

NFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition and Election Guidelines

Based on the

DRAFT NIGERIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION STATUTES

**In line with FIFA Statutes & Directives for the Ratification and Adoption of
the
NFA General Assembly (2005)**

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B. Executive Committee

Article 43: Composition

1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of Seventeen (17) persons, the Chairman, two (2) from each of the six (6) geopolitical zones in the territory of Nigeria, three (3) from the Professional League, one (1) from the States FA: The distribution is as follows:
 - A Chairman
 - Chairman of the League who shall also serve as one of the Deputy Chairman of the NFA
 - One (1) member representing the Premier Leagues Division Clubs
 - One (1) member representing the Professional League Division Clubs
 - Twelve (12) National Members; two (2) each from the six (6) geopolitical zones of the Country one of which will be elected a Deputy Chairman of the NFA.
 - One (1) member representing Chairmen of the States FA
2. Every National candidate for the Executive Committee must be proposed (nominated and seconded) by at least two (2) members of NFA, not later than 20 days before the General Assembly at which the election to the Executive Committee is on the agenda, he must have already been active in Football and must not have been previously found guilty of a criminal offence. The members proposing him must not previously have been suspended.
3. Candidates for Chairman Position must be proposed by at least Six (6) members of good standing one from each of the Six (6) Geopolitical Zones of Nigeria.
4. Only recognized States FA within each geopolitical zones of Nigeria, shall, if in good standing, be entitled to submit nominations from their geopolitical zones to the list of National candidates for election. A member may only proposed one candidate but can second multiple candidates.
5. A member shall be deemed to be in good standing if it has a statutes which provides for: Open elections to be held at intervals of not more than four (4) years; regular audited financial statement to be presented to the membership; and the member has complied fully with such provisions of its statutes and has provided proof of such compliance to the NFA.

6. Sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Annual General Assembly the Secretary General shall distribute nominations forms to members per registered post.
7. Members shall submit the original nomination forms to the Association's Secretary General such that they are received at least twenty (20) days to prior to the date of the Annual General Assembly. The closing date and time shall be specified in a circular distributed by the Secretary General with the nomination forms.
8. The nomination forms must be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Member submitting the nominations.
9. Nominees shall signify their willingness to accept nomination in writing. This shall be submitted to the Secretary General on the form to be provided for this purpose, or on a copy of facsimile thereof, to be received, at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the Annual General Assembly.
10. The onus shall be on the Member concerned to ensure that nominations and acceptances are received by the Secretariat on or before the closing date.
11. Within Seven (7) days after the closing date of nominations, the Secretariat shall cause the Association Auditor to verify, certify, prepare and submit a list of those persons properly nominated to the Secretary General of the NFA. The original nomination shall be retained by the Auditor.
12. The Secretary General shall send the official list of nominations/candidates as verified by the Auditor to all categories of members of NFA along with the agenda for the General Assembly at which the election is due to take place.
13. Should there be fewer nominations for a post than there are vacancies to be filled, nominations may be made from the floor. In such events the nominee must be present at the Annual General Assembly and must indicate willingness to accept nomination.
14. The first persons to be elected shall be the Chairman. Should only one (1) nomination be received the candidate shall be declared duly elected unless a minimum of twenty (20) members request for a ballot. In such event, Members shall vote either "for" or "against" the candidate. Should the candidate not poll a simple majority of the votes, fresh nominations shall be taken from the floor. Where more than one (1) nomination is received, the election shall take place by simple majority.

15. The next to be elected are the twelve (12) executive members from the National List two (2) from each geopolitical zones of the country, using a single round of voting with the two (2) candidates polling the highest number of votes in each zone being elected. Where only two nominations are received from a particular zone, members shall vote either “for” or “against” the candidates. Should the candidates not poll a simple majority vote, fresh nominations shall be taken from the floor and election shall take place by simple majority. Members may vote for a maximum of two (2) candidates, but may vote fewer than two (2) in each of the six (6) geopolitical zones.
16. The first Candidate (whom is not from the same geopolitical zone as the Chairman) with the aggregate highest number of votes in (14) above shall also be declared as one (1) of the two Deputy Chairman. In case of a tie elections shall take place by simple majority to determine the Deputy Chairman.
17. Nominations for the representative of the States FA, Premier league, Professional Division can only be done by the members comprising the group. A candidate shall be nominated by two (2) members he seeks to represent.
18. If more than one (1) nomination is received for the representatives of the Premier Division Clubs, Professional Division Clubs, and the State FA election shall take place by simple majority. Where only one nomination is received for particular representative, members shall vote either “for” or “against” the candidates. Should the candidates not poll a majority vote fresh nominations shall be taken from the floor and election shall take place by simple majority.
19. The elected Chairman of the League is automatically a member of the Executive Committee and one of the two (2) NFA Deputy Chairman.
20. Prior to the commencement of elections, the Assembly shall elect an electoral officer and such other persons, being not less than two (2), who are not candidates for any office to conduct the elections.
21. Should any dispute arise during or related to the election the electoral officer shall rule thereon, which ruling shall not be challenged by any member or as otherwise decided upon by the Assembly.
22. The Executive and other elected members shall be elected as aforesaid at the Quadrennial General Assembly and shall retain office until their successors have been elected.

23. The Chairman and the Secretary General shall not serve on the Executive body of a State FA or the League.
24. When a member of NFA loses his member status, the mandate of the person elected to the Executive Committee on its proposal is terminated at the next Ordinary General Assembly, unless this meeting decides to retain him in his functions until the end of his mandate.
25. A member of the Executive Committee may not at the same time be a member of a judicial organ of NFA.
26. A member of NFA may not have more than one representative on the Executive Committee.
27. Should the office of any member of the Executive Committee become vacant, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member in his place and stead. In the event of the office of an officer becoming vacant the Executive Committee shall appoint a person to act on his stead until election is held at the next General Assembly.
28. A vacancy in any office of the Executive Committee shall occur:
 - (a) Upon death of a member
 - (b) If a member is absent from (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee without prior permission unless the Executive Committee upon good cause being shown, otherwise decides.
 - (c) If a member is found guilty of having conducted himself in any manner likely to prejudice the objects or activities of the NFA and/or whose conduct has the effect of bringing the NFA into disrepute.
 - (d) Upon the resignation of a member.

Article 44: Length of Mandates

1. The length of the mandate of the Chairman and the other members of the Executive Committee is four years. They may be re-elected.
2. There is no limit to the number of times a member can be elected.
3. If a position should become vacant, the Executive Committee must fill the vacant positions until the next Ordinary General Assembly, when replacements will be elected for the remaining terms of the mandate.

Article 45: Eligibility for Membership of the Executive Committee

1. A person shall be qualified for election or membership of the Executive Committee of the NFA if:
 - (a) He is a Citizen of Nigeria in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal republic of Nigeria.
 - (b) He has attained the age of thirty-five (35) years.
 - (c) He has been educated up to at least school certificate level or its equivalent.
 - (d) He is not adjudged to be a lunatic or otherwise declared of unsafe mind.
 - (e) He is not an Ex-Convict.
 - (f) He is not a member of a secret society or cult or an unlawful organisation.
 - (g) He is adjudged not to be bankrupt.
 - (h) He is a proven and accredited Executive Member of a Football club or association affiliated to the NFA or such other recognized football bodies including NGO's, Football Academy who are members of the NFA or has contributed or been involved in the administration of football for a minimum period of 3 years.
 - (i) He has a proven and verifiable means of livelihood.
 - (j) He has provided a Bank Bond/Guaranty (from a reputable bank) in favour of the NFA as an indemnity to cover the period of his mandate, for an amount to be determined by the General Assembly upon the proposal of the Executive Committee. The amount of the Bank Bond shall not be less than Three Million Naira (N3m) in the case of Chairman and 2 Million Naira (N2m) for Deputy Chairman and One Million (N1m) in the case of an ordinary member.