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CHAPTER 1. GENERAL

Article 1 Object

This regulation describes the infringements of the rules in IFF regulations, determines the sanctions incurred, regulates the organisation and function of the bodies responsible for taking decisions and the procedure to be followed before these bodies.

Article 2 Scope of application: natural and legal persons

The following are subject to this regulation:

- a) associations;
- b) members of these associations, in particular the clubs;
- c) officials;
- d) players;
- e) match officials and referees
- f) anyone with an authorisation from IFF, in particular with regard to a match, competition or other event organised by IFF

Article 3 Scope of application: time

1. The second chapter of this regulation (Material law and Sanctions) applies to facts that have arisen after it has come into force.
2. The third chapter (Organisation and Procedure) applies as soon as the juridical regulation has come into force.

Article 4 Definitions

1. **Post-match**: the time between the end of the final whistle and the team's departure from the confines of the venue.
2. **Pre-match**: the time between the team's arrival in the confines of the venue and the whistle for start from the referee.
3. **Friendly International matches**: are either internationals played between national teams of the member Associations of IFF or Club matches played between club teams representing the highest league from at least two different nations.
4. **IFF Tournaments**: a tournament organised under the auspices of a Floorball organisation for all of the teams and clubs invited to it by the IFF.
5. **Official**: anyone, with the exception of players, performing an activity connected to Floorball at an association or club, regardless of his title, the type of activity and the duration of the activity, in particular, managers, coaches, and medical staff are officials.
6. **Match officials**: the persons who carry the task of the match secretariat during a match.

Article 5 Associations' Juridical regulations

Associations are requested to adapt their provisions to this regulation so as to harmonise juridical regulations.

CHAPTER 2 MATERIAL LAW AND SANCTIONS

Section 1 Conditions for sanctions

Article 6 Involvement

1. Anyone who knowingly takes part in committing an infringement, either as instigator or accomplice, is also punishable.
2. The body will take account of the degree of guilt of the party involved by reducing the sanction as it sees it. It shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine.

Section 2 Various Offences

Article 7 Administrative offences

Sanctions can be imposed on the NA's, clubs, teams, officials, referees, match officials and players having violated the provision of the IFF Statutes or its Regulations. The following are considered to be administrative offences:

1. Failure to pay or for late payment of membership fee
 - a) The NA's have the obligation to pay punctually their membership fee and other fees called for by the IFF Regulations.
 - b) A late payment of the membership or other fees called for by the IFF Regulations might entail a fine of CHF 500,- charged to the NA which, in addition, may be suspended until such payment has been made.
 - c) In case of delay exceeding twelve (12) months, the sanction specified under article 7 par. 1 b) above, shall be imposed.
 - d) Should the non-compliance continue for more than two (2) years, the NA shall be subject to suspension.
 - e) The resumption of activity will be permitted as soon as the arrears are paid.
2. Breach of IFF Competition Regulations
 - a) NA's have the obligation to obtain from IFF authorisation to hold events and tournaments, between national teams and clubs of the highest national level, which have not been directly attributed by the IFF.
 - b) Failure to previously to obtain authorisation to hold events, tournament or else violate the general competition regulations involves a fine of maximum CHF 1.000 for the NA at fault and suspension of participants (managers, coaches, players, match officials and referees) not exceeding one (1) year.
 - c) The fine and suspensions shall be increased if a suspended NA or club has taken part in the competition.
3. Non-observance of the Statutes

Without prejudice to the prerogative of the General Assembly to expel a NA, the non-observance of the Statutes shall be penalised with a maximum fine of CHF 30.000 and/or a suspension not exceeding 2 year.

4. Non-observance of the sanction

- a) Non-observance of non-monetary sanction inflicted by the jurisdictional bodies shall be penalised to the relevant scale of sanctions, including expulsion.
- b) No later than three (3) months after publication by the IFF fines must be paid.
- c) Delayed payment shall involve an increase of fifty percent (50%) and prohibition from participating in competitions organised or authorised by the IFF until the entire sanction has been paid.

Article 8. Sport offences

The IFF Juridical regulation is ruling over the following Sport Offences

1. Dishonesty in competition

- a) NA's with their local official representatives, and Clubs with their team delegates, are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing the result of a Floorball match or competition to the advantage of its own team or any third party.
- b) A NA or club declared responsible for such acts shall be subject to the loss of the match by 0-5, penalisation of one (1) additional point in the standings and exclusion for 2 years from official events and international tournaments organised or authorised by the IFF.
- c) Responsible members shall be suspended.

2. Use of forbidden substances (Doping)

The IFF Anti-Doping Regulation, which are a part of these Juridical Regulations defines the use of forbidden substances and shall be applicable.

3. Doping sanctions imposed by a national association

The IFF Anti-Doping Regulation, which are a part of these Juridical Regulations defines doping sanctions by a national associations and shall be applicable.

4. Unauthorised line up of foreign players

- a) NA's that permit their clubs to use foreign player without the necessary authorisation called for by the IFF Transfer Regulations or IFF Competition Regulations shall be sanctioned with a fine of CHF 3.000.- for each player illegally used.
- b) The responsible club and player shall be punished with a suspension of minimum 1 (one) year.
- c) NA's lining up foreign players in their national team shall be penalised with a fine of CHF 10.000.- for each aligned player, lose the matches and be liable to 1 (one) year suspension from all official authorised competitions.

5. Obstruction of the regular playing of the competitions

- a) A team declared forfeit because it did not start the match within the first 30 minutes of the scheduled time shall receive a fine of CHF 500.- and be responsible for the damages caused to the organiser and to the IFF. This shall not be the case due to unforeseen circumstances.
- b) Delayed transmittal of a team players' list and documents with required information, at last 30 minutes prior to the start of the match shall receive a fine of CHF 1.000.-

6. Obstruction of the regular playing of a match

During any given competition, the following shall apply:

- b) All team members must conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of IFF Statutes and Regulations and the spirit guiding them.
- c) In the course of a tournament or sports event, before, during or after the playing of a match violates the Statutes, Regulations or the spirit guiding them shall be sanctioned as follows:
- for protesting, incorrect attitude or behaviour, by reprimand;
 - for offensive, menacing and seriously offensive conduct, by disqualification for 1 (one) match.
 - for violent conduct, by disqualification for the duration of the competition, with possibility of additional sanctions, depending on the seriousness of the case, to be imposed by the competent body.
- d) NA's and clubs shall be considered responsible for the offensive and intemperate conduct on the parts of their fans.
- e) If accidents and suspensions are caused during a match due to the incorrect conduct on the part of their fans, the NA or club shall be fined CHF 1.000.- to 10.000.- depending on the case.
- f) If such an accident has irremediably compromised the regular playing of the match, the team held responsible for the public conduct shall in addition to a fine, be sanctioned by the loss of the match by 0-5 and no point for the match lost will be granted.

7. Partial refereeing

- a) Referees or other officials who carry out their job dishonestly in the course of matches or tournaments recognised by IFF shall be excluded from their job and shall be subject to an additional suspension of at least 1 (one) year.
- b) In case of proven corruption, the referee and all those who have participated in the illegal activity shall be expelled from the IFF.

8. Failure to participate in or organising an official IFF tournament or matches

- a) Failure to participate in international tournaments or other events recognised by IFF
- b) Any NA or club, after having registered for an official IFF tournament, withdraws after the draw is done and more than sixty (60) full days from the starting date, shall be excluded from the next (1) subsequent official tournament of the same competition and shall be subject to a fine up to CHF 10.000.
- c) Should such withdraw occur less than sixty (60) days but more than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the official IFF tournament, in addition to exclusion as provided for in Article 8, par. 8 b) in these Regulation, the NA or club shall pay a fine up to CHF 15.000.-.
- d) Withdrawal occurring during the fifteen days prior to the start of official IFF tournament shall pay a fine up to CHF 20.000.-, shall in addition be excluded from the two (2) subsequent official tournaments of the same competition
- e) Withdrawal during an official IFF tournament shall be punished by:
- A fine up to CHF 30.000.-
 - Suspension from all official IFF tournaments for two (2) years
 - Obligation to reimburse the Organiser and the IFF for the expenses shall borne by the withdrawing delegation and for loss of income and other financial consequences. This shall also be applicable for a withdrawal 15 days prior the start of the tournament.

9. Failure to participate in friendly matches between IFF member nations or clubs

- a) IFF member Association or club having signed an agreement with another IFF member Association or club regarding a friendly match, are obliged to participate.
- b) If a withdrawal occurs, a fine of 1000 CHF will be imposed, upon request.
- c) In case of withdrawal from a friendly matches within fifteen (15) days before the match, the obligation for reimbursement also includes all the expenses borne by the Organiser for preparation of the match/matches.

d) In case of single or more matches, if the organising team forfeits, the visiting teams must be reimbursed the entirety of its travel expenses, determined on the basis of its travel receipts. The organising team shall in addition be subject to sanction according to Article 8, par. 9 a) and b).

10. Failure to organise IFF competition

Any member Association or club failing, without previous IFF approval, to organise a competition when having been applying and having accepted to do so, shall be subject to sanction by the competent IFF body as follows:

- Fine up to CHF 50.000.-
- Suspension from international participation for two (2) years.

11. Recovery of fees, costs and loss of income

In addition to the imposition of relevant sanctions, the competent IFF body has the right to request the Disciplinary Committee to take a decision with respect to the reimbursement of the fee, costs, loss of income, interests up to one percent (1%) monthly from the day of the withdrawal for the non-respect of the above-mentioned Section of these Regulations.

Section 3 Various Sanctions

Article 9 Sanctions to natural and legal persons

Types of sanctions

As provided for in art. 40 of the IFF Statutes, sanctions may be imposed on affiliated National Association's (NA), clubs teams, players, match officials and officials of the IFF should they not comply with the requirements and provisions of the IFF Statutes, Regulations and others legal instruments.

The following sanctions are applicable to natural and legal persons:

- a) warning;
- b) reprimand;
- c) fine;
- d) disqualification from competition;
- e) discharge from official position;
- f) suspension;
- g) expulsion;
- h) ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' benches
- i) ban from entering the venue
- j) ban from performing any floorball related activity
- k) annulment of the result of the match
- l) exclusion from competition
- m) deduction of points
- n) forfeit

a) Warning

A warning is a reminder of the substance of a disciplinary rule allied with the threat of a sanction in the event of a further infringement.

b) Reprimand

A reprimand is an official written pronouncement of disapproval sent to the perpetrator of an infringement.

c) Fine

A fine is issued in Swiss francs (CHF). It shall be paid in the same currency.

A fine consists of payment to IFF of a variable sum up to a maximum of CHF 50.000.

The body that pronounces the sanction decides the terms and time limits for payment.

Associations are jointly liable for fines imposed on representative team players, officials and match officials. The same applies to clubs in respect of their players, officials and match officials. The fact that a natural person has left a club or association does not cancel out joint liability.

d) Disqualification from competition

1. Disqualification of a player, an official, a match official or a coach consists of prohibition, for those persons, from participation in one (1) or more competitions or matches during international competitions. Disqualification must be applied with reference to the official IFF competitions immediately following, as bellow in Art. 9 sec 2. par d) 2 of this Regulations.

2. Loss of match consists in the ratification of the result with a score of 0-5 for the team being punished.

3. Penalisation consists of cancellation of one (1) or more points in the standings previously earned by the team sanctioned in a given tournament.

e) Discharge from official position

Discharge from office means losing the position held in any and all of the IFF institutions.

f) Suspension

1. A suspension consists of prohibition, for a given period of time, in any official activity of the IFF. A suspension may be imposed on all IFF members and NA's

2. A suspended National Association is obliged to reimburse the IFF for all expenses incurred by the latter for the study of its case (investigation or conciliation working group, juridical expenses, etc.).

3. In order to recover its full affiliation, the said National Association must have satisfied the financial obligations above, unless an exceptional derogation is granted by IFF.

g) Expulsion

1. Only an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress may expel a Member Association, after granting it a hearing.

2. The reasons for expulsion of a Federation are:

- Debt to the IFF or a Confederation, notably for delay in payment of three (3) annual fees, admonition thereof having been issued three (3) months before the session or the General Assembly.

- Clear or repeated breach of the IFF Statutes or Regulations, or serious misconduct.

- Loss of status as a NA, on the basis of findings from inquiries made of the competent national authorities.

3. Quorum and voting requirements for the expulsion are the same as in the Statutes art. 40.6.

4. In the case of emergency, players and officials may be expelled by the Central Board by a seventy-five (75%) majority vote, effective upon notice of the decision.

5. A NA may propose a reversal of the expulsion in accordance with par. 4 above at the next General Assembly, requesting inclusion of the matter on the agenda 60 full days before the date of such General Assembly.

6. All sanctions adopted against officials, match officials, coaches, referees and players by the IFF shall apply on both international and national level.

h) Ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' benches

A ban from dressing rooms and/or substitutes' benches deprives someone of the right to enter teams' dressing rooms and/or the area immediately surrounding the field of play, and in particular to sit on the substitutes' bench.

i) Venue ban

A venue ban prohibits someone from entering the confines of one or several venues.

j) Ban from performing any floorball related activity

A person may be banned from performing any kind of floorball related activity (administrative, sports or any other).

k) Annulment of the result of a match

The result of a match is annulled if the result reached on the field of play is disregarded.

l) Exclusion from Competitions/Friendly Matches

Exclusion is the deprivation of the right of associations and clubs from taking part in a current and/or future competition.

m) Deduction of points

A club/National team may have points deducted from those already attained in any current championship.

n) Forfeit

1. Teams sanctioned with a forfeit are considered to have lost the match by 0-5.

2. If the goal difference is greater, the higher score is upheld.

Section 4 Common rules

Article 10

Combined sanctions

1. Unless otherwise specified, the sanctions provided for in the general and special parts of this regulation may be combined.

2. In less serious cases, the disciplinary body may only pronounce a reduced sanction or a warning or a reprimand.

Article 11

Time sanctions: calculation of time limit

The duration of a time sanction can be interrupted by rest periods during or between seasons.

Article 12

Limitation period of sanctions

1. The limitation period for sanctions is five years, with exception from doping sanctions.

2. The limitation period begins on the day on which the decision comes into force.

Article 13 **Carrying over match suspensions**

As a general rule, every match suspension (of players and other persons) is carried over from one round to the next in the same competition.

Section 5 ***Determining the sanctions***

Article 14 **General rule**

1. The body pronouncing the sanction decides the scope and duration of it, in accordance with this regulation.
2. Unless otherwise specified, the duration of a sanction is always defined.
3. The body shall take account of all relevant factors in the case and the degree of the offender's guilt imposing the sanction.

Article 15 **Repeated infringements**

Unless otherwise specified, the disciplinary body shall increase the sanction to be pronounced by half (+50%) if an infringement has been repeated. It is not bound by any upper limit determined in this regulation.

As a general rule, it is considered to be a repeated infringement, if a person or a NA has been imposed with a financial sanction or a suspension, in the two years prior to committing the infringement in question.

The sanction may be increased by half only once whenever this provision applies.

These provisions are also subject to the special rules governing repeated doping infringements.

Article 16 **Infringements against a referee**

If the victim of an infringement is a referee, the sanction to be pronounced will be increased.

Section 6 ***Special Infringements***

Article 17 **Physical injury**

A player who deliberately assaults someone physically or damages his health will be suspended for at least three matches. An official who commits such an infringement will be suspended for at least six months.

The suspension shall be imposed at every level (local, national and international).

In any case the body will impose a minimum fine of 500 CHF. In the case of tournaments with an age limit, the fine can be reduced appropriately.

Article 18 **Team's misconduct**

1. The following constitute misconduct by a team and are sanctioned by a maximum of CHF 5,000:

- a) when four players have received a red card during one match;
 - b) when three players have received a Match Penalty 3 during one match;
 - c) when several players together make threats or show force against a referee.
2. When determining the amount of the fine, the type of competition shall be taken into account.

Article 19 **Offensive behaviour**

1. Anyone who insult in any way, especially by using offensive gestures or language, will be sanctioned with a match suspension. If the perpetrator is a player, he will be suspended from at least two matches; if he is an official, he will be suspended from at least four matches.
2. If the victim of the attack is IFF itself or one of its bodies, the duration of the suspension will be doubled (+ 100%); the sanction applies at least to all official international matches. A minimum fine of CHF 1,000 shall be pronounced.

Article 20 **Racism**

1. Anyone who publicly disparages, discriminates against or denigrates someone in a defamatory manner on account of race, colour, language, religion, or ethnic origin will be subject to match suspension for at least five matches at every level. The body will also pronounce a ban on his entering the confines of any venues and a fine of at least CHF 1,000. If the perpetrator is an official, the fine will be at least CHF 5,000.
2. Any spectator who commits such an infringement will be subject to a venue ban for two years.
3. If spectators display banners bearing racist slogans at a match, the body will sanction the association or the club which these spectators support with a fine of at least CHF 1,000.

Article 21 **Threats**

Anyone who intimidates a referee with serious threats will be sanctioned with a fine of at least CHF 1,000 and a match suspension. These sanctions may not be combined with others.

Article 22 **Force**

Anyone who uses violence or threats to pressurise a referee into taking certain action or to hinder him in any other way from acting freely will be sanctioned with a fine of at least CHF 1,000 and a match suspension. These sanctions may not be combined with others.

Article 23 **Forgery**

1. Anyone who, in floorball related activities, forges a document or falsifies an authentic document or uses a forged or falsified document to deceive in legal relations will be sanctioned with a suspension of at least six matches.
2. If the perpetrator is an official, the body will pronounce a ban on performing any floorball related activity for a period of at least twelve months.
3. The body may also pronounce a fine of at least CHF 1,000.

Article 24 **Provoking the general public**

Anyone who provokes the general public during a match will be suspended for two matches and sanctioned with a minimum fine of 1,000.

Article 25 **Abandonment**

1. If a team refuses to play a match or to continue playing one which it has begun, it will be sanctioned with a minimum fine of CHF 5,000 and will be forfeited.
2. In serious cases, the team will also be disqualified from the competition in progress.

Article 27 **Ineligibility**

1. If a player takes part in an official match despite being ineligible, his team will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match and paying a minimum fine of CHF 5,000.
2. If a player takes part in a friendly match despite being ineligible, his team will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match and paying a minimum fine of CHF 2,000.

Article 28 **Failure to comply**

Any association that fails to comply with the obligations contained in the provisions of this section will be sanctioned with a fine.

Section 7 ***Doping***

Article 29 **Definition**

1. Doping and doping offences are defined in the IFF Anti-Doping Regulations.
2. These acts constitute doping whether detected during or out of a competition.

Article 30 **Therapeutic justification**

The IFF Anti-Doping Regulation, which are a part of these Juridical Regulations defines the use of therapeutic justification and shall be applicable.

Article 31 **Sanctions**

A doping offence is any violation of the IFF Anti-Doping Regulations.

1. A suspension imposed for a doping offence shall be commensurate with the degree of the offender's guilt and the objective and subjective circumstances of the case. It shall take into account generally recognised principles of law.
2. For a first doping offence in accordance with the IFF Anti-Doping regulation, a suspension of no less than six months and no more than two years shall be imposed. A lifetime ban shall be imposed for a repeated offence. The same sanctions shall apply if, without compelling justification, a player refuses to provide a sample, or refuses to comply with, prevents, manipulates or attempts to manipulate the doping test.
3. In the case of certain substances that appear in the list of prohibited substances, the minimum sanction stipulates in art. 31 par. 2 may be reduced. In certain circumstances, a caution may be issued instead. A minimum two-year suspension shall be imposed for a second offence, and a lifetime ban for a third offence.

4. Persons found in possession of a prohibited substance, dealing a prohibited substance, using a prohibited method, administering or attempting to administer a prohibited substance to a player, or aiding, abetting or acting as an accomplice on any way to a doping offence shall be suspended for a minimum of four years. If any of the players concerned are under the age of 20, the offender shall receive a lifetime ban. Persons violating the applicable requirements regarding player availability for out-of-competition testing shall be suspended for a minimum of six months and a maximum of two years.

5. If more than two players from the same team are sanctioned for doping offences, the team may also be sanctioned. The team may have points deducted and in a final competition the team's results may be annulled. The Association of the team concerned may also be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

6. Fines may also be imposed in all cases.

Article 32 Repeated testing

IFF may order any player sanctioned for a doping offence to undergo further doping tests while serving a suspension.

Article 33 Procedure

The formal and technical aspects of the doping control procedures shall comply entirely with the IFF Anti-Doping Regulations.

CHAPTER 3 ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE

Section 1 Jurisdiction of IFF, Associations, Confederations and other organisations

Article 34 General Rules

The juridical bodies of IFF reserve the right to sanction serious infringements of the statutory objectives of IFF, if associations, confederations and other sports organisations fail to prosecute the infringements committed or fail to prosecute in compliance with the fundamental principles of law.

Article 35 Friendly International matches between two teams

Any Disciplinary action to be taken at friendly matches between two national teams from different associations is the responsibility of that association to which the sanctioned player belongs.

However, in serious cases, the Disciplinary Committee may intervene.

The associations shall inform IFF of the sanctions pronounced.

Section 2 Authorities

Article 36 Juridical bodies

The juridical bodies of IFF are the Disciplinary Committee, the Appeal Committee, the Jury and the Central Board.

Article 37 Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS)

Certain decisions passed by the Appeal Committee may be appealed against before the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Article 38 IFF Medical Committee

The Medical Committee, or other bodies under its supervision, carries out the doping tests, analyses of samples and examination of medical certificates.

Article 39 Sanctions imposed by a Jury

- a) Sanctions imposed by a Jury are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.
- b) However, the sanctions imposed by a Jury can be subject to revision by the Disciplinary Committee if the execution of such sanctions extent beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.
- c) The Jury officiating during recognised IFF sports events is competent to impose sanctions set further under Article 39, para d) of these Regulations, providing that such sanctions are applied with direct reference to the duration of the competition for which the Jury has been appointed. In the case of serious infringements, the Jury may request the Disciplinary Committee to impose heavier sanctions.
- d) The Jury of an official IFF competition has the responsibility of applying, in the manner and within the limits set by these Regulations, the IFF Statutes and the Competitions Regulations, the following sanctions:

1. Against national teams and clubs

- Warning
- Reprimand
- Forfeit of match by 0-5
- Deduction of points in the competition and exclusion from the competition.

2. Against officials of delegations, coaches and players

- Warning
- Reprimand
- Disqualification for one or more matches (against coaches and players).
- Suspension for entire tournament.
- Any infringement made by a referee towards a player, spectator or official, is the subject of the Jury

e) The Jury must submit to the IFF Office a detailed report with the facts attached to the official documents and all evidence necessary for an in-depth evaluation of what has taken place and consequent decisions.

f) The Jury puts forward and decides upon protests, after considering the Referees Report and other reports relevant to the case. The Jury also may ask for a report from other official Committees related to the match.

g) The Jury shall make a decision on the protest within the following twenty-four (24) hours or before the next match of the teams concerned.

Article 40 Sanctions imposed by the CB

- a) The Central Board may impose the sanctions in Chapter 2, Section 3.
- b) The following sanction imposed by the Central Board may be subject to appeal to the Appeal Committee:
 - Fines exceeding CHF 5.000,-
 - Suspension exceeding six months.

Article 41 **IFF Sanctions applicable with NA**

All sanctions provided for in the IFF Statutes or in these Regulations may be imposed by the NA's at the national level.

Section 3 ***Disciplinary Committee***

Article 42 **General jurisdiction**

The Disciplinary Committee is authorised to sanction any breach of IFF regulations which does not come under the jurisdiction of another body.

- a) The Disciplinary Committee may impose the sanctions in Chapter 2, Section 3 of these regulations
- b) The following sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee may be subject to appeal to the Appeal Committee:
 - 1. Fines exceeding CHF 10.000 and
 - 2. Suspensions exceeding 6 months.
- c) The Disciplinary Committee may revise sanctions imposed by Jury if the consequences of the impositions and such sanctions extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.
- d) All sanctions imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal Committee has been made.

Article 43 **Specific jurisdiction**

The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for:

- a) sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the referees attention;
- b) rectifying obvious errors in the referee's disciplinary decisions;
- c) extending the duration of a match suspension;
- d) pronouncing additional sanctions to those imposed by the Jury, such as a fine.

The sanctions specifically provided for specific violations of the Statutes or these Regulations are final. However appeal can be made to the Appeal Committee on the legitimacy of such sanction.

Section 4 ***Appeal Committee***

Article 44 **Jurisdiction**

The Appeal Committee is responsible for deciding appeals against any of the Disciplinary Committee's, Jury's and Central Board's decisions that the IFF regulations do not declare as final or referable to another body.

Section 5 Common rules for the juridical bodies

Article 45 Composition

1. The General Assembly elects the members of the Disciplinary Committee and the Appeal Committee for a period of two years. It designates the number of members deemed necessary for the committees.
2. The General Assembly appoints the chairman of each committee from among the members for the same period of two years.
3. At least one member of each committee shall be a lawyer.

Meetings

1. The committee meeting is deemed to be valid if at least two members are present.
2. At the requests of the chairman, the IFF Office shall call the members to each meeting.
3. The number of members deemed necessary for each committee are called to the meetings held during the World Championships final competition and other IFF competitions.

Secretariat

1. The IFF Office provides the juridical bodies with a secretary and the necessary staff at IFF headquarters.
2. The secretary takes charge of the administrative work and writes the minutes and decisions of the meetings.
3. He takes care of the filing. The decisions passed and the relevant files shall be kept for at least ten years.
4. He takes charge of publishing the decisions passed by the judicial bodies of IFF in a suitable manner, such as on the internet. In exceptional circumstances, he may choose not to publish certain decisions.

Objection

1. Members of the juridical bodies of IFF shall decline to take responsibility if there are serious reasons for questioning impartiality.
2. This applies in the following cases:
 - a) if the member in question is directly involved in the outcome of the matter;
 - b) if he is associated with any of the parties;
 - c) if he has the same nationality as the party implicated (association, club, official, player etc.);
 - d) if he has already dealt with the case under different circumstances.
3. Members against whom an objection might be raised shall notify the chairman immediately.
4. In the case of a dispute, the chairman decides.
5. Proceedings that have involved someone to whom an objection has been raised will be considered null and void.

CHAPTER 4 PROCEDURE

Article 46 General rule

1. Decisions communicated by fax shall be legally binding. If necessary, decisions may be communicated by registered letter, which shall also be legally binding.
2. Electronic mail is permitted, but it has to be signed.
3. In certain circumstances, special provisions may apply.

Obvious errors

A body may rectify any mistakes in calculation or any other obvious errors at any time.

Costs and expenses

1. Costs and expenses shall be paid by the unsuccessful party.
2. If there is no unsuccessful party, they will be borne by IFF.
3. If considered fair to do so, they may be split among several persons.
4. The body that rules on the substance of the matter decides how costs and expenses will be allocated. The amounts are stipulated by the chairman, against which no appeal may be made.
5. The chairman may exceptionally decide to curtail or dispense with costs and expenses.

Enforcement of decisions

1. Decisions will be enforced immediately if they are not liable to appeal or if this regulation provides for such action.
2. Otherwise they are enforced upon expiry of the time limit for appeal.

Closing of proceedings

Proceedings may be closed if

- a) the parties reach an agreement;
- b) a party declares bankruptcy.

Section 1 Disciplinary Committee

Article 47 Commencement of proceeding

1. Disciplinary infringements are automatically prosecuted.
2. Any person or authority may report conduct that he or it considers incompatible with the regulations of IFF to the juridical bodies. Complaints may not be made orally.
3. Referees are obliged to expose infringements which have come to their notice.

Investigation

The secretariat carries out the necessary preliminary investigation ex officio under the chairman's guidance.

Collaboration among the parties

1. The parties are obliged to collaborate to establish facts. In particular, they shall comply with requests for information from the judicial bodies.
2. Whenever deemed necessary, the secretariat verifies the parties' versions of the facts.
3. If the parties are dilatory in responding, the chairman of the juridical body may, after warning them, impose a fine up to CHF 1,000.

4. If the parties fail to collaborate, especially if they ignore the stipulated time limits, the juridical bodies will decide the case, using the file in their possession.

Section 2 Appeal Committee

Article 48 Contestable decisions

An appeal may be lodged to the Appeal Committee against any sanction passed by the Disciplinary Committee, the Jury or the Central Board, unless the sanction pronounced is:

- a) a warning;
- b) a reprimand;
- c) a suspension for less than three matches or of up to two months;
- d) a fine less than CHF 5,000 imposed on an association or a club.

Initiation of the procedure

Procedures shall be initiated directly by the competent jurisdictional bodies on the basis of:

1. the match record, from the reports of the referees and Jury.
2. Indications given by members of the Central Board, the Confederations, the NA's and relevant IFF committees and functions.
3. All sanctions being subject to an appeal, has to be according to the following:
 - a) All sanctions imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal committee having been made.
 - b) In case of received a correct appeal the Appeal Committee shall make decision within the 14 full days from receiving the appeal.
 - c) Persons or team subjected to procedures of discipline may send to the judging body, prior to its meeting, statements setting forth their defence.
 - d) At meeting called for such specific purpose or at their first subsequent meeting, the jurisdictional bodies shall evaluate the evidence and make their decision.
 - e) Sanction shall become executive after notification to the party involved.

Eligibility to appeal

1. Anyone who is affected by a decision and has an interest justifying amendment or cancellation of the decision may submit it to the Appeal Committee.
2. Association may appeal against decisions sanctioning their players, officials or members. They shall have the written agreement of the person concerned.

Time limit for appeal

1. The party intending to appeal shall announce his intention in writing within seven full days of communication of the decision.
The appeal shall be sent to the office of IFF within 21 full days from announcement of the first decision.
2. Reasons for the appeal shall then be given in writing, when submitting the appeal within the 21 full days.

3. The announcement of the intention to appeal shall be sent directly to IFF. The petition of appeal shall, however, be forwarded to IFF via the national association.
4. The association receiving the petition of appeal shall forward it immediately to IFF.

Deposit

1. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal shall transfer the amount of CHF 1,000 to IFF's bank account before expiry of the time limit of 21 full days from announcement of the first decision.
2. The appeal is inadmissible without this deposit.
3. This amount will be reimbursed to the appellant if he wins the case. Costs of charges payable by an appellant who wins the case are deducted from this amount. Any remaining amount is reimbursed to him. If the deposit is insufficient, the appellant will be ordered to pay the difference.
4. If the appeal is considered to be improper, costs and expenses shall be paid in addition to the deposit.

Effects of the appeal

1. The Appeal Committee has full power in fact and in law to rule the appeal.
2. The appeal does not have suspensive effect except with regard to orders pay a sum of money.

Conclusions of the proceedings

1. The Appeal Committee rules, in principle, as a body in the last instance.
2. The right is reserved for an appeal to be made to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Publication and notification of a decision

When rendering their decisions, the jurisdictional body shall communicate the sanction by registered mail, except in the case of those sanctions imposed during a competition, which shall be delivered by hand to the head of the delegations involved.

With the exception of simple admonitions, sanctions shall be published by the IFF.

Article 49

Enacting clause

These Jurudical Regulations were adopted by the IFF General Assembly in Stockholm, in Sweden on May 26th, 2006. They supersede those dated 28th of May 1998 and come into force immediately.