

Statutes of

**BASEL INTERNATIONALER
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ABBREVIATIONS

FIFA	Federation Internationale de Football Association
FVNWS	Fussballverband Nordwestschweiz, the Football Association of North- West Switzerland
SFV	Schweizerischer Fussballverband; the Swiss Football Association
UEFA	Union of European Football Associations

ARTICLE 1 NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

- 1.1. Basel Internationaler Fussball Club ("BIFC"), founded on 31 March 2016, is an association within the meaning of Article 60 *et seq.* of the Swiss Civil Code (SCC), (hereinafter "the Club")
- 1.2. The Club is registered in Basel Stadt.
- 1.3. The Club exists for the purposes of playing football according to the principles of fair play, and to foster a sense of community amongst its members.
- 1.4. The Club is politically and religiously neutral. It rejects discrimination based on political or religious grounds as well as on the grounds of ethnicity, gender and race.
- 1.5. The Club year shall run from 1st June to 31st May the following year.
- 1.6. The Club's colours are black and white, printed with gold numbers and, if present, player names.
- 1.7. The Club is a member of the Schweizerischer Fussballverband (SFV), and the Fussballverband Nordwestschweiz (FVNWS).
- 1.8. The Club, its players, coaches and officials are bound by the statutes, regulations and decisions of FIFA, UEFA, SFV and FVNWS.

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

2. Any individual who recognises, accepts, and agrees to be bound by the Club statutes may apply to be a member of the Club.
- 2.1. Membership applications must be made to the Executive Board, in writing. Email and Google form submissions are acceptable as written forms.
- 2.2. Membership applications for minors (i.e. players under 18 years of age) must be made by the player's parent or legal guardian.

- 2.3. The decision to admit a new member to the Club shall be made by the Executive Board. Such a decision shall be ratified and recorded at the next meeting of the full Executive Board. Such a decision is final and there is no right to appeal.
- 2.4. The Club may have the following categories of members.
- 2.4.1. Active:
- 2.4.1.1. Juniors, those members under the age of 18; and
- 2.4.1.2. Seniors, those members 18 and older
- 2.4.2. Honorary;
- Honorary Membership: Honorary membership may be conferred on a member, who has made a special contribution to the association. Honorary membership shall be awarded by the General Assembly by a vote at the annual general meeting
- 2.4.3. Passive;
- A passive member is an individual, who pays the regular membership subscription fee without actively participating in the life of the club
- 2.4.4. Sponsors and supporters:
- A sponsor or supporter is an individual or organisation that, without actively participating in the life of the Club, has paid the Club at least the sum stipulated by the Executive Board for sponsor and supporters.
- 2.5. Membership transfers to and from other clubs may take place at the end of the regular seasons, consistent with the guidelines for Membership listed above, and in accordance with the rules of the SFV and FVNWS.

Termination of membership

- 2.6. The following provisions shall apply for the termination of Club Membership.
- 2.7. Active members:
 - 2.7.1. Active members wishing to leave the Club must submit written notice to the Executive Board no later than one (1) month prior to the last day of the Club year. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, should notice be received by the Executive Board less than one (1) month prior to the end of the Club year, the member shall be responsible for paying the regular membership subscription fee for the coming year.
 - 2.7.2. Membership shall expire on the date such notice of leaving is received by the Executive Board.
- 2.8. For other categories of members:
 - 2.8.1. Other categories of members may leave the Club at any time upon submission of written notice to the Executive Board.
 - 2.8.2. Membership shall expire on the date such notice of leaving is received by the Executive Board.
- 2.9. Expulsion from the Club
 - 2.9.1. In serious cases, following a hearing by the Executive Board, the Executive Board may decide to expel a member from the Club.
 - 2.9.2. Serious cases include, but are not limited to:
 - 2.9.3. Violation of the Club statutes;
 - 2.9.4. Repeated refusal to comply with instructions of Club coaches, BIFC Rules and Regulations or officials; or
 - 2.9.5. Failure to pay annual membership fees in full, despite a written reminder.
 - 2.9.6. The expulsion becomes effective fourteen (14) days from the date of the Executive Board's decision, unless the expelled individual lodges an appeal with the Executive Board.

- 2.9.7. The expelled member may lodge an appeal against the Executive Board's expulsion decision within a period of **fourteen (14) days** (two calendar weeks) from the date of the decision. Lodging an appeal suspends the expulsion from becoming effective only until the Executive Board has considered such appeal and communicated its decision on the appeal. Such appeal shall be submitted to the Executive Board in writing with justifications, and shall be considered at the next Executive Board Meeting, which finally decides on the expulsion. The Executive Board shall provide its decision with a corresponding legal remedy.
- 2.9.8. The appeal period begins with receipt of the decision of the Executive Board, and ends when the decision on the appeal is confirmed in writing. If a General Meeting falls within the appeal period, such appeal may be raised, and decided upon, at such General Meeting.
- 2.10. Financial obligations upon leaving or expulsion from the Club
- 2.10.1. Members leaving or expelled from the Club are liable for the full annual membership fees for the current year, in accordance with 2.7.1. Any further financial obligations shall be due immediately upon leaving or expulsion.
- 2.10.2. No exit fee is payable.

ARTICLE 3 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

3. All categories of members shall have the right to:
- 3.1.1. participate in annual General meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings as described in Article 4;
 - 3.1.2. exercise voting rights consistent with Article 4;
 - 3.1.3. be appropriately informed about the life of the Club and its activities, for example at Annual General Meetings,

- Extraordinary General Meetings, via the Club's home page, newsletter, or other forms of notification.
- 3.1.4. Exercise all other rights conferred on them by these statutes or conferred on them in another form by the Club.
 - 3.2. Active members have the right to participate in training and competition activities, as appropriate.
 - 3.3. All categories of members have an obligation to:
 - 3.3.1. be faithful and loyal to the Club;
 - 3.3.2. adhere to the statutes, regulations, and decisions of FIFA, UEFA, SFV, FVNWS and the Club;
 - 3.3.3. pay the membership fees as set at annual general meetings or extraordinary general meetings held in accordance with these statutes, if appropriate;
 - 3.3.4. indemnify the Club for fines and costs imposed upon the Club by the relevant association authorities as a result of their transgressions of rules or actions;
 - 3.3.5. comply with the requests and instructions given by the Club's officials and coaches;
 - 3.3.6. fulfil all other obligations arising out of these statutes.
 - 3.4. Violation of the obligations specified in Article 3.3 may result in a hearing before the Executive Board. Following such a hearing, the Executive Board may issue a reprimand, a fine of up to two hundred Swiss Francs (CHF 200), or terminate the individual's Club membership. With the exception of a decision to terminate the individual's membership, the decision of the Executive Board shall be final. In the case of termination, the expelled individual may appeal against such a decision as set out in Article 2.9.7.
 - 3.5. In accordance with the regulations of the SFV, members who do not fulfill their financial obligations to the Club may be registered for a boycott at the SFV.

ARTICLE 4 GOVERNING BODIES AND GOVERNANCE OF THE CLUB

4. The activities and operation of the Club are governed by:
 - 4.1.1. General Meetings of Members;
 - 4.1.2. Executive Board;
 - 4.1.2.1. The Executive Board shall consist of the following positions: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; other members as required. The total number of Executive Board members shall be determined by the Executive Board.
 - 4.1.2.2. All decisions not delegated to another body by the statutes fall within the competence of the Executive Board
 - 4.1.2.3. The Executive Board shall report annually to the AGM
 - 4.1.2.4. The Executive Board shall implement the decisions of AGM and EGM.
 - 4.1.3. Audit Committee.
- 4.2. The General Meeting, whether Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) is the highest level at which decisions of the Club are made.
- 4.3. The AGM shall take place every year, normally after the end of the Club year, however no later than **three (3) months** after the end of the Club year.
- 4.4. The AGM is responsible for the following functions and decisions:
 - 4.4.1. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM or EGM;
 - 4.4.2. Definitive admission of members. Until definitive admission, the members temporarily admitted by the Executive Board do not possess voting rights. Once admitted, new members gain voting rights immediately and may vote on the subsequent agenda items;

- 4.4.3. Approval of the Annual Report of the Executive Board, and any commissioned report;
- 4.4.4. Approval of the financial reports, to include the annual accounts and the auditors' report
- 4.4.5. Fixing of membership fees
- 4.4.6. Approval of the budget for forthcoming year
- 4.4.7. Election or re-election of:
 - 4.4.7.1. President;
 - 4.4.7.2. Members of the Executive Board;
 - 4.4.7.3. Members of the Audit Committee
- 4.4.8. Hearing of appeals against the exclusion of members. This shall be the first agenda item, after the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, at any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting;
- 4.4.9. Nomination and approval of honorary members;
- 4.4.10. Approval of changes to the Club Statutes;
- 4.4.11. Any other business.
- 4.5. The Executive Board determines the order of the agenda of the AGM or EGM, unless already determined by these Statutes.
- 4.6. An EGM may be called at any time by the Executive Board.
- 4.7. Should one-fifth (20%) of voting members submit a written request by registered letter or email to the Executive Board, giving reasons for an EGM, the Executive Board shall call an extraordinary general meeting within **thirty (30) days** after receiving such request.
- 4.8. Any functions or decisions described in Article 4.4 may take place during an EGM, except the below mentioned decisions, which must occur at the AGM:
 - 4.8.1. Approval of the annual accounts;
 - 4.8.2. Approval of the auditors' report.

- 4.9. Junior members may not vote themselves, but may be represented by a parent or legal guardian. A parent or legal guardian may represent more than one Junior member.
- 4.10. Voting rights are conferred on all adult definitively recorded members of all categories physically present at the meeting, as well as all adult representatives of junior members. If remote voting is authorized by the Executive Board, voting rights are conferred on all adult definitively recorded members, or adult representatives of junior members, who have submitted their vote by electronic or paper ballot prior to the deadline for submission.
- 4.11. The AGM and the EGM may be declared quorate if five (5) voting members are present.
- 4.12. The outcome of each vote shall be determined by a simple majority. Should any vote result in a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.
- 4.13. For elections, the first ballot is determined by an absolute majority (50% + 1) of valid votes cast. For the second ballot a simple majority is sufficient.
- 4.14. Invalid or blank ballot papers shall not be counted for votes on resolutions or elections.
- 4.15. Votes and elections shall be determined by a show of hands, an electronic ballot, a postal ballot, or a combination of all three. The Executive Board will inform the members of the means of voting at least fourteen (14) days prior to a General Meeting.
- 4.16. Participation in AGMs and EGMs is mandatory for the Executive Board and may take place virtually or in person as determined by the Executive Board.
- 4.17. In calling an AGM or EGM, the Executive Board shall issue invitations at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting to the membership and circulate an agenda at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

- 4.18. Members wishing to add a motion to the meeting agenda may do so by submitting details of such motion to the Executive Board in writing by a registered letter or email at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.
- 4.19. For their entire duration, an AGM or EGM shall be chaired by the President in Office ('the Chair').
- 4.20. At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair shall determine the number of voting members present, and whether the meeting is quorate. From those present, the Chair shall move the election of persons to count the votes and decision-making power of the meeting, in accordance with clause 20.4.

Operation of the Executive Board

- 4.21. The Executive Board meets at the invitation of the President as frequently as needed to manage the business of the Club. Other Executive Board Members may also call a meeting, as appropriate.
- 4.22. The Executive Board shall be quorate if half of the Executive Board voting members are present, or represented by proxy.
- 4.23. Each member of the Executive Board has only one (1) vote.
- 4.24. One person may be a proxy for multiple members, if so designated in writing. However, at least three (3) members of the Executive Board must attend the meeting, in person or virtually, to deliver the votes.
- 4.25. The Executive Board may invite other members of the Club to join its meetings *ad hoc*. However, these *ad hoc* attendees shall only have a consultative role during any such meetings.
- 4.26. With the exception of the President, the Executive Board may temporarily replace departing Executive Board members during the remaining term of office until the next general meeting, at which time, to remain an Executive Board member, they must be elected through a vote of the members.
- 4.27. The Executive Board shall review agreements between the Club and other organisations or individuals prior to execution and provide written endorsement.

- 4.28. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, appoint football, junior, and senior committees.
- 4.29. The Executive Board may appoint additional committees, as required.
- 4.30. The composition and precise duties of each committee shall be described in writing and approved by the Executive Board.

Operation of the Audit Committee

- 4.31. Auditor duties shall be carried out by two auditors. The two auditors shall be elected at the annual or extraordinary general meeting. A supplementary auditor may also be elected.
- 4.32. All parents or guardians of junior members, in good standing and with a good knowledge of accounting, may stand as an auditor or supplementary auditor. If deemed necessary, the Executive Board may propose non-members with relevant professional qualifications to conduct the annual audit.
- 4.33. Auditors may be elected for a period of two up to two years and must retire for a minimum of one year before being re-elected.
- 4.34. An auditor may resign the post during the course of the year, if the Club membership is terminated.
- 4.35. A resigning auditor will be replaced by the supplementary auditor, or if no supplementary exists, the Executive Board may elect a new auditor to immediately take on the auditor duties. Election of the new auditor must be confirmed by members at the next General Meeting to occur.
- 4.36. The auditors review and check financial statements, and report on the results of their auditing activities in writing to the annual general meeting.
- 4.37. Auditors are entitled to carry out an inspection of cash at any time.

ARTICLE 5 FINANCE

5. The Club's sources of income are:
 - 5.1.1. Members' subscription fee fixed at the annual and extraordinary general meetings.
 - 5.1.2. Collections and donations
 - 5.1.3. Net proceeds of events, sponsoring, Club activities.
- 5.2. Membership fees are to be paid at the establishment of the Club, the beginning of the Club year, or upon joining the Club.
- 5.3. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, offer a reduced membership fee to members that join the Club during the second half of the Club's year (after 30th November).
- 5.4. Honorary Members and Members of the Executive Committee are conferred membership free of charge.
- 5.5. The Club's liability is limited to association liability.
- 5.6. The personal liability of the members of the Club is limited to the membership fees fixed by the annual or extraordinary general meeting. Further personal liability of members is excluded.

ARTICLE 6 CHANGES TO STATUTES

Process to approve amendments to statutes

6. Adoption of amendments to the statutes shall be decided at an AGM or EGM.
 - 6.1. To be adopted, the proposed amendment must be supported by at least two-thirds of the voting members present at the annual or extraordinary general meeting.

Process to propose amendments to statutes

- 6.2. The Executive Board shall communicate proposed amendments in full to the voting members with the agenda of the corresponding AGM or EGM.

- 6.3. Members proposing an amendment to the statutes shall send the text of such amendment to the Executive Board by registered letter at least 30 days prior to the annual or extraordinary meeting.

ARTICLE 7 DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

Decision to dissolve the Club

7. A motion to dissolve the Club can only be decided at an extraordinary general meeting specifically convened for this purpose.
- 7.1. A motion to dissolve the Club shall be approved if supported by at least two-thirds of the voting members present at such extraordinary general meeting.

Activities to dissolve the Club

- 7.2. In the case of dissolution, Club shall liquidate all its assets.
- 7.3. A special commission shall be set up to dissolve the Club.

Proceeds of dissolution

- 7.4. Should a net surplus arise from dissolution of the Club, it must be deposited with the Central Secretariat of the SFV, or the relevant municipal authority until a new association with the same purpose is established in the municipality of Basel-Stadt.
- 7.5. If no association is established in Basel-Stadt within ten (10) years after dissolution of the association the SFV or responsible municipal authority shall assign the deposited sum to a sports club registered in the municipality of Basel-Stadt.



BIFC President



BIFC Secretary

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