

AMATEUR FOOTBALL ALLIANCE LIMITED
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION 21st JUNE 2021
COMPANY No. 3957859

Interpretation		
1.	The model articles of association for a private company limited by guarantee set out in Schedule 2 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI2008/3229) and any amendment or replacement from time to time shall not apply to the Alliance but the regulations contained in the following clauses (as originally adopted or from time to time altered by Special Resolution) shall be the Articles.	
2.	In these Articles:	
	"the Act"	means the Companies Act 2006 as amended, restated or re-enacted from time to time;
	"Affiliated Club"	Means a football club which the Council has accepted may affiliate to the Alliance as a Member or an Associate Member;
	"Affiliated League"	Means a league of Affiliated Clubs which the Council has accepted may affiliate to the Alliance.
	"Articles"	Means these Articles of Association;
	"Club Associate Member"	Means an Affiliated Club or other person who the Council has resolved may be an associate member of the Alliance;
	"Associate Member of Council"	Means any Council Member who has been transferred to associate membership of Council under Article 55
	"Alliance"	Means The Amateur Football Alliance Limited;
	"Ballot"	means an election by completion of a secret ballot paper;
	"Chairman"	Means the chairman of the Council of the Alliance appointed from time to time in accordance with Article 41;
	"Chief Executive Officer"	Means the person appointed from time to time to be the Chief Executive Officer for the Alliance appointed in accordance with Article 62;
	"clear days"	In relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is giving or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;
	"Company Secretary"	Means the company secretary of the Alliance or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the company secretary of the Alliance pursuant to the Act, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary;
	"Competition"	Means a competition of Affiliated Clubs which the Council has accepted may affiliate to the Alliance;
	"the Council"	Means the Council of the Alliance as constituted under these Articles and any Rules made pursuant thereto;
	"Council Members"	Means the persons appointed or elected from time to time to be members of the Council in accordance with these Articles;
	"Club"	Means an Affiliated Club which the Council has resolved may be a member or a Club Associate Member of the Alliance;
	"Directors"	Means the directors of the Alliance for the purposes of the Act as appointed from time to time under these Articles;
	"Elected Vice-Presidents"	means the persons elected from time to time to be the vice-presidents of the Alliance appointed in accordance with Article 43.
	"executed"	Includes any mode of execution;
	"FA Representative"	Means the person appointed from time to time in accordance with Article 45 to be the Alliance's representative at The Football Association under the Articles of The Football Association;
	"The Football Association"	Means The Football Association Limited of Wembley Stadium, Wembley, London HA9 0WS;
	"The AFA and London Society of Association Referees"	Means the Association of referees operating within the Alliance and recognised from time to time by the directors;
	"Honorary Solicitor"	Means the Council Member (if appointed) appointed from time to time by the directors to be the honorary solicitor in accordance with Article 46;
	"Honorary Assistant Referees"	means the Council Member appointed from time to time to be the

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Secretary"	honorary assistant referees' secretary of The Alliance in accordance with Article 46;
"Honorary Referees' Secretary"	means the Council Member appointed from time to time to be the honorary referees' secretary of The Alliance in accordance with Article 46;
"Laws of the Game"	Means the laws of Association Football as settled by the Federation Internationale de Football Associations ("FIFA") from time to time;
"Life Members"	Means the persons appointed from time to time to be the life members of the Alliance in accordance with Article 40 ;
"Life Vice-Presidents"	Means the persons appointed from time to time to be the life vice-presidents of the Alliance in accordance with Article 42;
"members"	Means those Affiliated Leagues, Competitions, Clubs, Associate Members and individuals admitted into the membership of the Alliance in accordance with Article 3;
"Membership Rules"	Means the membership rules of the Alliance created and amended from time to time pursuant to Article 6;
"office"	Means the registered office of the Alliance;
"Past Presidents"	means the former Presidents of The Alliance who have become past Presidents in accordance with Article 38;
"President"	Means the person elected from time to time to be the President of the Alliance in accordance with Article 40;
"Rules"	Means the rules, regulations, standing orders and bye-laws of the Alliance as amended from time to time;
"Rules of The Football Association"	Means the rules of The Football Association as amended from time to time;
"Standing Committees"	Means the standing committees of the Council as created in accordance with Article 49 as amended from time to time in accordance with Articles 50 and 51;
"Honorary Treasurer"	Means the person appointed from time to time to be the treasurer of the Alliance in accordance with Article 41;
"United Kingdom"	Means Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
"Vice Chairman"	Means the person appointed from time to time to be the Vice Chairman of Council in accordance with Article 41;

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

3.	The members as at the date of adoption of these Articles and such other persons as are admitted to membership by the Council in their absolute discretion in accordance with the Articles shall be the members of the Alliance. Every person who wishes to become a member shall deliver to the Alliance an application for membership in such form as the Council requires executed by him. The provisions of section 113 of the Act shall be observed by the Alliance and every member shall either sign a written consent to become a member or sign the register of members on becoming a member. For the purposes of registration the number of members is declared to be unlimited. Every corporation and unincorporated association which is admitted to membership may exercise such powers as are prescribed by section 323 of the Act. Council Members shall be members but any person who ceases to be a Council Member shall automatically cease to be a member and his name shall be erased from the Register of Members.
4.	A member may withdraw from membership of the Association on seven days' clear notice to the Alliance. Membership shall not be transferable in any event and shall cease immediately on death or dissolution or on the failure of the member to comply or to continue to comply with any condition of membership set out in these Articles or the Rules or the Membership Rules.
5.	The directors may from time to time make, vary and revoke Rules relating to the levels of subscriptions or affiliation fees to be paid by the different categories of members.
6.	Subject to Article 5, the Council may from time to time make, vary and revoke rules relating to all aspects of membership of the Alliance including (without limitation) Membership Rules: (a) setting out different categories of membership of the Alliance including Rules for Associate Members; (b) setting out rights, privileges and obligations of the different categories of members; (c) relating to the organisation of members including (without limitation) rules of, finances of and financial and other records and minute books to be kept by members;

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(d)	setting out which office holder(s) of a member may represent the member at general meetings of the Alliance;
(e)	setting out disciplinary procedures for members and players.
7.	It shall be the duty of the directors, if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Alliance so require, by notice in writing sent by prepaid post to a member's address, to request that member to withdraw from membership of the Alliance within a time specified in such notice. No such notice shall be sent except on a vote of the Council Members present and voting, which majority shall include one half of the total number of the directors Council Members for the time being.
8.	If, on the expiry of the time specified in such notice, the member concerned has not withdrawn from membership by submitting written notice of his resignation, or if at any time after receipt of the notice requesting him to withdraw from membership the member shall so request in writing, the matter shall be submitted to a properly convened and constituted meeting of the directors. The directors and the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be given at least 14 days' notice of the meeting, and such notice shall specify the matter to be discussed. The member concerned shall at the meeting be entitled to present a statement in his defence either verbally or in writing, and he shall not be required to withdraw from membership unless half of the directors present and voting shall, after receiving the statement in his defence, vote for his expulsion, or unless the member fails to attend the meeting without sufficient reason being given. If such a vote is carried, or if the member shall fail to attend the meeting without sufficient reason being given, he shall thereupon cease to be a member and his name shall be erased from the register of members.
9.	The members shall pay any subscription, affiliation and other fees set by the directors. Any member whose subscription or affiliation fee is more than one month in arrears shall be deemed to have resigned his membership of the Alliance.
GENERAL MEETINGS	
10.	The Alliance shall hold a general meeting in every calendar year as its annual general meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the directors, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it. The annual general meeting shall be held for the following purposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to receive from the directors a full statement of account; (b) to receive from the directors a report of the activities of the Alliance since the previous annual general meeting; (c) to appoint the Alliance's auditors; and (d) to transact such other business as may be brought before it in accordance with these Articles.
11.	The directors may call general meetings and, on the requisition of one-tenth of the members pursuant to the provisions of the Act, shall within twenty one days proceed to convene a general meeting for a date not later than twenty eight days after the date of the notice convening the meeting. Such requisition must state the object of the meeting. If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient directors to call a general meeting, any director or the secretary may call a general meeting.
NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS	
12.	An annual general meeting and a general meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by at least 14 clear days' notice and every other general meeting shall be called by at least 14 days' notice. A general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote being a majority together holding not less than 90% of the total voting rights at the meeting of all the members.
13.	The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of special business, the general nature of such business. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at a general meeting and also all business that is transacted at an annual general meeting with the exception of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the consideration and adoption of the accounts and balance sheet and the reports of the directors and auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the accounts; (b) the appointment of auditors (and the fixing of their remuneration) where special notice of the resolution for such appointment is not required by the Companies Act. <p>The notice shall, in the case of an annual general meeting, specify the meeting as such, and, in the case of a meeting to pass a special resolution, specify the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.</p>
14.	The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate any resolution passed or the proceedings at that

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	meeting.
PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS	
15.	No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of 25 members (excluding Associate Members) is present in person or by proxy.
16.	If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the directors may determine and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.
17.	The President, or in his absence the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman shall preside as chairman of the meeting, but if neither the President, the Chairman nor the Vice Chairman be present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting and, if there is only one director present and willing to act, he shall be chairman of the meeting.
18.	If no director is willing to act as chairman of the meeting, or if no director is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members entitled to vote and present in person, by proxy or in the case of a corporate member by representative shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
19.	The chairman of the meeting may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any such notice.
20.	The chairman of the meeting may at any time without the consent of the meeting adjourn any meeting (whether or not it has commenced or a quorum is present) either without fixing a day for the meeting or to another time or place where it appears to him that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) members wishing to attend cannot be conveniently accommodated in the place appointed for the meeting; (b) the conduct of persons present prevents or is likely to prevent the orderly continuation of business; or (c) an adjournment is otherwise necessary so that the business of the meeting may be properly conducted.
21.	If an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution under consideration but shall in good faith be ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling. With the consent of the chairman of the meeting, an amendment may be withdrawn by its proposer before it is voted upon. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special resolution, no amendment thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a typographical error) may in any event be considered or voted upon.
22.	A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) by the chairman of the meeting; or (b) by at least five members present in person or by proxy and having the right to vote at the meeting.
23.	Unless a poll is duly demanded a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.
24.	The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.
25.	A poll shall be taken at such time and place and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
26.	In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, if the chairman of the meeting is a member of the Alliance then he shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.

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27.	A poll demanded on the election of a chairman of the meeting or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chairman of the meeting directs not being more than 14 days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
28.	No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.
29.	A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of such number of members who would have been entitled to vote for the resolution had it been proposed in general meeting at which all of the members were present and voting shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more members.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

30.	Subject to Article 26, on a show of hands every member who is present in person shall have one vote and on a poll every member present in person by proxy or in the case of a corporate member by representative shall have one vote. Club Associate Members shall not be entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at general meetings.
30A.	A member is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend and speak and vote at a meeting of the company. Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy; (b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed; (c) is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and (d) is delivered to the registered office of the Alliance not less than 48 hours before the meeting in accordance with the Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate and (e) states whether the votes of the member who appoints the proxy must be cast in accordance with his instructions.
30B.	A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the Alliance by or on behalf of that person.
30C.	An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Association a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given. A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
31.	If any votes are given or counted at a general meeting which shall afterwards be discovered to be improperly given or counted, the same shall not affect the validity of any resolution or thing passed or done at the said meeting, unless the objection to such votes be taken at the same meeting, and not in that case, unless the chairman of the meeting shall then and there decide that the error is of sufficient magnitude to affect such resolution or thing.
32.	No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

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COUNCIL

33.	The Council Members shall comprise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the President; (ii) the Chairman; (iii) the Vice Chairman; (iv) the Past Presidents (v) the Honorary Treasurer; (vi) the Life Vice-Presidents;
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(vii)	the Elected Vice-Presidents														
(viii)	the Life Members														
(ix)	the Honorary Solicitor;														
(x)	the Representative to The Football Association Council														
(xi)	the Honorary Referee's' Secretary														
(xii)	the Honorary Assistant Referee's' Secretary														
(xiii)	two representatives nominated by the AFA and London Society of Association Referees who shall be an AFA parent referee														
(xiv)	one or more representatives appointed in accordance with Article 35 by each Affiliated League, Combination or Competition, having not less than 10 Affiliated Clubs in membership, the number of such representatives being determined in accordance with the number of Affiliated Clubs in membership or teams playing within the Affiliated League, Combination or Competition (as appropriate) as set out in the table below:														
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34.	The Council Member set out in paragraph (x) of Article 33 shall hold office until such time as he retires or is removed by the directors pursuant to Article 61.
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APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL

35.	Each organisation or group of organisations, entitled to nominate a person to be a Council Member pursuant to paragraphs (xiii) to (xiv) of Article 33, shall submit to the Council for approval by such time as the Board shall prescribe, the name or names of the person or persons (as the case may be) they propose to nominate as a Council Member or Council Members (as the case may be). Such persons if approved by the Council shall serve for a one year term from the 1 st July in each year and shall be eligible for re-appointment. In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in relation to any Council Members appointed pursuant to this Article, the organisation concerned shall have power but shall not be obliged to fill the vacancy.
36.	Subject to Articles 35, the Council shall have power to fill any other vacancy which may occur on the Council during the year. A Council Member so appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office until such time as the person who was replaced was due to retire but shall be eligible for re-appointment in accordance with these Articles.
37.	The Council shall have power to co-opt such persons as they think fit to serve as Council Members. Those persons co-opted to the Council shall serve for such term and on such conditions as the Council thinks fit and may be removed by Council at any time.

PAST PRESIDENTS

38.	The number of Past Presidents is declared to be unlimited. A person who has served as President shall automatically, on expiration of his term of office, become a Past President. Past Presidents shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all Council meetings and shall be entitled to remain on the Council for the rest of their lives without the need to be reappointed. For the avoidance of doubt, a Past President may be nominated to be the President provided that a period of at least one year has passed since he last held that position. Past Presidents shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe.
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PRESIDENT

39.	The President shall be elected by the Council at the last Council meeting before 1 st July in each year. Only a Council Member may nominate a person for President. Nominations for the office of President shall be made on the prescribed form and must be sent together with the names of proposers and seconders to the Company Secretary by such date as the Board shall prescribe in each year. A person so appointed shall hold office for a one year term until the last Council meeting before 1 st July in the following year but shall be eligible for re-election for a further term of one year, on the expiry of which he shall retire. The Council shall
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	have power to fill any vacancy arising in the position of President pursuant to Article 36 and a person so appointed shall hold office until the last Council meeting before the next 1 st July and shall then be eligible for re-election in accordance with this Article. The President shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe.
LIFE MEMBERS	
40.	The Council may appoint such persons as it thinks fit to be Life Members. Life Members shall be entitled to remain Council Members for the rest of their lives without the need to be re-elected. Life Members shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe, subject to the provisions of Article 55.
CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND HONORARY TREASURER	
41.	At the last Council meeting before 1 st July in each year the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Honorary Treasurer shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. The election procedure shall be set out in a Memorandum which has been approved and may be amended from time to time by a simple majority of Council Members present at a Council meeting. These persons shall hold office from that Council Meeting until the last Council meeting before 1 st July in the following year. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Honorary Treasurer shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe. Any vacancy in the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Honorary Treasurer shall be filled in accordance with Article 36.
LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS	
42.	There shall be a maximum of 30 Life Vice-Presidents at any time, subject to Article 55(c)(viii). The Life Vice-Presidents may be elected by the Council at the last Council meeting before 1 st July in any year. Subject to Article 55 Life Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all Council meetings. Life Vice-Presidents shall, on being elected pursuant to this Article, be entitled to remain on the Council for the rest of their lives without the need to be re-appointed. Life Vice-Presidents shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe.
ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENTS	
43.	There shall be a maximum of 12 Elected Vice-Presidents at any time, subject to Article 55(c)(viii). Only Council Members may be nominated for the Office of Elected Vice-President. The Elected Vice-Presidents may be elected by the Council at the last Council meeting before 1 st July in any year. Nominations for the office of Elected Vice-President shall be sent, by post, hand delivery to the AFA Office or by email with two Council Members as the proposer and seconder, so as to reach the Company Secretary on or before such date as the Board shall prescribe each year. Subject to Article 55 the persons elected as Elected Vice-Presidents shall hold office for a three year term from the last Council meeting before the annual general meeting at which they were elected, but shall be eligible for re-election. Elected Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all Council meetings. Elected Vice-Presidents shall have such rights and privileges as the Council shall from time to time prescribe.
44.	In relation to the nominations made pursuant to Articles 41 to 46 no Council Member may propose or second more than any one person to be President, a Life Vice-President, Elected Vice-President, Chairman, Vice Chairman and Honorary Treasurer. Where there is more than one nomination for a particular position, a ballot shall be conducted in such manner as Council may decide, in a Memorandum which has been approved and may be amended from time to time by a simple majority of Council Members present at a Council meeting, at the last Council meeting prior to 1 st July.
FA REPRESENTATIVE	
45.	The Council shall elect by secret ballot one of its number at the last Council meeting before the 1 st July each year to be the Representative to the Football Association Council. The election procedure shall be set out in a Memorandum which has been approved and may be amended from time to time by a simple majority of Council Members present at a Council meeting. The person so elected shall be appointed for a one year term from the 1 st July following his election and upon such conditions as the Council thinks fit including reporting back to the Council at meetings and to the Board on matters concerning the Football Association. Any person so appointed may be removed at any time by the Council. Any casual vacancy arising in the office of FA Representative may be filled by the Council in accordance with Article 37.
HONORARY OFFICIALS	

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46.	The Council shall decide at the last Council meeting before 1 st July in each year which of their number shall be elected by secret ballot as the Honorary Referees' Secretary, Honorary Assistant Referees' Secretary and Honorary Solicitor. The election procedure shall be set out in a Memorandum which has been approved and may be amended from time to time by a simple majority of Council Members present at a Council meeting. The persons so elected shall be appointed for a one year term from the 1 st July following his election and upon such conditions as the Council thinks fit. Any person so appointed may be removed from the position at any time by the Council.
POWERS OF COUNCIL	
47.	The Council has the power to appoint and remove the directors in accordance with these Articles.
48.	The Council has the power to regulate and manage all footballing matters referred to it including (without limitation) all AFA cup competitions including fair play sportsmanship and hospitality, disciplinary, representative team selection, referees development, youth development, football development including women's and girls' football, marketing and communications, governance, facilities development, emergency and general purposes and other matters pertaining to the regulation and conduct of football in the Alliance.
49.	Pursuant to Article 48, at the first Council meeting following 1 st July each year the Council shall appoint such suitably qualified persons whether or not Council Members as they think fit to a Disciplinary Panel and to such committees of the Council to regulate and manage all footballing matters referred to them by the Council under Article 48 and to refer matters back to the Council for approval where the Council so directs in committee terms of reference approved by the Council, to hold office until the first Council meeting following 1 st July in the following year:
50.	The Council may in its absolute discretion at any time amend or add to the Standing Committees in Articles 48 and 49 and may at any time dispense with the need for any of the Standing Committees set out in Article 49. The Council may also amend the name of any Standing Committee at any time.
51.	<p>(a) Each Standing Committee appointed in accordance with Articles 48 and 49 shall decide which of its number shall be chairman and which vice chairman of the Standing Committee. Each Standing Committee shall conduct its business in accordance with any terms of reference and standing orders set by the Council from time to time.</p> <p>(b) The Standing Committees of the Council shall have power to co-opt up to three participants in football for their expertise at any time subject to approval by the Council in advance or to ratification at its next meeting provided that the number of co-opted members does not exceed the number of elected committee members. Co-opted persons shall have full voting rights as a Standing Committee member after such approval or ratification as a Standing Committee member by the Council.</p>
PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL	
52.	Council Members are entitled to attend all Council meetings and general meetings and subject to the provisions of these Articles are entitled to vote at such meetings.
53.	The Council shall meet at least four times in each calendar year. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum of 15 Council Members is present. The Chief Executive Officer on the request of any 12 Council Members shall call additional Council meetings. At least fourteen days' notice of each Council meeting shall be given to each Council Member. The accidental omission to give notice of a Council meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any Council Member shall not invalidate any resolution passed or the proceedings at that meeting.
54.	The Chief Executive Officer shall maintain a record of attendance at Council and Standing Committee meetings for the purpose of reporting to the Board and Council.
MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL AND TRANSFER TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP	
55.	<p>(a) A Council Member shall upon election or appointment have full voting rights at Council meetings</p> <p>(b) A Council Member who does not attend any Council or Standing Committee meeting for at least one year from 1st July in any year shall, unless Council deems otherwise, be transferred to associate membership, and the General Secretary shall confirm the transfer to such Council Member by email or by post.</p> <p>(c) An Associate Member of Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) shall be entitled to notice of, receive documents for, and attend and speak at Council meetings (ii) shall not be included in any calculation of the quorum for Council meetings (iii) shall not be entitled to vote at Council meetings (iv) shall not hold any office under Article 33 other than Past President, Life Vice-President, elected Vice-President or Life Member (v) may be co-opted to Council Committees in accordance with Article 37 (vi) shall, if not a Past President, Life Vice-President or Life Member of Council, and if no longer

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	<p>holding office due to the operation of Article 55(c)(iv), cease to be a Council Member on the date on which the term of office held at the time of becoming an Associate Member of Council would have expired</p> <p>(vii) may, if Council decides at any Council meeting, be restored to membership with full voting rights</p> <p>(viii) shall not be counted as one of the maximum number that may subsist at any time of 30 Life Vice-Presidents under Article 42 or 12 Elected Vice-Presidents under Article 43</p>
DIRECTORS	
56.	Subject to Articles 6 and 36 to 53 the affairs of the Alliance shall be governed by the directors who may authorise all such acts and the exercise of all such powers of the Alliance by the directors, on whom executive management powers are conferred as directors, as may be required to give effect to the objects as described in these Articles of Association.
57.	In the absence of any expression to the contrary in the Articles, rules or any regulations, or standing orders, or decisions of the directors, a matter shall be carried if supported by a simple majority of the directors present and voting.
NUMBER OF DIRECTORS	
58.	Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors shall be subject to a maximum of fourteen until the FA Code of Governance is implemented but shall be not less than four.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
59.	<p>The directors shall be:</p> <p>(i) the Chairman of Council;</p> <p>(ii) the Vice-Chairman of Council;</p> <p>(iii) the Honorary Treasurer;</p> <p>(iv) the Representative to The Football Association;</p> <p>(v) up to five further persons elected by the Council.</p> <p>(vi) such other persons as the Board may co-opt in accordance with Article 60.</p>
60.	The directors shall have power to co-opt such persons to the Board for such term and upon such conditions as the Directors shall in their discretion determine.
61.	The directors set out in paragraphs (i) to (v) (inclusive) of Article 59 shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election in accordance with Article 42.
62.	The directors shall decide who shall be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer for such term and upon such conditions as they think fit. Any person so appointed may be removed by the directors at any time. The directors may fill any casual vacancy in the position of Chief Executive Officer or Honorary Solicitor.
ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD	
63.	At the last Council meeting before 1 st July each year elections shall be held to elect Directors in place of those retiring pursuant to Article 60. All Council Members will be sent a nomination paper on or before such date as the Board shall prescribe each year which must be completed and returned to the Company Secretary not later than such date as the Board shall prescribe each year.
64.	Only Council Members are eligible for election as a director and only Council Members may participate in the election of directors. The Company Secretary shall send, on request, to Council Members a nomination paper on or before such date as the directors shall prescribe each year. Such nomination paper must be completed and returned to the County Secretary by post, hand delivery to the AFA Office or by email not later than such date as the directors shall prescribe each year.
65.	Any Council Member may nominate another Council Member to be a director on the form provided, which must be seconded by another Council Member and signed by the candidate. Council Members may only nominate or second one candidate.
66.	A ballot paper containing the names of all candidates will be handed to each Council Member at such time as the Board shall prescribe each year.
67.	In the event that a ballot is necessary, such ballot shall take place in such manner as the directors shall prescribe.
68.	The requisite number of candidates recording the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to fill the vacancies that have arisen, such persons to serve for a one year term from that Council meeting.
DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS	
69.	The directors may delegate any of their powers to any committee consisting of one or more directors. They may also delegate to any director holding any other executive office such of their powers as they consider desirable to be exercised by him. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the directors may impose, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers, and may be revoked or

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	altered. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the Articles regulating the proceedings of directors so far as they are capable of applying.
APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS	
70.	Without prejudice to the provisions of section 168 of the Act, the members may by ordinary resolution remove any director before the expiration of his period of office, and may by an ordinary resolution appoint another suitably qualified person in his stead; but any person so appointed shall retain his office so long only as the director in whose place he is appointed would have held the same if he had not been removed.
71.	The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director to fill a casual vacancy provided that the appointment does not cause the number of directors to exceed any number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles as the maximum number of directors. A director so appointed shall hold office until the person he has replaced was due to retire but shall be eligible for re-election.
72.	If any director is not re-appointed, he shall retain office until the meeting appoints someone in his place, or if it does not do so, until the end of the meeting.
73.	<p>The office of a director shall be vacated if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) he ceases to be a Council Member; (b) he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director; or (c) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or (d) he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960, or (ii) an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs; or (e) he resigns his office by notice in writing to the Alliance, or he shall without sufficient reason for more than three consecutive Board meetings have been absent without permission of the directors and the directors resolve that his office be vacated; or (g) he is suspended from holding office or from taking part in any footballing activity relating to the administration or management of the Alliance by a decision of The Football Association; or (h) he is removed from office by a resolution duly passed pursuant to section 168 of the Act; or (i) he is removed from office by two-thirds majority of Council Members present and voting at the Council meeting at which the resolution to remove him is proposed.
DIRECTORS' AND COUNCIL MEMBERS EXPENSES	
74.	The directors and Council Members may be paid all reasonable travelling and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of directors or committees of directors or general meetings or other meetings of the Alliance or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties save where the Rules provide otherwise. The Alliance may also fund a director's expenditure for the purposes permitted under the Act and may do anything to enable a director to avoid incurring such expenditure as provided in the Act.
DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS	
75.	Subject as otherwise provided in the Act or these Articles, a director may be in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract or arrangement or transaction with the Association and he may hold and be remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of auditor of the Alliance) under the Alliance and he (or any firm of which he is a member) may act in a professional capacity for the Alliance and be remunerated and in any such case (save as otherwise agreed) he may retain for his own absolute use and benefit all profits and advantages accruing to him in consequence of so acting.
76.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A director must declare to the other directors any situation of which he is aware in which he has, or could have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly conflict, with the interests of the Alliance unless it relates to a contract, transaction or arrangement with the Alliance or the matter has been authorised by the directors or the situation cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest. (b) The directors may (subject to such terms and conditions, if any, as they may think fit to impose from time to time, and subject always to their right to vary or terminate such authorisation) authorise, to the fullest extent permitted by law any conflict or potential conflict disclosed under Article 75. Provided that for this purpose

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	the director in question and any other interested director are not counted in the quorum for any resolution at any board meeting pursuant to which such conflict or potential conflict is authorised and it is agreed to without their voting or would have been agreed to if their votes had not been counted.
(c)	A director shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Alliance for any benefit which he derives from any matter where the conflict or potential conflict has been authorised by the directors pursuant to Article 75 (subject in any such case to any limits or conditions to which such authorisation was subject).
77.	
(a)	A director who becomes aware that he is in any way, directly or indirectly interested in a proposed or existing contract, transaction or arrangement with the Alliance must declare the nature and extent of that interest to the other directors unless it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest.
(b)	Save as herein provided, or otherwise agreed in writing by all of the directors, a director shall not vote in respect of any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Alliance in which he has an interest which is to his knowledge a material interest otherwise than by virtue of being a member. A director shall not be counted in the quorum at the meeting in relation to any resolution on which he is debarred from voting.
(c)	Subject to the provisions of the Act and always to the provisions of Article 74 a director shall (in the absence of some other material interest than is indicated below) be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of any resolution concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Alliance or any subsidiary for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security; or (ii) any arrangement for the benefit of directors or employees of the Alliance or directors or employees of any subsidiary which does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the other persons to whom such arrangement relates.
(d)	If any question shall arise at any time as to the materiality of a director's interest or as to the entitlement of any director to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting (or if the director concerned is the chairman to the other directors at the meeting) and his or their ruling (as the case may be) shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interests of such director has not been fairly disclosed.
(e)	Subject as otherwise provided in the Act or these Articles, a director may be in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract or arrangement or transaction with the Alliance and he may hold and be remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of auditor of the Alliance) under the Alliance and he (or any firm of which he is a member) may act in a professional capacity for the Alliance and be remunerated and in any such case (save as otherwise agreed) he may retain for his own absolute use and benefit all profits and advantages accruing to him in consequence of so acting.
PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS	
78.	The Directors and Chief Executive Officer shall be members of all Standing Committees ex officio and are entitled to receive notice of all meetings of Standing Committees and shall be entitled to attend and speak at such meetings and shall not be entitled to vote at such meetings.
79.	The directors shall regularly report to the Council on all their activities. Minutes of Meetings of the Board shall be available to the Council but may exclude sensitive data and protected matters.
80.	The Board may at its discretion, award honoraria to such persons, as it thinks fit.
81.	Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit. A director may, and the Company secretary at the request of a director shall, call a meeting of the directors. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting to a director who is absent from the United Kingdom. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
82.	Any director may participate in a meeting of the Board, or of a committee of directors, by way of video conferencing or conference telephone or similar equipment which allows every person participating to hear and speak to one another throughout such meeting. A person so participating shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall accordingly be counted in the quorum and be entitled to vote. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting is.
83.	A meeting of the directors at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the authorities, powers and discretions by or under the regulations of the Alliance for the time being vested in the Alliance

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	generally. The quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors shall be four.
84.	At the first meeting of the directors after 1 st July they shall elect one of their number to be Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall preside at every meeting of directors at which he is present. But if there is no person holding that office, or if the Chairman is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
85.	The continuing directors or a sole continuing director may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their number, but, if the number of directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing directors or director may act only for the purpose of calling Council meetings, filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.
86.	All acts carried out by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, or by a person acting as a director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any director or that any of them were disqualified from holding office, or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director and had been entitled to vote.
87.	A resolution in writing signed by all the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of directors or (as the case may be) a committee of directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more directors.
88.	Save as otherwise provided by the Articles, a director shall not vote at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty which is material and which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Alliance.
89.	A director shall not be counted in the quorum present at a meeting in relation to a resolution on which he is not entitled to vote.
90.	The Council may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax to any extent, in respect of any particular matter, any provision of the Articles prohibiting a director from voting at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors.
91.	Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more directors to offices or employments with the Alliance or anybody corporate in which the Alliance is interested the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each director separately and (provided he is not for another reason precluded from voting) each of the directors concerned shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.
92.	If a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to vote, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any director other than himself shall be final and conclusive.
SECRETARY	
93.	Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company Secretary shall be appointed by the directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any Company Secretary so appointed may be removed by them. For the avoidance of doubt the Chief Executive Officer may be appointed as the secretary.
MINUTES	
94.	The directors shall cause minutes to be made in a written form kept for the purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) of all appointments made by the directors; and (b) of all proceedings at meetings of the Alliance, which shall include without limitation proceedings of the Council, and of the directors, and of committees of directors, including the names of the directors present at each such meeting. Any such minutes of any meeting, if purporting to be signed by the chairman of such meeting, or by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated.
ACCOUNTS	
95.	The directors shall cause accounting records of the Alliance to be kept in accordance with section 386 of the Act and any regulations made pursuant thereto (or as the same may be hereafter amended or altered). No member shall (as such) have any right of inspecting any accounting records or other book or document of the Alliance except as conferred by statute or authorised by the directors or by ordinary resolution of the Alliance. Once at least in every year the accounts of the Alliance shall be examined and the correctness of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet ascertained by one or more appropriately qualified auditor or auditors. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the Act.
NOTICES	

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96.	Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the Articles shall be in writing except that a notice calling a meeting of the directors need not be in writing.
97.	The Alliance may give any notice to a member either personally or by email to a member's email address or by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address. A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the Alliance address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him shall be entitled to have notices given to him at that address, but otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any notice from the Alliance.
98.	A member present at any meeting of the Alliance shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.
99.	Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be given at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted or after emailing it to the member's email address.
DISSOLUTION	
100.	If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Alliance there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed among the members of the Alliance equally.
RULES	
101.	The Alliance and its members shall be bound by and subject to and shall act in accordance with the Rules and the Rules of The Football Association and any regulations, standing orders, decisions, rulings or other findings or orders of any nature made pursuant to the Rules or the Rules of The Football Association. In the case of any difference between provisions under these Articles, the Rules and the Rules of The Football Association, the Rules of The Football Association and any provisions made pursuant to them shall take precedence.
INDEMNITY	
102.	Subject to the provisions of the Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, every director or other officer or auditor of the Alliance shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Alliance against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Alliance.
ALTERATIONS TO THE ARTICLES	
103.	Any proposal to alter the Articles not being such as by statute requires a special resolution or to wind-up the Alliance shall require the approval of the Alliance in general meeting and the same may be passed or approved by a resolution of the Alliance passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Alliance for the time being entitled to vote who may be present in person in accordance with the Act and (in the case of a winding-up) in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended from time to time).
104.	The Football Association shall, if invited by the directors to the meeting, have, all the rights of a member of the company in relation to receiving notice of, and attending and speaking at general meetings and to receiving minutes of general meetings but shall have no right to vote at general meetings.
RULES, STANDING ORDERS AND BYE-LAWS	
105.	The directors have the power from time to time to make, repeal and amend regulations for the better administration of the Alliance.
106.	The Council has the power to make, repeal and amend regulations for the sanction and control of leagues and competitions, regulations for disciplinary proceedings of players and members, and regulations relating to referees.
107.	Any such rules made pursuant to Articles 106 and 107 must be consistent with and subject to the Rules of The Football Association.
OBJECTS	
108.	The objects for which the Alliance is established are:
(a)	to promote, foster, develop and support the game of Association Football ("the game") in every way, without discrimination, and to take all steps as shall be thought necessary or advisable for preventing infringements of the Laws of the Game as they apply from time to time, or any improper methods or practices in the game, and for protecting the game from abuses;

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<p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(d)</p> <p>(e)</p> <p>(f)</p> <p>(g)</p> <p>(h)</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(j)</p> <p>(k)</p> <p>(l)</p> <p>(m)</p> <p>(n)</p>	<p>to make, adopt, vary and publish rules, regulations, bye-laws and conditions for the regulation of the game or otherwise as shall be determined from time to time by The Football Association Limited, and to take all such steps as shall be thought necessary or advisable for enforcing such rules, regulations, bye-laws and conditions;</p> <p>to promote, foster, develop and support the principle of fair play in the game by encouraging everyone involved in the game to show respect to each other and to behave in a sporting manner both on and off the field of play;</p> <p>to promote, foster, develop and support organisations designed in any way to promote, foster, develop and support the game, including playing the game, the training and regulation of players, coaches and referees, the promotion of sportsmanship, the promotion of security in relation to spectating and the advancement of science and medicine as they apply to the game, and in any way in relation to all other aspects of the game, including by subscribing for shares, loan stock, warrants and other instruments in such organisations, or becoming involved as a member or affiliate of such organisations, or facilitating the drafting and adoption of the constitution or memorandum and articles of association of such organisations or by making payments by way of grant or otherwise to such organisations;</p> <p>to maintain, continue and provide for the affiliation and registration of competitions, clubs and other organisations for promoting or playing the game;</p> <p>to maintain, continue and provide for the affiliation and registration of players, referees, coaches and others involved in the game;</p> <p>to promote, provide for, regulate and manage competitions and matches, in the County or elsewhere, and to do or provide for all or any such matters and things as may be considered necessary for or ancillary to such promotion, provision, regulation or management, including for the comfort, conduct, conveyance, convenience or benefit of players and of the public, and of any other persons concerned or engaged in such competitions or matches;</p> <p>to provide for the proper custody, insurance, protection, exhibition, awarding, distribution or loan of or other dealing with all or any of the cups, shields and other prizes of or relating to the Alliance;</p> <p>to provide for representation at general meetings and on the Council of The Football Association Limited of persons involved in the game within the Alliance by such means and in such manner as shall be determined from time to time under the rules, regulations or bye-laws, conditions or articles of the Alliance;</p> <p>to provide for, make and vary all such rules, regulations and bye-laws as they relate to persons involved in the game in the Alliance from time to time;</p> <p>to provide by rules, regulations, conditions, bye-laws, or otherwise, for deciding and settling all differences that may arise between associations, clubs, competitions, players or any persons who are members of or who are employed or engaged by any such association, competition or club, or any other person in reference to due compliance with the Laws of the Game (as from time to time prescribed by The Football Association Limited) or the rules, regulations, conditions or bye-laws of the Association or of The Football Association Limited, or in reference to contracts, or to any other matter of dispute or difference arising between such, or persons, or any of them, and whether the Association is concerned in such dispute or difference or not, and to make such provisions for enforcing any award or decision as shall be thought proper;</p> <p>to co-operate with or assist any association or club or competition or other person involved in the game in any way which the Association shall think proper, and to enter into or adopt any agreement or arrangements with such;</p> <p>to co-operate with The Football Association Limited in all matters relating to the game, including compliance with the Rules of The Football Association Limited and the rules and regulations of any body to which The Football Association Limited is affiliated; and</p> <p>to adopt and carry out all such rules and regulations, conditions, bye-laws, agreements and arrangements of The Football Association Limited, as are now in existence and from time to time, and to comply with or to enforce the due compliance with the same unless and until the same shall have been duly varied in accordance with the terms thereof.</p>
<p>109.</p>	<p>The objects stated in each part of Article 109 shall not be restrictively construed but shall be given the widest interpretation. In Article 109, the word "association" shall, except where used to refer to the Association, mean any partnership or other body or person, whether corporate or unincorporated, and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere. Except where the context expressly so requires, none of the objects stated in Article 109, shall be limited by, or be deemed subsidiary or auxiliary to, any other object stated in Article 109.</p>
<p>MEMBERS' LIABILITY AND APPLICATION OF PROPERTY</p>	
<p>110.</p>	<p>The liability of the members is limited.</p>

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111.	<p>The income and property of the Alliance shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in these Articles and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of distribution, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to the members of the Alliance save that the provisions of Article 111 shall apply on the winding-up or dissolution of the Alliance. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Alliance:</p> <p>(a) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any director, member, officer, servant or consultant of the Alliance for any services rendered to the Alliance and of reasonable and proper travelling, conference and study expenses necessarily incurred in carrying out the duties of any such director, member, officer, servant or consultant of the Alliance;</p> <p>(b) to any director who is a Solicitor, Accountant or other person engaged in a profession of all reasonable professional and other charges for work done by him or his firm when instructed by the other directors to act in that capacity on behalf of the Alliance;</p> <p>(c) of interest on money lent by a member of the Alliance or its directors at a commercial rate of interest;</p> <p>(d) to any director of reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses or other costs as permitted further to Article 73;</p> <p>(e) of reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Alliance or by any director;</p> <p>(f) of any premium in respect of the purchase and maintenance of indemnity insurance in respect of liability for any act or default of the directors (or any of them) in relation to the Alliance.</p>
112.	<p>Every member of the Alliance undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Alliance's assets if it should be wound-up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for payment of the Alliance's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a member, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding-up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.</p>
113.	<p>If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Alliance there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall be paid to or distributed among the members of the Alliance equally.</p>