

EUROPEAN FOOTBALLTENNIS ASSOCIATION STATUTES

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TERMS USED

- 1 – E.F.T.A. means « EUROPEAN FOOTBALLTENNIS ASSOCIATION »
- 2– F.I.F.T.A. means « FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALLTENNIS ASSOCIATION »
- 3 – “Association” means a national association affiliated with the E.F.T.A and associating within its organization athletes and officials on a given territory.
- 4 – “Club” means any participant sport group to a national association whose members hold a license issued by it.

EFTA GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. *Legal Form and Headquarters*

1 – The “EUROPEAN FOOTBALLTENNIS ASSOCIATION” (E.F.T.A.) is an association that regulates their activities according to the provisions of law 4/2008, dated April 24th, 2008, the third book of the Civil Code of Catalonia on the legal persons as well as organic law 1/2002 of March 22nd, 2002 regulating the associative right, and its statutes.

It is registered in the General Direction of Law and Legal Entities of the Justice Department of the Government of Catalonia.

2 – Its Headquarters is located in Catalonia (Spain), street Jaume Casanovas 112 3º1, 08820 El Prat de Llobregat- Barcelona.

3 – Applicable law is the Law of Catalonia.

4 – The territorial domain of the EFTA is Catalonia, but the field of actuation will be European

2. *Objectives*

The EFTA mission:

- a) manage any question of any kind on FOOTBALLTENNIS in Europe.
- b) to promote FOOTBALLTENNIS throughout Europe and to ensure that the development of the Sport is conducted without discrimination based on politics, sex, religion or race, and with a view to mutual respect and fair play;

- c) to represent its members in any situation requiring at European and worldwide level, while ensuring to safeguard their collective interests;
- d) to act, where appropriate, as representative of all European FOOTBALLTENNIS actors.
- e) to arbitrate any disputes arising between or different members;
- f) preparing and organizing international competitions and international FOOTBALLTENNIS MASTERS at European level;
- g) ensure fair competition and punish any violation of regulations athletes who run them.
- h) to maintain contact and cooperate with the F.I.F.T.A. and Continental Associations recognized by the latter for the sake of sharing and fairness.
- i) to act with the F.I.F.T.A. as a "Continental Association" at the European level.

3. *Official Languages*

1 – the official languages of the E.F.T.A. are English, French and Spanish.

2 – the official language of the General Assembly is English.

3 – official documents and texts are written in English, and too in French if they are already transcribed. In case of divergence between the texts, **the English version shall prevail.**

EFTA MEMBERS

4. EFTA Members

- 1- Members of the EFTA are National Footballtennis Associations (in the further text: *National Associations*) who follow the EFTA's Statutes.
- 2- The members of EFTA should act without any kind of discrimination (racism, religion, sex etc.).
- 3- Only one National Association from the respective country can be member of EFTA. According these statutes, a "National Association" is an organisation representative of Footballtennis in a country or territory which is EFTA recognized.

5. Adhesions and accession procedures

- 1 – Any association wishing to become member of the E.F.T.A must submit to the EFTA General Secretary a written application for membership.
- 2 – The application is submitted by the EFTA General Secretary at the next General Assembly following the reception of this request. Only the General Assembly is responsible for deciding to join an association.
- 3 – In cases of exceptional urgency, the EFTA Executive Board may admit a National Association as provisional. The final accession is then delivered at the next General Assembly.

6. Exclusions and exit procedures.

- 1 – Any member can ask to leave E.F.T.A by informing the EFTA General Secretary that decision by registered letter. A notice of incompressible 3 months must necessarily be respected. During this notice period, the member is required to comply with its EFTA obligations (including financial) and will honour all its obligations with respect to the latter until the effective date of the loss its membership.
- 2 – The dissolution of an association leads automatically, and by right, the loss of EFTA membership
- 3 – An association may be excluded from the E.F.T.A if:
 - a / ceases to meet, completely or partially, its EFTA financial obligations
 - b / by not respecting the EFTA decisions or the provisions in the statutes or regulations of the latter;
 - c / its lost their quality of National Footballtennis Association.

The decision to exclude a member is taken at the General Assembly and must be a positive vote of three-fourths of the members present. The association subject to the exclusion process can achieve this opportunity or any document supporting information deficiencies which he is charged. The vote is recorded in the minutes of the General Assembly and to member excluded as evidence.

4 – For the same reasons as those mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the EFTA Executive Board may choose to impose a mere suspension of the member's rights, particularly, so as to enable it to achieve compliance with EFTA regulations. The suspension is effective immediately and shall be notified by letter from the EFTA General Secretary. If he could rectify the situation, the suspended member shall automatically be subject to exclusion proceedings at the next General Assembly.

7. *Rights and Duties of Members*

1 - Members shall exercise the rights granted to them by these statutes, regulations and decisions of the EFTA. The EFTA competitions are open to their national teams and their club teams in the manner of selection provided by the sporting regulations of each competition.

2 - Members respect the principles of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship as an expression of fair play. They must include this provision in their constitutions and ensure that their clubs, players and officials respects. Any violation by one member, one of its clubs, players or officials of the regulation of the EFTA or one of its bodies may lead to a sanction imposed in accordance with Articles 31 and following of these statutes.

3- Members undertake:

a/ to comply with statutes, regulations and decisions of the EFTA;

b/ to respect the laws of the game as enacted by FIFTA;

c/ to designate the Executive Body of their Association through free elections. Otherwise, or if such designation is made only temporarily, the EFTA Executive Board may be called upon to decide on suspension of membership of that association.

These commitments should be formalized by the inclusion of specific provisions in their constitutions.

4 - The members undertake to collect money owed by their clubs, players or officials to the EFTA and assume responsibility for all their financial obligations to EFTA

5- Any club or group of clubs existing level of association is subject to it and can not exist with the EFTA without his consent