

## **COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS BETWEEN THE NFA STATUTES (OPERATIONAL) AND THE DRAFT NFA STATUTES (2005) PROPOSED BY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SPORTS.**

**NOTES:**

1. *NFA Statutes was adopted by the Annual General Assembly in Portharcourt – December 2004, Ratified by FIFA and further adopted in the Makurdi Extra Ordinary General Assembly December – 2005*
2. *The Draft NFA Statutes proposed by the FMSSD is a harmonization of the initial ministry proposal, the NFA proposal and FIFA suggestions/directives and was forwarded to the NFA for the consideration and adoption of the Congress (2005)*

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1.	Objectives & Powers of the Association	Defined only the Objectives of the Association (ART. 2)	Defined and Strengthened the Objectives of the Association. In addition Powers of the Association are specifically articulated to drive the objectives of the Association (ART.2)
2.	Admission and Categories of Members	Did not categorize Members but list them under one group with explanatory articles. (ART. 10)	Members were categorized in accordance to role, significance and for easy identification such as Direct, Associate, Consultative, Honourary etc (ART. 10)
3.	Affiliation Fees	Fixed Affiliation Fees (which will make it impossible to change in the future accept through amendment of the statutes) (ART 19)	Did not fix Affiliation Fees (to avoid inflation) but make provision for the Executive Committee to determine the Fees from time to time. (ART 21)
4.	Subscription Fees	Fixed Subscription Fees ((which will make it impossible to change in the future accept through amendment of the statutes) (ART 20)	Did not fix Subscription Fees (to avoid inflation) but make provision for the Executive Committee to Determined the Fees from time to time. (ART 22)
5.	Nomination of Delegates to Congress	Criteria for Nomination of delegates not detailed enough. (ART 28.2 – 28.3)	Defined Strict Criteria and procedure for nomination of Delegates to Congress. (ART. 30)
6.	Delegates & Votes	Provides for 101 Delegates – 2 each from 37 States FA, Referees Union, Players Union, Coaches Union, and 1 from each 20 Premier Clubs and the League. (ART. 28.1)	Provides for 122 Delegates – 2 each from 37 States, Referees Union, Players Union, Coaches Union, 20 Premier Club and the League. (ART. 31)
7.	Votes	Allocate a vote to each delegate in both normal deliberations and elections making a total of 101 votes. (ART. 28.3)	Allocate a vote to each delegate in normal deliberations making a total of 122 but allocate one vote to each Member during elections in line to internal practice making a total of 61 Votes for elections (37 FA, 20 Premier Clubs, League and 3 Unions). (ART. 31.7)

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8.	Conduct of General Assembly (Congress)	No specific Article outlining conduct of General assembly but some provisions exist under some clauses	Define a clear procedure and rules for the conduct of the General Assembly. (ART. 34)
9.	Decision of the General Assembly (Congress)	Sparingly define procedure for taking decisions at Congress. (ART.31)	Properly Defined the procedure for taking decisions at the Congress. (ART.35)
10.	Minutes of General Assembly (Congress)	Provides for recording of minutes of Congress meetings. (ART.37)	Provides for recording of Minutes of Congress and stipulate that the it be circulated to each member within 15 days after the Congress. (ART.41)
11.	Executive Committee Composition	Provides for 15 Members – 12 from the zones (two of which will be elected Chairman and vice –Chairman respectively), the NFL Chairman, One representative of Pro-Clubs and One representative of States FA Chairmen. (ART. 39)	Provides for 17 Members- One Chairman, 12 from the zones (one of which will be elected vice –Chairman), the NFL Chairman, One representative of Premier League Clubs, One representative of Pro-Clubs, and One representative of States FA Chairmen. (ART. 43)
12.	Elections Guidelines	Does not have an election guideline but provides for the Executive Committee to prepare guidelines as a bye-law anytime elections are to take place. (ART. 32.4)	Provides for a tentative Election guidelines and definite procedure. (ART. 43.2 – 43.28)
13.	Length of Mandate	Define Length of Mandate for Chairman. (ART. 46.1)	Categorically defined Length of Mandate for all Members of the Executive Committee. (ART. 44)
14.	Eligibility for Executive Committee Membership	Did not defined eligibility of Executive Committee Membership as it is deemed to be part of the bye-law for Elections	Defines strict criteria for eligibility of Executive Committee Membership. (ART. 45)
15.	Powers of the Executive Committee	Outline Powers of the Executive Committee. (ART. 40)	Outlined and strengthened the Powers of the Executive Committee to ensure its effectiveness. (ART. 47)
16.	Finance & Financial Period	Defined the Financial Period of the Association. (ART. 76)	Define and outlined the Finances and Financial Period of the Association. (ART. 81)
17.	Revenue	Partially defined revenue sources of the Association. (ART. 77)	Comprehensively outlined the revenue sources of the Association. (ART. 82)

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18.	Accounts	Accounting procedures sparingly defined under the requirement for an external auditor. (ART. 79)	Clearly outlined the accounting and financial reporting process and procedure of the association. (ART. 84 - 85)
19.	Competitions	Exclude the Professional Men's League from the Association Competitions. (ART. 83)	All Competitions are recognized as the Associations competitions in line to international practice but with a proviso allowing the association to delegates to other bodies the organizational responsibilities to some the competitions to NFA Subordinate Leagues if authorized by the congress. (ART. 89)
20.	General Transparency and Accountability Provisions	Did not make much provision to enforce transparency and accountability though generally the statutes met with the minimum FIFA requirements.	Made several provisions to further strengthens and enforce transparency and accountability in the conduct of the affairs of the Association. This includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requirement to circulate to all members minutes of meetings of the Congress within 15 days after the Congress. (ART.41)</li> <li>2. Requirement to circulate to each member of the association a summary of all decision taking at the Executive Committee meetings every 2 months. (ART. 46.7)</li> <li>3. Requirement to publish the Association audited accounts and balanced sheet in at least two major national dailies annually. (ART. 84.5)</li> <li>4. Requirement to allow any member of the Association to inspect the accounts of the Association subject to the consent of the Executive Committee. (ART. 84.3)</li> <li>5. Requirement to send the Association audited accounts and all accompanying documents to all members 21 days before the General Assembly (Congress). (ART. 84.2)</li> <li>6. Requirement to circulate the Executive Committee minutes of meetings to the Committee members within 14days after the meeting. (ART.46.6)</li> </ol>