

Pursuant to Article 38 of the Statutes at the session held on 22 December 2017, the Assembly of the Croatian Football Federation adopted and, at the session held on 6 April 2018, on 28 March 2019 and on 2 June 2021, modified and amended the following

## **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

### **FOR THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CROATIAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **Article 1**

1. These Rules of Procedure shall regulate the work and organization of the Assembly of the Croatian Football Federation (hereinafter: the Federation's Assembly).
2. Working bodies, boards and committees of the Federation's Assembly shall operate in compliance with the provisions of these Rules of Procedure, and they may supplement it for the purpose of their activities.

#### **REPRESENTATIVES**

##### **Article 2**

1. In accordance with the Article 36 of the Statutes the representatives who are part of the Federation's Assembly shall acquire the rights and obligations of the representatives in the Federation's Assembly through verification of their respective terms of office.
2. The terms of office of the representatives shall be verified at the Federation's Assembly at the first session after the appointment made within the Federation's member, upon the proposal of the Verification Committee. Terms of office of new representatives appointed to the duty of representatives during the Assembly's term of office shall also be verified.
3. The Decision about the proposal of the Verification Committee, upon its report, shall be made by voting of the Federation's Assembly.
4. After the representative's term of office has elapsed or become inactive the new or substitute representative shall be elected to the vacant position.
5. The terms of office of the representatives, including those representatives verified additionally, shall be verified for the term of office of the Federation's Assembly.
6. In the process of verification, the representatives are to submit the Decision made by the Assembly of the Federation member relating to the election of representatives in the Federation's Assembly and a power of attorney signed by the person authorized to represent such Federation member.

### Article 3

The representatives' rights are, as follows:

- to attend the Federation's Assembly sessions or sessions of its working bodies and participate in their work, which are their duties,
- propose the enactment of decisions, recommendations, conclusions, and submit amendments of their proposals, propose the election and appointment and relieve of duty officers in working bodies, boards and committees of the Federation,
- ask questions and look for information and clarification relating to the work of the Federation's Assembly, its other bodies and entities,
- provide regularly and on time the information on all issues and problems relating to the work of the Federation's Assembly, its working bodies, boards and committees,
- obtain answers to questions made at the same session or at the first following session of the Federation's Assembly.

### PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY

#### Article 4

1. The Federation's President is also the President of the Federation's Assembly.
2. In the event of being prevented from attending or in the event of his absence, the duty of the Assembly President shall be performed by the first Vice-President of the Federation.
3. Within his rights and duties the President of the Federation's Assembly:
  - shall convene sessions of the Assembly, propose agendas and chair sessions,
  - shall be in charge of the cooperation of the Federation's Assembly and the Croatian Olympic Committee, FIFA, UEFA and other sport organizations in the country and abroad,
  - shall sign decisions made by the Assembly,
  - shall perform other works and tasks resulting from the Statutes of the Federation, which have been assigned to him by the Assembly.

### CONVENING MEETINGS

#### Article 5

The session of the Federation's Assembly shall be convened by the President, based on the work programme of the Federation's Assembly, or as requested by the Executive Committee or as the minimum by 1/2 of the Federation members.

The Extraordinary session of the Federation's Assembly shall be convened by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the Article 35 paragraph 4 of the Federation's Statutes.

## Article 6

1. Sessions shall be convened as rule in writing, not later than fifteen (15) days in advance, and, exceptionally, they may be convened in another suitable way and in a shorter time period.
2. Sessions that are anticipated for election of the Federation's President and /or members of the Executive Committee shall be convened not later than thirty (30) days before they are to take place.
3. The proposal of the agenda shall be submitted in attachment of the invitation to the session, as well as materials in writing relating to the proposal of the agenda and the last session's Minutes.

## AGENDA

### Article 7

1. The session's Agenda shall be determined at the beginning of the session and upon the proposal of the President of the Assembly or another party that has convened the session. The proposed Agenda may be amended or modified upon the representative's proposal.
2. Before the discussion held relating to the Agenda it is necessary to appoint:
  - a) the working chair consisting of two members among representatives, and ex-officio: Federation's President, Executive director and Federation's Secretary.
  - b) the recording clerk,
  - c) two officers that are to certify the Minutes,
  - d) Chairman and two members of the Verification Committee, elected among representatives,
  - d) the vote counting officer.

If the minutes are taken by the public notary, the officers that are to certify the Minutes shall not be elected.

3. After the Agenda has been adopted other working bodies of the Assembly shall be appointed.
4. The Agenda shall be determined in public by majority vote of the attending representatives. The decision on election of the Assembly's working bodies shall be made according to the same procedure.

## WORK PROCEDURE AT SESSIONS

### Article 8

1. Sessions shall be chaired and governed by the President of the Federation's Assembly.

2. During the session the members of the Working Chair may replace the President in chairing the session, and to provide him with the expert and organisational assistance in chairing the session, respectively.
3. Until the election of the new President at the appropriate session of the Assembly, sessions shall be chaired by the current President. In the event of his absence the Assembly representatives may propose one of the Assemblies' members to chair the meeting and the decision in that respect shall be made by majority vote of the attending members of the Assembly.
4. The members of the Executive Committee may participate in the work conducted at the session, but they have no decision making rights.
5. For the purpose of discussion on individual topics of the agenda the President may invite a professional individual to participate; who is a member in the Federation's working bodies.
6. The President of the Assembly shall make sure order is kept at sessions.
7. In the event of disorderly conduct at the session the President may warn the representative (or another participant of the session), if his/her conduct or appearance disturbs the order and the provisions of the Rules of Procedure.
8. He/she may bar the representative (or another participant in the meeting) from speaking, if such persons continue disrupting the order and the provisions of the Rules of Procedure after the warning.
9. If the order at session cannot be kept in a manner that these persons are warned and barred from speaking, the President may interrupt the session.

### **Article 9**

1. After the President of the Federation's Assembly has established the quorum (the majority of all the representatives attending), the session may commence.
2. If there is no quorum, the session shall be adjourned until the specific hour of the same day or until another day and hour on which the decision is taken at the Assembly by majority vote of attending representatives. In case that the Assembly convened in such manner also has no quorum, the new session of the Assembly shall be convened in accordance to the paragraph 4 of the Article 35 of the Statutes.
3. If during the session, representatives leave so there is no longer quorum, the session shall be interrupted and adjourned.

### **Article 10**

If because of the extensiveness of the Agenda or other reasons the session cannot be ended within the anticipated time, the decision may be made by the Assembly to interrupt and adjourn it until the specific day and hour.

### **Article 11**

The Minutes of the last session shall be adopted before the Agenda is determined. The representatives are entitled to state remarks relating to the Minutes. If the remarks are accepted the corresponding changes shall be made in the Minutes.

### **Article 12**

1 After the Agenda has been determined, the discussion/debate may start, as well as the process of decision making regarding individual issues, based on the order defined in the Agenda.

2. The order of the Agenda points may be changed by decision of the Federation's Assembly.

### **Article 13**

1. The participants shall participate in the debate on individual issues of the Agenda, according to the order in which they applied to take turns in discussion.

2. The debate shall be concluded by the President, if it has been established there are no more registered speakers.

### **Article 14**

1. The speakers at the session should speak only relating to the debated subject, without repeating what has already been said.

2. If the President has assessed that the debate on individual issues will last longer or if a major number of speakers has been registered, he may put forward a motion that the duration of speeches be limited, to the maximum of five or more minutes. The same motion may be made by the representatives.

3. The decision on the motion shall be made by the Federation's Assembly, without debate, by majority vote of the attending representatives.

### **Article 15**

1. Each point of the Agenda shall be discussed, unless it has been determined in these Rules of Procedure that the decision shall be made without debate.

2. During the debate, a special Committee may be founded to establish proposals of decisions.

3. The decision proposal shall be put to vote after the debate is concluded.
4. If amendments have been submitted on the proposal, they shall first be put to vote.

## DECISION-MAKING

### Article 16

Decisions of the Assembly shall be rendered by majority vote of all the representatives, if a specific majority has not been prescribed by law, the Statutes or the Rules of Procedure.

### Article 17

1. Decisions shall be made by the Assembly at sessions, by votes of the personally attending representatives in accordance with the Article 40 paragraph 3 of the Statutes.
2. Voting at the Assembly through proxy, letter, by e-mail or telephone shall not be allowed.
3. The representatives of the suspended members of the Federation are not entitled to attend sessions and participate in the work conducted at these sessions.
4. Voting at the Federation's Assembly shall be public, unless the Statutes or these Rules of Procedure define otherwise or unless a decision is passed by public vote at a session to pass decisions on individual issues by secret vote.
5. Public voting shall be conducted by raising hands or based on a roll call vote. Votes shall be counted by the vote counter, appointed at the beginning of the session.
6. The representatives may vote in favour or against the motion or abstain from voting.
7. Secret voting shall be conducted based on certified ballot papers received by each representative, which shall be filled out and put in the ballot box.
8. The ballot paper that does not show clearly whether the representative has voted "in favour" or "against" the motion shall be considered invalid.
9. Ballot papers shall be prepared by the Federation's Office. Ballot papers shall be kept at the Federation's Office until the following session.
10. The number of ballot papers for the secret voting shall correspond to the number of members of the Assembly attending the session at which votes are cast.

11. After the voting, the President shall determine and declare the voting results.

12. The provisions on votes cast to elect the Federation's President and the members of the Executive Committee have been determined in Articles 18 to 30 of these Rules of Procedure.

## ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

### Article 18

1. The Electoral Committee shall organize and supervise the election procedure and make procedural decisions relating to elections.

2. The Electoral Committee shall consist of a Chairman and two members appointed by the Assembly at the final regular session held before the four-year term elections session of the Assembly. One substitute member of the Election Committee and a Chairman and two members of the Electoral Appeals Committee, as well as one substitute member of the Electoral Appeals Committee shall be elected by the Assembly. There should be at least one Bachelor of Laws in each of the Committees.

3. Decisions on the appointment of members of the Electoral and Electoral Appeals Committee shall be made based on public vote.

4. The members of the Executive Committee and representatives in the Assembly may not be appointed as members of the Electoral Committee.

5. If any of the members of the Electoral or Electoral Appeals Committee runs as candidate for the post of the Federation's President or member of the Executive Committee or if such candidate is his/her blood relative or in-law, his membership in the Committee shall be terminated automatically and he shall be replaced by one of the substitute members.

6. In the performance of their duties the members of the Electoral Committee should strictly adhere to the principle of impartiality.

8. The Federation's Secretary is the Electoral Committee's Secretary. He shall participate in the Committee's activities as advisor responsible for technical and administrative issues.

### Article 19

The Electoral Committee is responsible for all activities associated with the organization, implementation and supervision of the Assembly's election session, and it is in particular responsible for:

- adherence to the provisions of the Statutes and regulations of the Federation, UEFA and FIFA's regulations relating to elections;
- compliance with statutory time limits relating to elections;
- distribution of information on candidates and elections;
- procedural issues of candidatures and elections;
- drafting of the voters' list, in compliance with the representatives' verification results;

- participation in the verification of the voters' identities in cooperation with the Verification Committee;
- voting procedure.

### **Article 20**

1. Sessions of the Electoral Committee shall be convoked by the President and only at such sessions the Electoral Committee is entitled to discuss and make decisions.
2. The first session after the appointment of members of the Electoral Committee shall be convoked by the Federation's President.
3. The majority of the Electoral Committee's members shall make up the quorum.
4. The Electoral Committee's decisions shall be made by majority vote of all the members.
5. Decisions shall be recorded in the Minutes signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Electoral Committee.

### **PROCEDURE OF ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **Article 21**

1. The Federation's President, who at the time of election must be a representative, shall be elected by the Assembly through secret election, unless the Statutes provide otherwise, upon the motion made in writing by one of the direct members of the Federation, seconded in writing by as the minimum another six direct members of the Federation. Candidate for the president shall have his residence at the territory of the direct member, which has proposed him for at least 12 months prior to the convocation of the electoral session of the Assembly. The member may put forward a motion or support only one candidate. If the member has made the motion or seconded more candidates only the first motioned or seconded candidature shall be valid. The decision to motion or second the candidature should be signed by the authorized person of the Federation's direct member and certified before Public Notary.

The candidates' motions for the election of the President, seconded in writing, should be submitted to the Federation's Office by registered mail or with the receipt confirmation at the latest fifteen (15) days before holding the election session of the Assembly. Untimely motions shall be invalid.

2. The Federation's direct members who have put forward the motion relating to the members of the Executive Committee are to submit their motions to the Federation's Office by registered mail or with the receipt confirmation, at the latest fifteen (15) days prior to the session at which the election shall take place. Untimely motions shall be invalid. Candidates for membership in the Executive Committee are to act within the direct member that has put forward their candidacy. The decision on the candidacy is to be signed by the authorized person of the Federation's direct member and certified before Public Notary.



3. The candidacies for the President and members of the Executive Committee shall be put forward in a special form prescribed by the Electoral Committee.

4. The Executive director shall submit motions to the Chairman of the Electoral Committee.

## **Article 22**

1. The Electoral Committee, which should meet at the latest five days after the expiry of the deadline for the filing of candidacies, shall determine whether all the candidates meet the conditions set in the provisions of the Statutes, the Sports Act and these Rules of Procedure, and whether the candidacies have arrived within the deadline.

2. Through members of the Federation who have put forward motions, candidates shall be notified of the decision made by the Electoral Committee within the period of two days from the date the decision has been made, and the list of candidates running for the post of President and members of the Executive Committee shall be published in the official gazette of the Federation and distributed to all the representatives of the Assembly and the Federation members.

3. The appeal against the Electoral Committee's decision on the validity of the candidacy may be filed by the candidate only before the Electoral Appeals Committee of the Federation, with no option of appeal before other bodies of the Federation, including the Federation's Court of Arbitration. The appeal may be filed within the period of two days from the date of service of the decision, as defined in Paragraph 2 hereof. The decision on the appeal must be made within the period of two days from the appeal receipt date. The decision of the Electoral Appeals Committee shall be final.

## **Article 23**

1. With the administrative support of the Federation's Office the Electoral Committee shall prepare ballot papers.

2. Ballot papers for election of the President shall be in different colours for each round of the election.

3. Each ballot paper shall bear the Federation's seal and its identification number.

4. The ballot paper shall show the candidates' first and last names and the name of the Federation's member that has nominated the respective candidate, and in the election for the President's post, the names of the Federation's members that have seconded his candidacy. The candidates shall be listed on the ballot paper by last name in alphabetic order.

## Article 24

1. Before the start of the elections the ballot box shall be opened and shown to the representatives at the election session of the Assembly. Thereafter it shall be closed and put on a visible point, on a separate desk.
2. Voting procedure shall be such that the Chairman of the Electoral Committee shall call each individual representative to vote. The called representative shall take the ballot paper, sign the receipt confirmation and go to the ballot box desk. There he shall fill out the paper and put it in the ballot box.
3. During voting the ballot box shall be supervised by one of the Electoral Committee's members.
4. The counting procedure, performed by the Electoral Committee, shall start as soon as all the representatives with voting rights have put their ballot papers in the ballot box. The Electoral Committee's Chairman shall open the ballot box, take out ballot papers and start counting votes. The entire procedure shall be done such that the representatives of the Assembly may follow it.
5. If the number of ballot papers is equal or less than the number of issued ballot papers, the voting shall be valid. If the number is higher than the number of issued ballot papers, the voting shall be declared invalid and repeated immediately according to the procedure prescribed by these Rules.
6. After the verification of the number of ballot papers, the members of the Electoral Committee shall start counting the number of votes cast for each of the candidates.
7. After the counting has been completed, the Chairman of the Electoral Committee shall state the voting results.

## Article 25

1. Ballot papers shall be invalid if:
  - the number of candidates circled on the ballot paper exceeds the number of candidates that are to be elected;
  - it has not been filled out or if none of the candidates' names have been circled;
  - additional remarks have been written on it;
  - it bears no seal of the Federation with the corresponding identification number.
2. The Chairman of the Committee shall write reasons for the invalidity on the back side of each invalid ballot paper and certify them with the signature.

## **Article 26**

In the event of disputes as to the validity or invalidity of a ballot paper, the validity or invalidity of a vote, draft of the Minutes or any other issue relating to the votes counting procedure, the decision of the Electoral Committee shall be final.

## **Article 27**

1. The Electoral Committee shall draw up the Minutes on the performed election and votes counting procedures, which shall be signed by the Chairman of this Committee. The Minutes make up the integral part of the Minutes of the Assembly's session.
2. The Electoral Committee shall submit all official documents relating to the election to the Federation's Office, which in turn is obligated to submit them to competent bodies and keep them in archives.
3. All issues relating to the administrative and technical organization of the election session of the Assembly and all issues relating to the implementation of elections, which have not been covered by these Rules, shall be resolved by the Electoral Committee.

## **SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

### **Article 28**

1. If after the first voting, neither of the proposed candidates has received the needed number of votes (the majority of votes of all the representatives), only two candidates with the highest number of votes in the first round shall enter the following round, i.e. the other candidates with the equal number of votes as the runner-up on the list.
2. If neither of the candidates wins the necessary number of votes in the second round, the procedure of putting forward new candidates for the post of president shall be repeated and the elections shall be held at the following session of the Assembly.
3. The new session of the Assembly is to be held at the latest within the period of two months after the session at which the president was not elected.
4. The persons put forward in the first election round may not be put forward for candidacy in the new candidacy procedure.
5. The new candidates' applications must be filed at the Federation's Office at the latest within fifteen (15) days before the date of holding the new session of the Assembly. Untimely motions shall be invalid.
6. The chairman of the Electoral Committee is obligated to notify the representatives of the provisions of this Article before the start of the voting in the second round.

7. In the event that only one candidate is running for the post of president, and he fails to get the necessary majority of votes, the following voting round will not be held, but the provisions of Paragraph 3 to Paragraph 6 herein shall be appropriately applicable.

### **Article 29**

As an exception, if the Electoral Committee has established that only one candidate has been put forward to run for the post of president, i.e. that only one candidacy is valid, a special decision may be passed by the Assembly to elect the president by public vote.

## **SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Article 30**

1. As an exception of the provision of the Article 24 paragraph 2 of this Rules, in the election of members of the Executive Committee each representative of the Assembly shall fill out the ballot paper by circling the number of candidates corresponding to the number of members of the Executive Committee being elected. The election takes place in a manner that ballot papers are distributed to representatives at their seats, who shall confirm the receipt by signature. After the ballot paper has been filled out, the representatives put it in the ballot box.

2. The candidates with the highest number of votes, which number has been determined in the Statutes, shall be elected to the Executive Committee. If several candidates of a single member of the Federation have got the highest number of votes, the one among them who has got the highest number of votes shall be elected to the Executive Committee and the others shall be substituted by runner-up candidates, in compliance with the rule that one member of the Federation may have only one representative in the Executive Committee (Article 42 Paragraph 2 of the Statutes).

3. If two or more candidates have got the same number of votes, and if this is decisive for election to the Executive Committee, the election for that position/these positions in the Executive Committee shall be repeated. The voting that shall be held in the new election shall include only the candidates who have got the equal number of votes. If after the repeated elections the candidates still have the equal number of votes, the position in the Executive Committee shall be filled by draw among candidates with the equal number of votes.

4. In case that there is the same number of candidates as it is the number of the members of the Executive Committee, the Assembly may decide that the voting shall be public. The Assembly may decide that for each candidate for member of the Executive Committee may be voted individually, or the voting is made for the entire list of candidates.

## ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION

### **Article 31**

1. The President of the Federation shall put forward a motion to the Assembly for election of up to five vice-presidents, among whom one is First Vice-President.
2. The voting for the election of vice-presidents is public and votes are cast by raising hand “in favour” or “against” the motion, or one may abstain from voting.
3. If the candidates that have been put forward get the majority of votes of all the representatives, they are elected as vice-presidents.
4. The decision may be made by the Assembly that voters are to cast individual votes for each candidate for the post of vice-president.

## THE DISMISSAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### **Article 32**

1. The President of the Federation may be dismissed from duty before the end of his/her term by a special Decision of the Assembly.
2. This decision should be made by majority of votes of all representatives and by public voting.
3. The proposal for including the decision proposal for dismissal of the President of the Federation in the agenda should be submitted to the Federation’s Office not later than seven days before the session of the Assembly.
4. Should the President be dismissed before the end of his/her term of office, until the election of the new president, he/she shall be replaced by one of the vice-presidents. If all vice-presidents are dismissed, the Assembly shall appoint one of the members of the Executive Committee or, if all members of the Executive Committee are dismissed, one of the representatives, to perform the duties of the chairman of the Assembly.
5. If the President of the Federation is dismissed, the election session of the Assembly should take place not later than 45 days from the day of the session at which the President was dismissed.

### **Article 33**

1. A member of the Executive Committee (including vice-president) may be dismissed from duty by a special decision of the Assembly.
2. The decision should be made by majority of votes of all representatives and by public voting.
3. If more members of the Executive Committee are dismissed from duty, and the body lacks quorum to render decisions, the session of the Assembly at which new members of the Executive Committee are to be elected shall take place not later than 45 days from the day of the session at which members of the Executive Committee had been dismissed.

## DOCUMENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### **Article 34**

The following documents shall be adopted by the Federation's Assembly: Statutes, Decisions, Regulations, Conclusions and Rules of Procedure.

### **Article 35**

Decisions are legal documents, issued to regulate individual issues as anticipated by law and by the Federation's Statutes, or for the purpose of permanent, individual or temporary decision of affairs.

### **Article 36**

Regulations are documents that, on a permanent basis, serve to regulate the organization, competence, and procedures in individual areas of football sport.

### **Article 37**

Conclusions serve to decide on procedural issues under the competence of the Federation's Assembly.

### **Article 38**

Recommendations reflect the position of the Federation's Assembly relating to the specific issue in the domain of work of the Assembly and its bodies and provide the opinion on the need to introduce specific measures.

### **Article 39**

Rules of Procedure are documents containing the provisions on the work of the Federation's Assembly, and bodies and entities of the Assembly, the Executive Committee and its bodies, and the rights and obligations of the Assembly officers.

### **Article 40**

1. Documents and decisions taken by the Federation's Assembly and the Executive Committee shall be signed by the President of the Assembly and the Executive Committee.
2. Documents and decisions of the working bodies of the Assembly and the Executive Committee shall be signed by their President/Chairmen.
3. Original documents and decisions, signed and certified with the Federation's seal shall be kept in the records of the Federation's Assembly.

### **Article 41**

1. Statutes, Regulations, Programmes and Plans, Annual Financial Budgets, Annual Financial Statements, Decisions on elections, appointments and dismissals shall be published in the Federation's Official Gazette.
2. The Assembly may also decide to publish its other decisions in the Official Gazette of the Federation.
3. The Federation's Secretary shall make sure decisions and documents are published.

## MINUTES

### **Article 42**

1. The Minutes shall be kept on the work of the Assembly and the Minutes' certifiers shall be appointed.
2. Separate Minutes shall be kept if strictly confidential issues are discussed and resolved at the session or if discussions are held closed to public.
3. The Minutes of the previous session shall be adopted at the first following session.
4. The Federation's Secretary shall make sure the Minutes are kept.
5. If the minutes are kept by the Public notary, no Minutes' certifiers shall be appointed.

### **Article 43**

1. The Minutes shall contain:
  - time and place of the session,
  - the session number,
  - the Agenda,
  - names of attending representatives,
  - names of non-attending representatives with the note whether they have or have not provided the excuse note for their absence,
  - names of other participants in the session,
  - the summarized course and the debate with names of speakers and summaries of their presentations,
  - results of voting on individual issues,
  - designations and names of documents and decisions issued at the session.
2. Individual decisions shall be entered in the Minutes.
3. The Minutes shall be kept by the registering clerk appointed at the beginning of the session, and signed by two elected certifiers of the Minutes. If the minutes are kept by the Public Notary, the certifiers of the Minutes shall not sign the Minutes.

4. If the Minutes are adopted at the following session, they shall be signed by the President of the Assembly and the Executive Director of the Federation.

5. The Minutes that are to be submitted to a competent body of the public administration before their approval at the following session shall be signed by the recording clerk and one of the persons authorized to represent the Federation.

#### **Article 44**

Stenographic notes or phonographic records may be kept on the work conducted at the session, with the record of the session developments.

### **PUBLIC NATURE OF THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY**

#### **Article 45**

1. The work of the Federation's Assembly shall be public.

2. The Assembly shall notify the general public of its work and the work of its bodies, with decisions via public media and through publishing in the Federation's Official Gazette.

3. Public sessions may be attended by public media representatives, and reports, documents and decision proposals of the Federation's Assembly, reports, documents and other written materials on issues that will be discussed shall be made available or shall be shown to them, except those considered business secret.

4. The Assembly, the Executive Committee and other bodies and working bodies may notify the public through press releases or press conferences and other mass media.

#### **Article 46**

The decision may be passed by the Assembly, by the Executive Committee or their bodies and entities to discuss and decide on specific issues at closed-door sessions.

### **FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 47**

1. The term of office of the Federation's Executive Committee members shall elapse upon the verification of the term of office of the new representatives at the election session of the Federation's Assembly.



2. Terms of office of legal and working bodies of the Executive Committee from the previous session shall be extended until the appointment of new members of such working bodies.

#### **Article 48**

All the members of the Federation are obligated to include in their regulations on elections to their bodies the corresponding provisions of these Rules.

#### **Article 49**

1. These Rules of Procedure shall become effective on the day of their adoption and shall be published in the official gazette of the Federation.

#### **Article 50**

As of the effective date of these Rules, the Rules of Procedure for the Work of the Assembly adopted at the session of the Assembly held on 14.04.2014 and amended at the sessions held on 20.04.2015 and 21.12.2016 are no longer valid.

President of the Assembly

Davor Šuker, by his own hand