecutively will be downgraded to MNA-P, meaning that it will have no voting rights at the FISTF AGM or Congress. To revert to full MNA status, it must complete these forms and comply with the other MNA criteria.
- (k) An MNA shall have a minimum of 10 registered players.
- (l) An MNA shall have a minimum of 2 clubs (with teams).

- (m) An MNA shall aim to have at least a National Championship and National Cup for Individuals and Teams.
- (n) 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) An MNA that is a member of FISTF may:
  - (i) Apply to organise its own FISTF tournaments and take part in tournaments listed in the FISTF calendar.
  - (ii) Grant licenses to its 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) As outlined in 2.1.5 below, an MNA must complete its respective Google Sheet **Form 01** (National Association Membership Form) and **Form 20** list of its licensed players and clubs. An MNA will be asked to update its forms prior to the start of each season but must update both the **Form 01** and **Form 20** as required throughout the season to ensure that its contact points are up to date and players and clubs are correctly registered.
- (b) An MNA must pay all fees, levies, and penalties set out in 2.5 incurred by it in the season.

### 2.1.5 Rules for the Registration of an MNA

- (a) Guidelines about MNA Membership **Form 01**
  - (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 officeholders of the MNA be kept up to date. This is to ensure communication with MNAs will be accurate. Additional information of each MNA is appreciated: website, Facebook page, Instagram, and Twitter handles.
  - (iii) As well as completing the Google Sheet **Form 01**, the MNA must send all the following documents to FISTF:
    - (A) Statutes of the MNA.
    - (B) 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.
    - (C) 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).

- (D) Proof of a registered bank/PayPal account (account name and account number): Accounts of an MNA must be controlled by the MNA Board of Directors, with at least two responsible officers in charge of activities.
- (E) Evidence of the MNA's most recent General Meeting (in the form of minutes taken of the meeting) and signed by the President/Chairman.
- (F) Evidence of the voting for Board positions - in the form of a list of candidates and the final board.

### (b) Guidelines about Google Sheet **Form 20** - MNA - Licensed Clubs & Players Form

- (i) The maintenance of this form is mandatory for all MNAs in the terms referred to in 2.1.5. It must be updated and maintained on a regular basis for all players to appear in the FISTF World Ranking.
- (ii) If MNAs do not maintain **Google Sheets Form 20**, players and teams will be removed from world rankings until the list has been updated.
- (iii) MNAs can make updates of **Form 20** list of licensed players and clubs, including new licenses, at any time.
- (iv) In this way new players / clubs registered during the season can participate in FISTF tournaments.

### (c) Licensed Clubs

- (i) **Form 20** must include all clubs licensed by the MNA. Clubs not included in the list will not have a FISTF license and will not get points in the WR until the MNA has entered his license number in form 20.
- (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, and City. 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) **Google Sheet Form 20** must include all players licensed by the MNA. Players not included in the list will not have a FISTF license code and will not earn any points for the FISTF World Ranking (WR). If a player participates in a tournament despite not being listed in the Form 20, the player will recover his/her points when he/she holds a valid license requested by the MNA via the **Form 20** update.
- (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.
- (v) A player that is inactive i.e. has not participated at individual or team competitions for a minimum of three consecutive seasons, should be marked as inactive. Such a player should also be marked as a “free agent”.
- (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 does not update its **Form 20** registration, players and clubs from that MNA may still participate in competitions. However, until the **Form 20** is up to date, there will be no World Ranking points awarded to these players and clubs for any competitions. These points will be restored as soon as the data is updated by the MNAs.

## **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 (Google Sheet **Form 20**), 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.
- (c) A club that is inactive i.e. has not participated at competitions for a minimum of three consecutive seasons, should be marked as inactive.

### **2.2.2 Definition of the Nationality of Clubs**

- (a) 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.
- (b) An MNA shall not unreasonably deny a license to a club headquartered within the country it is representing.
- (c) 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 get points for the FISTF World Ranking.
- (b) To get points for the FISTF World Ranking, 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 20**.

### 2.2.6 Administrative Sanctions for Clubs

- (a) A club that takes part in a FISTF tournament without having a valid FISTF license will not be awarded World Ranking points until it applies for a license from the MNA.
- (b) The Organizers shall also be counselled to ensure only registered clubs/players are admitted to future events.

## 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 (3) continuous years.
- (c) FISTF reserves the right to request copies of these documents with the submission of the MNA's **Form 20**.
- (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, in addition to fulfilling either (a)(i) or (a)(ii) above;
  - (iii) The player has not changed his FISTF nationality during the previous 5 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).
  - (v) Players wishing to transfer nationality must submit **Form 02**, available on the FISTF website. Players must also alert their current MNA of their desire to change MNA.

### 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.
- (c) If a FISTF registered player (player without FISTF nationality) transfers to a club, then this player acquires the club's MNA nationality and becomes this MNA FISTF citizen.



#### 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 undersanctioned.

#### 2.3.5 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) Only the FISTF registration Google Sheet **Form 20** updated by the relevant MNA is valid for this purpose.

#### 2.3.6 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. No permission/signature from their existing club shall be needed. **Form 06** must be completed by the player and submitted to their MNA for sending to FISTF to <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>
- (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 2.3.8 applies.
- (f) A player can change their status to free agent only once during a Sports Season.

#### 2.3.7 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" (2.3.6). These players may play in all FISTF Individuals competitions during the season.
- (b) Registering with a new club shall still respect all rules under 2.3.8. 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". In this case, the team is obliged to inform FISTF (through its MNA) accordingly using the Transfer **Form 06**. The "released" player is then automatically registered as a free agent.

#### 2.3.8 Rules for the Transfer of a Player between two clubs

- (a) Players may transfer between two clubs subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) The "Sports Season" for **2023-2024** is the period between **1 September 2023** and **31 August 2024**, both dates inclusive.



- (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 **1 July 2023 and 30 September 2023**, both dates inclusive, 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 **30 September 2023** as mentioned above.
- (iv) All National Transfer requests shall be made using **Form 06** (Downloadable on <https://fistf.com/technical-pages/documents-library/> tab “Forms”). The new club must send **Form 06** to MNA and the MNA must send it to FISTF via the website method to <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>. The MNA must make the changes in their own Google Sheet **Form 20** and must send **Form 07** (All MNA Players Transfer List). This must be done as soon as possible and no later than **31 August 2023**, so that the World Ranking database is up to date with all transfers prior to the start of the season. For any changes after **1 September 2023**, the deadline for updating **Form 20** and **Form 07** is **30 September 2023** (i.e. the end of the Transfer Period). No permission/signature from their existing club shall be needed
- (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) All International Transfer requests shall be made using **Form 06** (Downloadable on <https://fistf.com/technical-pages/documents-library/> tab “Forms”), following the process described in (a)(ix).
- (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:  
 As mentioned in FORM06 (downloadable here: <https://fistf.com/technical-pages/documents-library/> TAB “Forms”):  
 (A) New club must fill in all the boxes containing the necessary information, INCLUDING THE FISTF LICENCE NUMBER.  
 Everybody can find license numbers here by searching for the player's name: <https://fistf.com/data-centre/players-clubs/>  
 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.  
 (B) New club submits Form 06 to the player's MNA and the previous clubs (for his information). MNA contacts can be found in Appendix 2.  
 The player's MNA checks that all the data has been entered. It's up to the MNA to verify that the new player has never had a license number from the country in which he resides as well as to verify the player's personal information.

(C) The MNA of the player then submits the form to FISTF on the website contact page: <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>

(D) The MNA of the player must make the changes in their own Google Sheet Form20

This must be done as soon as possible and no later than 31 August 2023, so that the World Ranking database is up to date with all transfers prior to the start of the season as well as a summary of these via Form 07 via the website method to : <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>

(E) For any changes after 1 September 2023, the deadline for updating Form 20 and Form 07 is 30 September 2023 (i.e. the end of the Transfer Period).

- (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 20** at the same time as **Form 10** and **Form 20** 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.

### 2.3.9 Special Transfer Period

- (a) A special transfer period is accepted for players licensed by Member Nations outside Europe, which have a different season period between the 1st January and 31st December.
- (b) These Member nations shall inform FISTF they have a different season period before the FISTF Season starts.
- (c) This special transfer period is between 1st January and 31st January. No transfers will be allowed out of this period.
- (d) All remaining transfer regulations will apply to the players of these Member Nations.

### 2.3.10 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 enroll 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 10** 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).

### 2.3.11 Loan transfer

- (a) Any registered player may apply for a loan transfer to another club in a different country to his current domicile (target loan club).
- (b) This "loan transfer" rule is designed for players who intend on spending at least one month in a different country to their current domicile, either for travels, work assignment or extended holiday. The loan period cannot exceed three months.
- (c) The target loan club must be registered:
  - (i) in the country where the loan player intends to reside during the loan period, and
  - (ii) in an MNA that is different from the MNA indicated in the loan player's FISTF player license code.
- (d) A player can only ever be given one loan transfer during their playing career.
- (e) They must provide travel documents (transport and accommodation) to prove their domicile during the loan period for at least one month.
- (f) The loan player can only play for one club during the loan period.
- (g) A loan player can be granted the loan transfer outside of the normal transfer period.
- (h) At the end of the loan transfer period, the player reverts to their original club.
- (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, signed by the player and the target club (**Form 06**) and submitted via the FISTF website at <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>.
- (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 target 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) Loan players will be subject to the Foreign Player Rule in 2.3.11 where the player's classification as a foreign player will be considered relative to the target loan club.

### 2.3.12 Formal Contract

- (a) Formal contracts between a club and a player must be registered with FISTF 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.

### 2.3.13 Administrative Sanctions for Players

- (a) A player who takes part in a FISTF tournament without having a valid FISTF license will not receive World Ranking points until he/she applies for a licence from the MNA which is transmitted to FISTF.

### 2.3.14 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 organization 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 License
  - (i) Classes 42 to 46
  - (ii) 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.
  - (iii) **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."
  - (iv) **Class 43** Competitors in class T43 and F43 have double below knee amputation (or combined arm/leg amputation) or comparable leg impairments.

- (v) **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.
- (vi) **Class 45** Competitors in class T45 and F45 have double above elbow or double below elbow amputations or similar disabilities.
- (vii) **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.
- (viii) **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.
- (ix) **T51-52** These athletes have activity limitations in both lower and upper limb.
- (x) **T53** These athletes have normal arm and hand function, no or limited trunk function, and no leg function.
- (xi) **T54** Athletes competing in T54 have partial trunk and leg function.
- (xii) **F53** Athletes in this class have mild limitations of hand function -no leg or trunk function.
- (xiii) **F54** Athletes in this class have normal function in their arms and hands with no leg or trunk function.
- (xiv) **F55** These athletes have normal arm function, the ability to rotate the spine, and no leg function.
- (xv) **F56** These athletes have normal arm function, the ability to rotate the spine, can move backwards and forwards, and no leg function.
- (xvi) **F57** These athletes have normal arm, hand, and near normal trunk function. They have increased leg function as compared to F56.
- (xvii) **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 **two (except for Satellites, only one is required)** competition Head Referees to supervise all aspects of refereeing. Their job, during the event, is to:
    - (A) Take decisions about rules.
    - (B) Take decisions about behavior 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' behavior.
- (b) Appointing of Head Referee
- (i) Head Referee(s) will be appointed as described in this handbook for each type of tournament category.
  - (ii) Appointed Head Referee(s) name(s) and Club(s) shall be noted in the tournament venue during the competition.
  - (iii) The Head Referee, when not playing, should be free of refereeing commitments in order to be available at any time. For this reason, the Head Referee must remain in the venue and at the Organization Table.
  - (iv) The Head Referee should submit a full report with all incidents that occurred. This report should be given to the organizer in order to be sent to FISTF.
- (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 behavior 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 behavior 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 behavior 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 Organizer with support from the Head Referee, as described in the **Tournament Organizer'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. When the Head-Referee is called, only the match referee can explain the situation for which the call was made. The tournament organizer cannot interfere with or modify a decision of the head-referee.
  - (ii) Players have TWO appeals per match when they can ask for Head referee intervention in a match. Only the match referee can ask for further intervention by the Head Referee. Where players have used their two appeals, if possible, the Head Referee should remain in the vicinity of the table in order to intervene promptly if required.
  - (iii) The following behavior 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) Criticizing 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.
- (G) Use of irregular equipment. In this case, the player must change it.
- (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 Organizer about the situation. The offender is then disqualified and reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer.
- (v) In (D), (E), (F) or (G) 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 Organizer about the situation. The offender is then disqualified and reported to the Disciplinary Council.
- (vi) 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 Organizer about the situation.
- (vii) The offender is then disqualified and reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer.
- (viii) The following behavior by a coach is strictly forbidden:
  - (A) Disturbing players or referees
  - (B) Giving verbal instructions in an unreasonable manner (giving remaining time is allowed).
  - (C) Criticizing 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
- (ix) In (A), (B) or (C) cases listed at 2.4.3 (c)(viii), the referee (or any of the four referees in a team match) 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 Organizer about the situation. The coach is then reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer.
- (B) In (D), (E) or (F) cases listed in 2.4.3 (c)(viii), at the first offence, any of the four referees shall inform a Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer about the situation. The coach is then reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer.
- (C) If any of (D), (E) or (F) cases listed in 2.4.3 (c)(viii) happens immediately before or after a match, any of the match referees must immediately inform a Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer about the situation. The coach is then reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer.
- (x) If the Head Referee finds that a match referee (individual or team) doesn't follow the procedures described above deliberately, their behavior 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 Organizer.
- (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 behavior listed at 2.4.3 (d)(iii) may be reported to the Disciplinary Council by the Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer.
- (e) Refusal to Referee

- (i) A player refusing to referee in an assigned round will be fined 25 EUR. For a team refusing to referee in an assigned round (teamevent), the sanction shall be a fine of 100 EUR. The Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer 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 EUR. For a team, the sanction shall be a fine of 100 EUR. The Head Referee or the Tournament Organizer 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, if the head-referee decided it after having noticed that it was necessary to do so following a bad course of the match/refereeing, or other serious reasons. This change can be made at half time and/or before sudden death. 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

- (a) Upon successful admission as an MNA, an MNA must pay a membership fee of 100 EUR per season.
- (b) This membership fee does not apply to an MNA-P. The membership fee for an MNA-P is set out in 2.5.2.
- (c) The FISTF Board of Directors can exempt an MNA from the payment of their Membership Fee on a case-by-case basis when the MNA adheres to the FISTF Development Program (see § 6.1). Once they have reached a Developed status, they must pay the 100 EUR fee.

### 2.5.2 Membership Fees for MNA-Ps

- (a) Upon successful admission as an MNA-P, each MNA-P must pay a membership fee of 25 EUR per season.

- (b) The FISTF Board of Directors can exempt an MNA-P from the payment of their Membership Fee on a case-by-case basis when the MNA adheres to the FISTF Development Program (see § 6.1). Once they have reached a Developed status, they must pay the 100 EUR fee.

## 2.5.3 Tournament Levies

- (a) Each MNA must pay the tournament levies based on the values set out in the table below.

Tournament Type	Values per Player		Values per Team
	Individual competitions		Team competitions
	Open, Veterans & U20	U16, U12 & Ladies	
Major Grand Prix	2.00 EUR	No Levy	5.00 EUR
International Grand Prix	1.50 EUR		4.00 EUR
Golden Grand Prix	1.50 EUR		4.00 EUR
International Open	1.00 EUR		3.00 EUR
Satellite Tournament	0.50 EUR		2.00 EUR
Champions / Europa League	No Levy		ECSTFA HB
World Cup			No Levy
Promotional Event			
National Team Tournament			
Continental Championships			

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

- (b) 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**.

## 2.5.4 Transfer fees

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

## 2.5.5 Clubs' fees

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

## 2.5.6 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.

## 2.5.7 Payments to FISTF

- (a) All payments regarding tournament fees levies and fines to penalties incurred by MNAs, clubs, and players shall be made directly by the MNA or by any player/, club/, or tournament organizer on behalf of the MNA to FISTF.
- (b) If a player, club, or tournament organizer makes payment for any fees, levies, or penalties to FISTF on behalf of an MNA, FISTF will inform the MNA

### 2.5.8 Prompt Payments of Fees, Tournament Levies, and Penalties

- (a) MNAs must make payment in full for fees, levies, and penalties within 30 days from the date of the invoice received from FISTF, unless otherwise agreed with the FISTF Finance Department.
- (b) In the case of tournament levies, if FISTF receives payment in full for the invoice within 14 days from the date of the invoice received from FISTF, FISTF will grant a discount of 15%. The invoice will set out the amount of discount.
- (c) Payment for event taxes must not be made before FISTF Finances issues an invoice, to ensure compliance with the correct tournament levies.

### 2.5.9 Sanctions for Payment delays

- (a) For every payment not made in full within the deadline set out in 2.5.8 (a), a sanction fine penalty will be applied on the following terms:
- (b) For payments made 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.
- (c) Should the outstanding payments (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 organizer allows it, players can compete in two categories.
- (b) Veterans must be 50+ years old from the beginning of the season. The under categories to be on the age limit, till the last day of the season. For this purpose the world cup is considered part of the previous season - if it takes place for example in September.
  - (i) For season 2023-2024, as a result of the decision of a significant majority of the FISTF member nations at the 2022 AGM, all former Veterans under 50 will return to the Open category. Consistent with the approach previously taken for the change of the former U15 and U19 categories to U16 and U20 respectively, point earned in veterans will not be transferred to the Open category.

### 2.6.2 Definitions

For the season 2023-2024, the categories will be as follows:

- (a) Open; all players of any gender and age
- (b) Veterans: players born before September 1st, 1973;
- (c) Under-20: players born on or after September 1st, 2003;
- (d) Under-16: players born on or after September 1st, 2007;
- (e) Under-12: players born on or after September 1st, 2011;
- (f) Women: female players only, of any age.

### 2.6.3 Dress Code

(a) Definition:

All individual players shall wear sports clothing such as their club or national team shirt, tracksuit, etc. Team players should wear their club colors, 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 organizer must report infringements to the FISTF Sports Director. Any player who fails to observe this rule will be fined a token amount of 1 EUR or 3 EUR in case of a repeat offence.
- (ii) The players of a team must wear the colors of their club. In case of infringement, there will be a fine of 20 EUR applied to the team, or 50 EUR in case of a repeat offence.

### 2.6.4 Presentation of Equipment

(a) Definition:

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 color. 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:

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 organizer 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.
- (iii) Players must stay at the event, play and show respect for the other competitors. They may not leave the premises without permission to do so if the competition is delayed. If the player wants to leave earlier, they will lose games not played by 3-0. If however a game is not played by mutual agreement between both players (for example, because both have to depart early), no result will be recorded. If a player has played part of his group matches but does not complete the others, a score of 3-0 will be noted for all his group matches, regardless of the result of each of his matches already played.

- (b) Shall be penalised as follows:
  - (i) First time: 50 EUR fine and deduction of 50 world ranking points.
  - (ii) Second time (same season): 100 EUR fine and deduction of 100 world ranking points.
  - (iii) Third time: 150 EUR 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 organizer 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 penalized as follows:
  - (i) First time: 50 EUR fine and deduction of 50 world ranking points.
  - (ii) Second time (same season): 100 EUR fine and deduction of 100 world ranking points.
  - (iii) Third time: 150 EUR 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). If a team has played part of his group matches but does not complete the others, a score of 4-0 (3-0 for each individual game) will be noted for all his group matches, regardless of the result of each matches already played.
- (c) Those tournament organizers 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 organizer 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 penalized as follows:
  - (i) Withdrawal without giving an early notice of at least two weeks: 30 EUR per team
  - (ii) Withdrawal in the last 5 days before the competition: 50 EUR per team
  - (iii) Withdrawal in the last 48 hours before the scheduled start of the competition: 100 EUR 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 organizer 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 penalized as follows:
  - (i) Withdrawal without giving an early notice of at least two weeks: 15 EUR
  - (ii) Withdrawal in the last 5 days before the competition: 25 EUR
  - (iii) Withdrawal in the last 48 hours before the scheduled start of the competition: 50 EUR, 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

This section sets out the revised rules used to optimize the construction of the official FISTF calendar..



The organizers of any proposed event to be included in the calendar **must wait for the confirmation of the tournament from FISTF before proceeding to book their venue**. If an organizer 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 organizer may incur.

The first edition of the calendar per season will be available before August 18th. multiple renewals will follow on a monthly basis

### 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, International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix and International Open tournaments. All MNAs which have not sent their requests by **August 4th**, will have to send their request to FISTF before the tournament takes place.
- (b) Are also authorized on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend following competitions : World Cup, Continental Cup, Champions League/Europa League.
- (c) An event over a weekend straddling two months will be considered as belonging to the starting month.
- (d) The deadlines for requesting an event are:
  - (i) Major Grand Prix - **4 months** before the date of the tournament
  - (ii) International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix - **3 months** before the date of the tournament
  - (iii) International Opens - **2 months** before the date of the tournament
  - (iv) Satellite Tournaments - **1 month** before the date of the tournament.
- (e) Only Satellite Tournaments can be organized on a date that is a public holiday for a single country or a limited number of countries. Each MNA is entitled to organize 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 Criteria of priorities in case of multiple requests for the same date

- (a) Request on time - **before August 4th**
- (b) Respect of the timelines (per nation) in sending all requested files such as results, posters, invitations, reports etc. of the tournaments the previous season.
- (c) Usage of the same date previous season(s). Traditional dates should be respected.
- (d) Type of tournament. First is Major Grand Prix, then International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix, then international open and last satellite
- (e) For Europe, an order of preference of three dates has been requested on **Form 04**. The calendar will be established by the Sports Director according to the preferred dates of each tournament.

### 2.7.3 Rules for the request of a FISTF Tournament

- (a) MNAs must send the dates for their FISTF tournaments for the following season using **Form 04** via the website method to <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/> before **August 4th**.

- (b) 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 **August 18th**
- (c) After **August 4th** candidatures will not be accepted if they don't respect the deadline referred to in 2.7.1 (d) for the tournaments they request.
- (d) The FISTF Sports Director may move late applications according to the available dates.

### 2.7.4 Rules for the Major Grand Prix

- (a) A Major Grand Prix is requested before **August 4th** through a separate process run by FISTF Sports Department, as described in 2.9.1.
- (b) For Europe, an order of preference of three dates has been requested on Form 04. The calendar will be established by the Sports Director according to the preferred dates of each tournament.
- (c) A Major Grand Prix tournament must be the only tournament on the weekend in the relevant continent.
- (d) **At least 3 Head Referees** are appointed by the Sports Director of FISTF after the registration deadline and before the tournament.. The tournament Organizer can, however, liaise with the Sports Director to change the appointed Head Referee(s) for specific reasons, which must be documented.

### 2.7.5 Rules for the International Grand Prix / Golden Grand Prix

- (a) An International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix must be requested by an MNA **August 4th**
- (b) Only one International Grand Prix continent is allowed on the same weekend
- (c) A Golden Grand Prix every two years.
- (d) For Europe, an order of preference of three dates has been requested on Form 04. The calendar will be established by the Sports Director according to the preferred dates of each tournament.
- (e) **At least 2 Head Referees** are appointed by the Sports Director of FISTF after the registration deadline and before the tournament. The tournament Organizer can, however, liaise with the Sports Director to change the appointed Head Referee(s) for specific reasons, which must be documented.
- (f) An International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix may only be confirmed for an MNA that does not have any outstanding invoices payable to FISTF.
- (g) Update website and social media activity during the tournament.

### 2.7.6 Rules for the International Opens, Satellites

- (a) These tournaments can be requested by the MNA beginning on **August 4th**
- (b) For Europe, an order of preference of three dates has been requested on Form 04. The calendar will be established by the Sports Director according to the preferred dates of each tournament.

- (c) For International Opens, at least 2 Head Referees are appointed by the Organizer or Sports Director of FISTF after the registration deadline and before the tournament.
- (d) For Satellites, at least 1 Head Referee is appointed by the Organizer after the registration deadline and before the tournament.
- (e) Satellites can also be organized on the 3rd weekend of the month.
- (f) The tournament organizer is, or will appoint, the Head Referee of the tournament.
- (g) An updated website for each tournament is advised.

### 2.7.7 Combination of Tournaments in the same weekend

- (a) Two (2) or more tournaments can be organized 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 out of Europe are permitted to play the above-mentioned combinations.
- (b) The FISTF World Cup weekend will be free of tournaments all over the world.
- (c) 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 weekend (for example, a weekend falling on 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 Tournaments

### 2.8.1 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 organize a Major Grand Prix 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 Grand Prix 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 Grand Prix, 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 2.7.3.
- (iv) For Europe, an order of preference of three dates has been requested on **Form 04**. The calendar will be established by the Sports Director according to the preferred dates of each tournament.
- (v) The criteria for the selection of Majors Grand Prix will be the following:
  - (A) Total number of individual participants in all categories the last time the event was organized (\*)
  - (B) Total number of categories played (Open, Veterans, U20, etc.) the last time the event was organized (\*)
  - (C) Total number of foreign players in all categories the last time the event was organized (\*)
  - (D) Total number of top-10 ranked players in all categories the last time the event was organized (\*)
  - (E) Total number of events (International Open, Golden Grand Prix/International Grand Prix and Major Grand Prix) organized 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, organizers’ 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.*
- (vi) The five tournaments in the list of candidates collecting the most points will be named Majors Grand Prix for next season. No more than 2 tournaments from the same country will be allowed to have a Major Grand Prix status during the same season.
- (c) Deadline for the MNAs to send candidacies:
  - (i) must be sent based on the times established in section 2.7.3;
  - (ii) the application must come from the MNA but FISTF can contact the organizers if the **Form 04** 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 organizer must inform FISTF about the structure of the tournament's groups one month before its date. For this purpose, a detailed invitation is mandatory. The invitation shall mention:
  - (A) the exact place that the tournament will be played,
  - (B) advice on routes and directions how someone can reach the place
  - (C) structure of the tournament such as size of the groups
  - (D) registration deadlines
  - (E) timetable for both competitions
- (iv) When recording registrations, if the players register in a category (under the conditions of date of birth and gender) and that this category cannot be on the program, the organizer has a duty to tell the players concerned with the different structure of the tournament. But the Open category is a mandatory category.
- (v) Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the **FISTF Tournament Organizers Handbook** is mandatory.

### (e) Major Grand Prix Organizers Obligations

- (i) The following are mandatory obligations on the Organizers of the FISTF Major Grand Prix:
  - (A) Results file properly completed and submitted before the Friday after the event to <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>
  - (B) Live results delivered over the weekend for the Table Football Community.
  - (C) Live streaming of at least ONE "show table". This must involve fixed cameras, scores on screen, and not roaming handheld. Commentary is optional.  
It must be announced at least the day before the tournament where the live streaming will take place. It has to be a « public » space (no private Facebook group). Live streaming mandatory only starting from Last 8. FISTF logo has to be present during all the live streaming in the bottom right corner of the screen
  - (D) Tournament report and Podium photos is mandatory within 24 hours. FISTF will provide a template that Organizers can complete for tournament report.
  - (E) Promotional posters/flyers to be displayed in the region of the event.
  - (F) Ongoing promotion to local/national media/sports websites.

### 2.8.2 International Grand Prix/ Golden Grand Prix

- (a) Definition:
  - (i) An International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix should be the best international tournaments organized in a country in terms of quality and total number of players, not considering a Major Grand Prix, organized by the same MNA.

- (ii) Only high-quality international tournaments will be accepted as an International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix.
- (b) Specific competition rules:
  - (i) Each MNA of FISTF is entitled to organize one (1) International Grand Prix per season.
  - (ii) Each MNA of FISTF is entitled to organize one (1) Golden Grand Prix once every second season.
  - (iii) For Europe, an order of preference of three (3) dates has been requested on **Form 04**. The calendar will be established by the Sports Director according to the preferred dates of each tournament.
  - (iv) The Golden Grand Prix are for events which have reached at least 20, 25, 30, 40 etc. consecutive editions of the event, or existence of the club
- (c) Tournament System:
  - (i) It is mandatory to have both events, Individual and Teams, in an International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix. 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 organizer must inform FISTF about the structure of the tournament's groups one month before its date. For this purpose, a detailed invitation is mandatory. The invitation shall mention
    - (A) the exact place that the tournament will be played,
    - (B) advice on routes and directions how someone can reach the place
    - (C) structure of the tournament such as size of the groups
    - (D) registration deadlines
    - (E) timetable for both competitions.
  - (iii) When recording registrations, if the players register in a category (under the conditions of date of birth and gender) and that this category cannot be on the program, the organizer has a duty to tell the players concerned with the different structure of the tournament. But the Open category is a mandatory category.
  - (iv) Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the **FISTF Tournament Organizers Handbook** is mandatory.
- (d) International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix Organizers Obligations
  - (i) The following are mandatory obligations on the Organizers of the FISTF International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix:
    - (A) Results file properly completed and submitted before the Friday after the event to <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>

### 2.8.3 International Opens

- (a) Definition:
  - (i) An International Open is the most organized international tournament.
- (b) Specific competition rules:

- (i) Each MNA of FISTF is entitled to organize two (2) International Opens per season.
- (ii) For Europe, an order of preference of three dates has been requested on Form 04. The calendar will be established by the Sports Director according to the preferred dates of each tournament.
- (c) Tournament System
  - (i) The organizer must inform FISTF about the structure of the tournament's format one month before its date. For this purpose, a detailed invitation is mandatory. The invitation shall mention
    - (A) the exact place the tournament will be played,
    - (B) advice on routes and directions how someone can reach the place
    - (C) structure of the tournament such as size of the groups
    - (D) registration deadlines
    - (E) timetable for both competitions
  - (ii) When recording registrations, if the players register in a category (under the conditions of date of birth and gender) and that this category cannot be on the program, the organizer has a duty to tell the players concerned with the different structure of the tournament. But the Open category is a mandatory category.
  - (iii) Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the **FISTF Tournament Organizers Handbook** is mandatory.
- (d) International Opens Organizers Obligations
  - (i) The following are mandatory obligations on the Organizers of the FISTF International Open:
    - (A) Results file properly completed and submitted before the Friday after the event to <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>

#### 2.8.4 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 organize 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.
  - (iv) In a Satellite, all players should compete in the Open category. The only other categories allowed are U20, U16 and U12.
  - (v) Players competing in other Categories (i.e., U20, U16, U12) are restricted to those ranked outside the top 20 in the World Ranking.

- (vi) For Europe, an order of preference of three dates has been requested on Form 04. The calendar will be established by the Sports Director according to the preferred dates of each tournament.
- (vii) Satellites are allowed the third weekend of the month.
- (c) Tournament System:
  - (i) The organiser must inform FISTF of the format of the tournament one month before its date.
  - (ii) When recording registrations, if the players register in a category (under the conditions of date of birth and gender) and that this category cannot be on the program, the organizer has a duty to tell the players concerned with the different structure of the tournament. But the Open category is a mandatory category.
- (d) Satellites Organizers Obligations
- (e) The following are mandatory obligations on the Organizers of the FISTF Satellite:
  - (i) Results file properly completed and submitted before the Friday after the event to <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>
- (f) Compliance to the sports regulations defined in the FISTF TournamentOrganizers Handbook is mandatory.
- (g) Teams Competition:
  - (i) Satellites for teams can be organized.
  - (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.
- (h) Wild cards:
  - (i) For Satellites organized outside Europe, there is no restriction on the qualification of players for the event.

### **2.8.5 Submission of Results**

- (a) See Tournament Organizers Handbook

## **2.9 Friendly International Matches (National Team)**

### **2.9.1 Definitions**

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

### **2.9.2 Specific competition rules**

- (a) There can be 2 official matches between 2 nations possible per season. See also section 2.10 International National Team Tournaments.



- (b) Matches can be staged between MNAs and MNAPs.
- (c) If the match takes place at an international tournament, the organizer 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 03: 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.

### 2.10 International National Team Tournaments

- (a) FISTF permits the organization 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.
  - (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 organizer 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 03: 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.

## 2.11 Consolation Tournament

### 2.11.1 Definitions

- (a) Organizers of all tournaments are encouraged to organize 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.
- (b) Each organiser must inform on his invitation that a consolation will take place or not.

### 2.11.2 Specific competition rules

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

## 2.12 FISTF World Ranking

### 2.12.1 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).

### 2.12.2 Tables

- (a) Points are awarded as follows:

		Winner	Runner Up	Semi Finals*	Last 8*	Last 16*	Last 32*	Last 64*	Formal Rounds
Type Code	Tournament Type	W	R	S	Q	L16	L32	L64	PR
WC	World Cup	600	400	240	120	60	30	20	15
CC	Continental Cup	500	350	200	100	50	25	15	13
MJ	Major Grand Prix	400	270	160	80	40	20	15	10
GP	International Grand Prix	300	200	120	60	30	15	10	6
GGP	Golden Grand Prix	300	200	120	60	30	15	10	6
IO	International Open	150	105	60	30	15	8	6	4
ST	Satellite	50	35	20	10	5	3	2	1

\*Or barrage if less than the number required for this stage

- (i) If only one group with 4 or 5 participants in a category without KO stage, 1st = W, 2nd = R, 3rd to 5th = PR
- (ii) If only one group with at least 6 participants in a category without KO stage, 1st = W, 2nd = R, 3rd and 4th = S, after 4th = PR
- (iii) If only one group with at least 9 participants in a category without KO stage, 1st = W, 2nd = R, 3rd and 4th = S, 5th to 8th = Last 8, after 8th = PR

- (b) Sanctions

- (i) 0 points for anyone who was not present but with a reasonable excuse

- (ii) -50 points for anyone who was not present without reasonable excuse.
- (iii) points not accounted in WR without licence issued by a national federation
- (iv) 0 point for a missing licence or wrong category or red card

(c) FRIENDLY INT TEAM (2 nations can meet only twice a year)		
Win	Draw	Lost
20	8	0

- (d) 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.

## (e) Adjustment of points awarded

OPEN	VETERAN	U20 - U16	TEAM - U12 Women	CL/EL	CC TEAM
More than 64 = <b>120%</b>	More than 48 = <b>120%</b>	More than 32 = <b>120%</b>	More than 16 = <b>120%</b>	16-24 = <b>100%</b>	More than 24 = <b>100%</b>
48-64 = <b>100%</b>	36-48 = <b>100%</b>	16-32 = <b>100%</b>	12-16 = <b>100%</b>	12-15 = <b>90%</b>	20-23 = <b>90%</b>
32-47 = <b>90%</b>	24-35 = <b>90%</b>	8-15 = <b>90%</b>	8-11 = <b>90%</b>	8-11 = <b>80%</b>	16-19 = <b>80%</b>
16-31 = <b>75%</b>	12-23 = <b>75%</b>	5-7 = <b>75%</b>	4-7 = <b>75%</b>	1-7 = <b>70%</b>	12-15 = <b>70%</b>
8-15 = <b>60%</b>	6-11 = <b>60%</b>	4 = <b>60%</b>	3 = <b>60%</b>		8-11 = <b>60%</b>
6-7 = <b>40%</b>	Less than 6 = <b>0</b>	Less than 4 = <b>0</b>	Less than 3 = <b>0</b>		4-7 = <b>50%</b>
Less than 6 = <b>0</b>					

## (f) Specific Event Points

Champions League							
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

Europa League							
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

Other Continental Club Championship							
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

## Section 3 - Standardization

### 3.1 Controls on the Game Equipment and Event Locations

#### 3.1.1 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 organizers' equipment and the event locations (4.1.3) are intermittently carried out by FISTF officials. Finally, in certain high-level tournaments the organizers must provide information about the pitches and goals they will use in the event (4.1.3).

#### 3.1.2 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 inasmuch as the height of base + figure is concerned.
- (b) The organizers must:
  - (i) Have at least two FISTF Measuring Tools.
  - (ii) Have a copy of the last 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 EUR.
- (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 organizers 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:** Upon being confirmed to be using irregular equipment, a player must immediately surrender it to the organizers, 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).

### 3.1.3 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 organizers' 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 organizers about the equipment used in the event.
- (d) The inspector checks:
  - (i) The pitches and goals to see if their brands correspond to the organizer'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 organizers, including:
    - (v) the game hall.
    - (vi) the positioning of tables and fences.
    - (vii) the bar / restaurant.

- (viii) 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 organizers:** False statements rendered by the organizers shall be sanctioned with a fine between 20 EUR and 100 EUR, depending on the severity of the situation.

### 3.2 Decisions by the FISTF Board

- (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 4 - Finance Regulations

### 4.1 Bank Account and PayPal Account for Online Payments

The FISTF Finance Department will maintain the following (a) bank account and (b) PayPal account for receipt of payments from MNAs, players, clubs, and tournament organizers.

- (a) Bank                                      Commonwealth Bank  
BIC/Swift:                                      CTBAAU2S  
Account No:                                      06294837010581  
Account name:                                      FISTF
- (b) PayPal:                                      [stevedettre.fistf@gmail.com](mailto:stevedettre.fistf@gmail.com)

### 4.2 Financial Plan – Expenditure

Several issues are anticipated about expenditure:

#### 4.2.1 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 EUR 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 EUR per day on-site.
- (c) Each Director wishing to make a claim, must provide an expense claim form (**Form 91**) at least a week before the planned expenses, and have this approved by the BoD. The BoD will then instruct the Finance Director to authorize payment on receipt of invoices/proof of expenses/travel.

#### 4.2.2 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.

#### 4.2.3 Donation to event organizers for the running of events.

#### 4.2.4 Allowances

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



## Section 5 - Marketing/Promotion/Media regulations

### 5.1 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, 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.

### 5.2 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 organizers.
  - (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) Promotion, public relations, and sponsorship.

### 5.3 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.

### 5.4 Marketing

- (a) 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.

### 5.5 Equipment Guides

- (a) This section is available in a new document online on [www.fistf.com](http://www.fistf.com)

## Section 6 - Development

### 6.1 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.

### 6.2 FISTF Training Centers

#### 6.2.1 Goals of the centers

- (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.

#### 6.2.2 Centre characteristics

- (a) There must be good quality FISTF approved pitches.
- (b) The center should be open at least 1 day a week for a minimum of 3 hours each time.
- (c) The center must be set up in a clean and non-smoking environment.

#### 6.2.3 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 Centers with their locations and information, which is also a way to display the projects and organizational 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 center for download. FISTF Corporate identity. [www.fistf.com](http://www.fistf.com)

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

### 6.2.4 How to apply

- (a) The **Form 21** (Training Centers Request Form) shall be used for the application.
- (b) Applicants must fill a form for each center seeking registration / certification.
- (c) A training center can host more than one independent club, but each club must submit its own training center 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 Centers 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.

11.1 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.

11.2 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. Organizing internal club league championships and cups.

11.3 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.
- (xii) Additional information: Cooperation with other clubs or institutions.

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

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

- (i) Football clubs,
- (ii) Other sports clubs (e.g., Futsal, Handball, Gymnastics)
- (iii) Cultural clubs (e.g., libraries, hobby associations, art and music groups)
- (iv) Educational facilities and institutions (e.g., universities, schools).
- (i) Supported by the local city council, municipality, district department. Such as a free training area or financial support or other support (help).
- (j) Supported by sponsors and supporters.
- (k) 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.

### 6.2.5 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.

### 6.2.6 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:
- (c) FTC 0087
- (d) The training centers 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
- (e) A certification diploma shall be issued to all approved FISTF Training Centres (FTC).
- (f) 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.



- (g) 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 updated new information can be sent any time. **Form 21** will always be used.

## Section 7 - FISTF Disciplinary Council & Regulations

### Part 1 Rules of Construction

- 1 The provisions of these regulations apply to FISTF, MNAs, Clubs, Players and competition organizers 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 Organization 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 30, 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 23.3 of the FISTF Statutes.
- 1.2 The Council is composed of three disciplinary judges appointed and revoked in accordance with Article 30 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 30 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 30 and Article 23 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 organizers, 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 endeavors 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, recognized 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 Organizers and/or Head Referees**

- 3.1 The Council may delegate to the organizers 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 23 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.



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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 or 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 Organizer 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 Organizer 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 EUR.
- 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 organizer 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 organizer 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**

- 11.4 *Obligation of ethical behavior:* The MNAs, Players and Clubs to which the present regulations apply must maintain behavior 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.
- 11.5 *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.
- 11.6 *Obligation to testify:* If a FISTF MNA, Player or 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.

- 11.7 *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 finalized. In case of failure to comply, the Council may decide that the transgressor will be punished with a fine.
- 11.8 *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.
- 11.9 *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 organizer 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 organizer 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 organizer or an MNA. Behavior 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 organizer 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 organizer.
  - (h) Unlawful use of force against another Player, the referee, the head referee, a third party, or the competition organizer.
  - (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 EUR 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 EUR 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 of 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 Organizers 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 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 defense 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](http://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, recognized 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 8 - 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 9 - Forms

National Federations must fill out the following forms where applicable: Notes:

- o **Form 01 and Form 20** are available via Google Sheets.
- o The remaining forms are available on the FISTF website at [https://fistf.com/technical- pages/documents-library/](https://fistf.com/technical-pages/documents-library/)

FORM 02 - Change of nationality

FORM 03 - International Friendly Game

FORM 04 - FISTF Event Request

FORM 05 - Event Promotion

FORM 06 - Player Registration (Transfers, Loan Transfers, Free Agent)

FORM 07 - All MNA Players Transfer List

FORM 08 - FISTF Players transfer List

FORM 10 - Club Registration

FORM 11 - Change of Club Name

FORM 21 - Training Centers Request

FORM 26 - Equipment Registration

FORM 26a - Equipment Registration - Application for Balls Inspection

FORM 26b - Equipment Registration - Application for Bases Inspection

FORM 26c - Equipment Registration - Application for Figures Inspection

FORM 26d - Equipment Registration - Application for Goalkeeper Inspection

FORM 26e - Equipment Registration - Application for Goals Inspection

FORM 26f - Equipment Registration - Application for Pitch Inspection

FORM 27 - Recognition for new producing Company

FORM 28 - Partner License Request form

FORM 30 - New Equipment Registration

FORM 40 - World Cup Registration

FORM 61 - Disciplinary Council Protest

FORM 90 - FISTF Board Candidature for election

FORM 91 - Expenses Claim

## Appendices

### Appendix 1 FISTF Timeline Checklist

Timeline (1 September - 31 August)

#### General

- o 31 August
  - Updated Google Sheets **Form 01**
  - Google Sheets **Form 20** of all associations (licensed players and clubs) 31 August and 30 September

#### Handbook

*Following dates are to be revised by the board for the next Handbook version*

- o 1st May-1<sup>st</sup> June
  - Collecting ideas for changes in handbook/rules/equipment from associations
- o 1<sup>st</sup> July-15<sup>th</sup> July
  - Internet vote about proposed main changes to the Handbook to be proposed to the MNAs, each point should be voted with relative majority.
  - The FISTF reserves the right to revise the published Handbook for one month following the date of publication of the provisional Handbook.
- o 15<sup>th</sup> August
  - Publish the new valid release of the Handbook

#### Calendar

*Following dates are to be revised by the board for the next Handbook version*

- o Before July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Letter to the MNAs with the dates of the Major Grand Prix 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 organizers and/or MNA (fines or something similar)  
Updated **Form 01** has been submitted  
Updated **Form 20** sent.
- o 1<sup>st</sup> August
  - Letter to the MNAs with the approved events (Majors Grand Prix, International Grand Prix/Golden Grand Prix, FISTF WC, FISTF Continental Championships, FISTF Champions League/Europa League, FISTF Continental Team Competition), Publishing the calendar on FISTF HP

#### Transfer Period

- o 1<sup>st</sup> of July to 31 September

- Is the transfer period is the transfer period for both international and national transfers
- For International and national transfers, **Form 06** must be completed.

### World Cup (in World Cup Year)

- o 30<sup>th</sup> June
  - Letter to the MNA with information for the WC (list of qualified players from the WR, and registration form for the WC)
- o 15<sup>th</sup> 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

### Administration

- o 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 organizers 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 organizers 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, International Grand Prix, Golden Grand Prix, WC, CC and/or CL/EL are organized.
  - 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 organizers, 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/](http://fistf.com/events/)

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

- Check all the links on FISTF HP



## Appendix 2 All Contacts

Here after are presented all FISTF mail addresses. **Any official communication** between players, clubs or MNAs and FISTF must be initiated via the following contact form : <https://fistf.com/contact/contact-fistf-for-operations-sport-calendar-rankings/>

Any Form or request sent to FISTF by mail will not be considered. Thus, following addresses, can be used only for informal discussions or need of information.

Email Address	Description
<a href="mailto:africa@fistf.com">africa@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Africa Confederation
<a href="mailto:africa_vp@fistf.com">africa_vp@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Africa Confederation VP
<a href="mailto:asia@fistf.com">asia@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Asia Confederation
<a href="mailto:asia_vp@fistf.com">asia_vp@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Asia Confederation VP
<a href="mailto:board@fistf.com">board@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Elected Board & Board Support
<a href="mailto:communication@fistf.com">communication@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Communications Director
<a href="mailto:communication_dpt@fistf.com">communication_dpt@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Communication Team
<a href="mailto:database.manager@fistf.com">database.manager@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Database Manager
<a href="mailto:development@fistf.com">development@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Development Director
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<a href="mailto:disciplinary@fistf.com">disciplinary@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Disciplinary Council Mailing list
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<a href="mailto:elected_board@fistf.com">elected_board@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Elected Board
<a href="mailto:equipment@fistf.com">equipment@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Homologation Committee
<a href="mailto:europe@fistf.com">europe@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Europe Confederation
<a href="mailto:europe_vp@fistf.com">europe_vp@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Europe Confederation VP
<a href="mailto:finances@fistf.com">finances@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Finance VP
<a href="mailto:finances_dpt@fistf.com">finances_dpt@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Finances Department
<a href="mailto:full_board@fistf.com">full_board@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Board & Disciplinary & Departments
<a href="mailto:homologation@fistf.com">homologation@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Homologation Committee
<a href="mailto:it_admin@fistf.com">it_admin@fistf.com</a>	FISTF IT Manager
<a href="mailto:marketing@fistf.com">marketing@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Marketing Director
<a href="mailto:marketing_dpt@fistf.com">marketing_dpt@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Marketing Department
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<a href="mailto:north.america_vp@fistf.com">north.america_vp@fistf.com</a>	FISTF North America Confederation VP
<a href="mailto:operational.secretary@fistf.com">operational.secretary@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Database & WR Manager
<a href="mailto:president@fistf.com">president@fistf.com</a>	FISTF President
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<a href="mailto:secretary@fistf.com">secretary@fistf.com</a>	FISTF General Secretary
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<a href="mailto:south.america@fistf.com">south.america@fistf.com</a>	FISTF South America Confederation
<a href="mailto:south.america_vp@fistf.com">south.america_vp@fistf.com</a>	FISTF South America Confederation VP
<a href="mailto:special.sport@fistf.com">special.sport@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Special Sport Director
<a href="mailto:special_sport_dpt@fistf.com">special_sport_dpt@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Special Sport Team
<a href="mailto:sports@fistf.com">sports@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Sports Director
<a href="mailto:sports_dpt@fistf.com">sports_dpt@fistf.com</a>	FISTF Sports Team

MNAs' mail addresses can be found on the following page : <https://fistf.com/members/>