Lebanese Republic

Ministry of Youth and Sports

The Minister

Decision No. 347/1/2026

Concerning the Approval of the Bylaws of the "Lebanese Athletics Federation"

The Minister of Youth and Sports,

Pursuant to Decree No. 53 dated 8/2/2025 (Formation of the Government);

Pursuant to Law No. 247 dated 7/8/2000 (Merger, Abolition and Establishment of Ministries and Councils);

Pursuant to Law No. 629 dated 25/11/2004 (Organization of the Ministry of Youth and Sports);

Pursuant to Decree No. 4481 dated 27/10/2016 (Organization of the Sports, Youth and Scouting Movement);

Pursuant to the Notification and Acknowledgment ('Ilm wa Khabar) No. [blank] dated [blank] (Establishment of the Federation);

Pursuant to the request submitted by the Federation, registered under No. 2235/D dated 12/10/2026;

Pursuant to the approval of the General Assembly at its session held on 17/1/2026,

Hereby decides as follows:

Article 1: The Bylaws of the "Lebanese Athletics Federation", as approved by the General Assembly at its session held on 17/1/2026, consisting of one hundred (100) articles, a copy of which is attached to this Decision, are hereby approved.

Article 2: This Decision shall be communicated wherever necessary.

Beirut, on 22 October 2026

The Minister of Youth and Sports

[Signature]

Dr. Nora Bayrakdarian

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*[*Relevant Parties*]*

[These Statutes were ratified pursuant to Decision No 347/1/2026]

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Lebanese Athletics Federation

General Statutes

Article 1:

The Lebanese Athletics Federation (headquartered in Beirut) is composed of associations officially licensed by the competent government authorities that are concerned with the sport of athletics. It has no connection with political, religious or ethnic matters.

Article 2:

The objectives of the Lebanese Athletics Federation are:

1. To supervise, organize and promote the sport of athletics in Lebanon.
2. To strengthen relations among its member associations.
3. To organize annual championships and official tournaments, award titles, approve the holding of tournaments by associations, set the administrative and technical conditions for championships, and award prizes.
4. To register records and issue official certificates for them in accordance with the conditions set by the Federation's Executive Board.
5. To prepare national teams and ensure representation and participation in international competitions in Lebanon and abroad.
6. To work toward joining international, Arab, Asian and continental federations, and to establish friendly relations with sports federations in all countries of the world, in accordance with international and local regulations, both administratively and technically.
7. To organize and hold international conferences and to participate in them.
8. To establish various committees, such as regional committees, technical committees, etc.

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[Signature: Diya Rammal, Records Editor]

[Official seal: Lebanese Athletics Federation]
[Signatures: The nine members of the Executive Board of the Lebanese Athletics Federation]

Article 3:

In order to join the Federation, every official association must submit an application signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by the following documents: the association's name; the association's headquarters; a copy of its Notification of Incorporation ("Ilm wa Khabar"); a copy of the licensing decision; the name of the person responsible toward the Federation; one copy of its statutes; a list of the names of the members of its current administrative board, with a copy of a civil registry extract for each of them and the addresses of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; payment of the membership fee and the annual subscription; in addition to the documents required for the premises, the sports ground and the coach; and an undertaking to abide by the decisions issued by the Federation as well as the administrative decisions issued by the State. All documents must be signed by the President and the Secretary and bear the association's official seal.

Article 4:

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Federation, from which all powers derive. It alone has the right to amend the articles of these Statutes, to oversee the work of the Executive Board, and to rule finally on matters referred to it by the Executive Board or by the member associations through the Secretariat.

Article 5:

The Executive Board of the Federation consists of nine members: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary-General, a Treasurer, an Accountant, and four Advisors.

General Assembly Meetings

Article 6:

General Assembly sessions are divided into four types:

1. An ordinary annual session to approve the administrative and financial reports and the budget, and to discuss the agenda.

2. An extraordinary session to discuss urgent matters.

3. An extraordinary session to amend the Statutes.

4. An elections session.

Article 7:

The General Assembly holds its ordinary annual meeting once a year during the month of January, except in the last year of the Executive Board's term of office, when it is held immediately before the elections session. The agenda includes the following items:

1. Verifying the eligibility of the members who are delegates of the associations.

2. Reading the agenda.

3. Reading and approving the minutes of the previous General Assembly session.

4. Reading, discussing and approving the annual administrative report.

5. Reading and discussing the annual financial report, the draft final accounts for the past year and the draft budget for the coming year, and approving them.

6. Reading, discussing and approving the program of internal and external activities for the coming year.
7. Submitting and discussing proposals and recommendations on the general guidelines for the coming year received from the associations, provided that they reach the Executive Board in writing ten days before the date of the session.
8. Unless it conflicts with the regulations of the International Federation, the quorum for General Assembly sessions shall consist of members who meet the legal requirements, as follows: the session is valid if attended by an absolute majority (more than half) of the total number of General Assembly members entitled to vote at the first session; otherwise the meeting is adjourned to a second session on the same day, at the same time and place in the following week, at which the quorum is deemed met by those General Assembly members entitled to vote who are present.

Article 8:

The General Assembly holds extraordinary meetings to discuss urgent matters pursuant to a decision of the Executive Board, a request from the President, or a written request signed by one third of the General Assembly members entitled to attend its sessions, provided that the invitation includes a special agenda, limited to the discussion of urgent matters, from which no departure is permitted.

Unless it conflicts with the regulations of the International Federation, the quorum for General Assembly sessions shall consist of members who meet the legal requirements, as follows: the session is valid if attended by two thirds of the General Assembly members entitled to vote at the first session; otherwise the meeting is adjourned to a second session on the same day, at the same time and place in the following week, at which the quorum is deemed met by the attendance of more than half of the General Assembly members entitled to vote; otherwise the meeting is adjourned to a third session, which shall be held with those present.

Article 9:

The General Assembly holds an extraordinary session to amend the Statutes pursuant to a decision of the Executive Board.

Unless it conflicts with the regulations of the International Federation, the quorum for General Assembly sessions shall consist of members who meet the legal requirements, as follows: the session is valid if the quorum is two thirds of those entitled to vote.

If the quorum is not met at the first session, the General Assembly shall automatically be convened one week later with a quorum of half plus one of those entitled to vote.

If the quorum is not met at the second session, the General Assembly shall automatically be convened one week later with a quorum of one third plus one of those entitled to vote.

If the quorum is not met at the third session, the proposed amendments shall lapse.

Article 10:

The General Assembly meets as an electoral body once every four years during the second half of November, or before the end of its term of office, in order to elect all the members of the Executive Board, provided that the invitation specifies the place and time of the election and sets the start and end dates of the nomination period.

Unless it conflicts with the regulations of the International Federation, the quorum for General Assembly sessions shall consist of members who meet the legal requirements, as follows: the session is valid if the quorum at the first session is two thirds of those entitled to vote.

If the quorum is not met at the first session, the General Assembly shall automatically be convened one week later with a quorum of more than half of those entitled to vote.

If the quorum is not met at the second session, the General Assembly shall automatically be convened in a third session one week later with those present.

Article 11:

Invitations, signed by the President and the Secretary-General, shall be sent to the members of the ordinary and extraordinary General Assembly, and of the General Assembly convened to amend the Statutes, twenty days in advance, accompanied by the agenda, against an official signature by the association's representative or by express mail. Associations wishing to discuss a matter must notify the Federation in writing ten days before the date of the session.

Invitations to convene the General Assembly for elections sessions shall be sent to the members, bearing the signatures of the President and the Secretary-General, no less than one month before the end of the Executive Board's term of office, against an official signature by the association's representative or by express mail.

Article 12:

Only the matters included in the agenda shall be discussed in the General Assembly.

Elections

Article 13:

1. The General Assembly elects the members of the Executive Board for a term of four years; they shall distribute the positions among themselves by election in accordance with the Federation's rules. A candidate must:

- Be a Lebanese national who has reached eighteen years of age.

- Enjoy his civil rights, not have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, and hold a criminal record certificate proving this.

- Have no financial or commercial interest connected with the sport, and not be officially registered as a coach with clubs, other than those accredited by the Federation as coaches of the national teams, provided that the Federation issues a list of them annually.

- Not be a member of the administrative board of any other sports federation.

2. a- An association may nominate a member of its administrative board, or endorse the nomination of one neutral candidate (the word "neutral" meaning candidates who are not members of the administrative board of any association), or both options together.

   b- Endorsing the nomination of two neutral candidates without nominating any member of its administrative board.

   Any candidate for membership of the Federation's Executive Board must obtain:

   - If he is a member of the administrative board of an association: a written letter, stamped and duly signed, from the association.

   - If he is a neutral candidate: the due endorsement of his nomination by one association.

   The nomination application shall be endorsed by the association's seal and the signatures of its President and Secretary-General, accompanied by a statement clearly specifying the number and date of the minutes of the session in which the association's administrative board decided to endorse the nomination.

3. An association that nominates a person or takes part in the elections must have paid the dues that fell due during the past year, against a receipt signed by the Treasurer, before the nomination period closes, and must have been affiliated with the Federation for at least one year and have participated in the activities organized by the Federation during that year, in accordance with Article 75 of these Statutes.

4. The Executive Board shall determine and announce, at least one month before the end of its term of office, the place, time and day on which the elections will be held, provided that they are held within a period not exceeding four months after the date set for the end of each Summer Olympic Games cycle, whether or not the Games were held. It shall notify the Ministry of Youth and Sports at least fifteen days in advance. The invitation to the General Assembly for the elections shall be accompanied by a list of the associations entitled to nominate and to vote, and this list shall be posted at the Federation's headquarters twenty days before the date of the elections.

5. Nomination applications shall be submitted in writing to the Secretariat by the candidate in person and shall be signed by him.

6. The nomination period begins twenty days before the elections session and ends three days before the session.

7. From the start of the voting stage, the session shall be chaired by the oldest General Assembly member by age who is not a candidate.
   The election results shall be announced immediately upon completion of the count, and the candidate who obtains the highest number of votes cast is declared the winner. If two or more candidates tie in the lowest number of votes among the candidates, the older candidate is declared the winner, and if they are of equal age, the winner is determined by drawing lots.

Article 14:

An association is represented in the Federation's General Assembly by the person whom its administrative board delegates from among its members, by a decision taken at a valid session and pursuant to an official authorization issued by it. The authorization shall bear the association's seal and be signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by a statement clearly specifying the number and date of the minutes of the session in which the association's administrative board decided to grant the authorization.

Article 15:

The duties of the Executive Board include the following:

1. Supervising and organizing the sport in accordance with international regulations and promoting it in Lebanon.
2. Strengthening relations among the member federated associations and establishing friendly relations among the sports federations of the sport worldwide.
3. Abiding by the regulations of the International Federation.
4. Forming the various technical committees required by the sport.
5. Organizing official championships and tournaments and awarding titles and prizes.
6. Participating in external competitions.
7. Issuing circulars and official bulletins.
8. Holding international conferences and various tournaments.
9. Attending to everything related to the Federation's affairs in Lebanon and abroad that concerns the sport.
10. Forming and preparing the national teams.
11. Appointing and dismissing employees and determining their salaries and allowances.
12. Determining and disbursing expenses.
13. Admitting new members.
14. Convening the General Assembly.
15. Concluding all contracts in the name of the Federation and accepting gifts, aid and donations.
16. Considering all proposals and complaints and taking appropriate decisions regarding them.

Article 16:

At the beginning of each season, the Federation's Executive Board forms the following committees:

1. A technical committee that works with the Executive Board to ensure the success of the championships.
2. A referees' committee that handles the referees' administrative and technical affairs.
3. A coaches' committee that handles the coaches' affairs.
4. A committee for each governorate comprising three or more associations.
5. A veterans' committee.
6. The Executive Board may establish other committees if needed, specifying their powers.
7. The Executive Board determines the powers of each committee through administrative decisions communicated to the associations and to the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
8. Committee decisions are not enforceable before they are ratified by the Executive Board.
9. An Urgent Matters Committee, convened at the President's request to decide all urgent matters, which holds the powers of the Executive Board in emergency matters, provided that its decisions are subsequently submitted to the first session of the Executive Board. It consists of three members: the President, the Vice President and the Secretary-General.

Article 17:

The Federation's Executive Board meets at least once every 15 days. A quorum is met with the attendance of not less than half of its members, and decisions are taken by vote; in the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote. In emergency cases, it may meet at the request of the President or at the request of five Executive Board members.

Article 18:

1. If the position of one or more members of the Executive Board becomes vacant, provided that the number does not exceed four, and the remaining term of office is more than six months, a replacement is elected in accordance with the procedures for issuing invitations and adopting the quorum set out in Article 10 of these Statutes.

If the remaining period is less than six months, the Executive Board continues its work until the end of its term of office.

2. In the event of the resignation of the Federation's Executive Board, or the loss of its legal legitimacy for any reason during its term of office, a new Executive Board shall be elected to complete the term if the remaining term of office of the Executive Board is more than six months. If the remaining term is less than six months, elections shall be held for a full term in accordance with the procedures adopted in these Statutes.

When any partial or full election of the Executive Board is held, the results are announced immediately upon completion of the count, and the candidate who obtains the highest number of votes cast is declared the winner. If two or more candidates tie in the number of votes, the older

candidate is declared the winner, and if they are of equal age, the winner is determined by drawing lots.

Article 19:

Immediately after the new Executive Board members are elected by the General Assembly, whether in a full or a partial election, the administrative positions are distributed among the members, in addition to naming an acting Secretary-General and an acting Treasurer, each of whom exercises his duties in the absence of the incumbent.

No person may hold more than one administrative position.

Article 20:

Immediately after the administrative positions are distributed among the members, the new Executive Board must notify the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Lebanese Olympic Committee and the member associations accordingly.

Article 21:

Duties of the President

The President of the Executive Board assumes the following duties:

1- Presiding over the Federation and its bodies.
2- Chairing the sessions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board and supervising the work of the committees.
3- Signing all correspondence together with the Secretary-General, and all financial transactions and transfers together with the Treasurer.
4- Convening the General Assembly and the Executive Board to extraordinary sessions in accordance with the Statutes.
5- Implementing the decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board.
6- Representing the Federation before official authorities and at the Lebanese Olympic Committee, and serving as the Federation's official spokesperson.

Article 22:

Duties of the Vice President

In the absence of the President, the Vice President acts in his place and then enjoys all of his powers. If the office of President becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice President completes the remaining term of office until a partial election is held, unless the remaining life of the Executive Board is less than six months.

Article 23:

Duties of the Secretary-General

1- Recording the minutes of the sessions of the Executive Board and the General Assembly in special registers, for the safekeeping of which he is responsible.
2- Ensuring that the Federation's internal and external correspondence is written and signing it together with the President, including invitations to ordinary General Assembly sessions.
3- Preparing the agenda of the sessions of the Executive Board and the General Assembly.
4- Organizing the Federation's archives.
5- Preparing the annual report.
6- Distributing the athlete registration lists to the associations.
7- Signing all official transactions together with the President.
8- Managing the Federation's office and staff (if any).
9- Delivering invitations to the meetings of the Executive Board and the General Assembly.

Article 24:

Duties of the Treasurer

1- Collects the revenues due to the Federation against receipts issued from his receipt books, and pays the expenses decided by the Executive Board on payment and receipt vouchers bearing the President's signature together with his own.
2- Keeps the revenue books and the register of movable assets.
3- Deposits the Federation's funds in a government-approved bank designated by the Executive Board, in an account opened in the name of the Federation, which is represented for this purpose by the President and the Treasurer. The Treasurer may not keep more than one thousand US dollars (US$1,000) in the Federation's cash box.

Article 25:

Duties of the Accountant

1- Assists the Treasurer in keeping the books and organizing the documents relating to financial matters.
2- Serves, together with the Treasurer, as a member of every financial committee formed by the Federation.

Article 26:

Any Executive Board member who is absent from three consecutive sessions without an acceptable legitimate excuse is deemed to have resigned, his membership of the Executive Board lapses, and he shall be officially notified of this.

Article 27:

The Federation's Executive Board alone has the right to correspond with the International Federation and with the foreign federations affiliated with the International Federation.

Associations must obtain the Federation's approval in order to correspond with associations outside Lebanese territory.

If a coach, athlete, administrator or association corresponds or communicates with the International Federation, the Asian Federation, the Arab Athletics Federation or any other federation regarding the sport, the Federation shall immediately impose on that person a penalty of suspension from exercising his administrative or sporting duties for a full year and a fine of one thousand US dollars (US$1,000). If the communication or correspondence is repeated, the Federation shall immediately impose a lifetime suspension.

Article 28:

Executive Board decisions concerning the purchase or sale of real estate for the Federation are subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

Article 29:

The Executive Board may not be dissolved except by a decision of the Minister of Youth and Sports in accordance with the laws in force.

Article 30:

The Statutes may not be amended except by a decision of the General Assembly, which shall be convened to a special extraordinary session for the amendment in accordance with the procedures, and the amendment shall be ratified by the Ministry of Youth and Sports in order to take effect.

Article 31:

In order to run the Federation's affairs and develop the sport, the Executive Board is entitled to issue administrative, technical and financial decisions not provided for in the Statutes, provided that they do not conflict with them, and the associations must regard these decisions as official legal provisions.

Article 32:

For an athlete's signature on the list of a federated association to be valid, it must be accompanied by a copy of a civil registry extract or a clear identity document and two passport-size photographs of the athlete, in addition to payment of the fee set by the Federation. Subject to the laws in force, the Federation may adopt an electronic registration list, a template of which is sent to the federated associations so that they complete it and return it to the Federation, together with the attachments mentioned above, during the month of January of each year. No athlete belonging to any federated association may take part in any activity if the electronic list has not been completed and sent to the Federation within this period.

A list that meets the requirements and is received by the Federation within the period specified above remains valid until the end of the year, i.e., until December 31 of the same year.

Article 33:

a- Any athlete (under the age of 18) whose name appears on the list of a federated association remains registered with the same association until the year in which he reaches the age of 18, unless the Federation receives a release request duly signed by the athlete's legal guardian, provided that the association to which the athlete moves pays the Federation a transfer fee of US$100 in cash (one hundred US dollars).
b- In the year in which an athlete reaches the age of 18, he is entitled to sign the list of another federated association, subject to the conditions set out above.

c- A new athlete (i.e., an athlete who has not previously signed with any federated association) may sign the list of a federated association at any time during the year, and his signature remains valid for the rest of the year, i.e., until December 31 of the same year.

Article 34:

a- An athlete may sign the list of a federated association as set out above, provided that the association to which the athlete moves pays the Federation a transfer fee of one hundred US dollars in cash (US$100).
b- An athlete may sign a special contract with a federated association for a period exceeding one year, provided that a copy of this contract is deposited with the Federation.

Article 35:

The Federation's financial resources consist of:

1- Subscriptions of the member associations
2- Government grants
3- External assistance from various international federations
4- Gifts, donations and sponsorship
5- Revenues from championships and events
6- Fees for the registration lists and permits of male and female athletes; fees for championships, road races and sports meets and for their supervision; in addition to the fees and fines determined by the Executive Board against violating athletes and clubs. All funds collected shall be deposited in a bank account at an official bank, in accordance with the procedures and regulations adopted.

Article 36:

The fees stipulated in this Article must be paid in US dollars in cash or in Lebanese pounds at an exchange rate determined by the Executive Board from time to time, provided that it shall in no case exceed the market exchange rate.

The fees that shall apply to the federated associations are:

1. Annual subscription for each association: one hundred US dollars (US$100).
2. Membership fee for a new association: one thousand US dollars (US$1,000).
3. Athlete fee per year: two US dollars (US$2).
4. Transportation fee for a Federation referee, per day: twelve US dollars (US$12).

5. Supervision fee for a Track & Field meet: two hundred US dollars (US$200), including the fee for using Photofinish and Nanometer equipment and excluding referees' transportation fees.
6. Supervision fee for a Track & Field meet: one hundred US dollars (US$100) without using Photofinish and excluding referees' transportation fees.
7. Supervision fee for an international Track & Field meet: the fee is determined by decision of the Executive Board.
8. Protest fee against an event in any athletics meet or championship (Track & Field), or against a road race or cross-country race: fifty US dollars (US$50) per protest. The fee is refunded to the protesting party if the protest is accepted.
9. Advertising fee on athletes' apparel when the meet is broadcast through visual or digital media: 10% of the total value of the advertisements/sponsorships of each association, whether paid in cash or provided in kind.
10. Fee for an athlete's absence from a championship or meet organized by the Federation: two US dollars (US$2).

Article 37:

If the Executive Board issues special official publications, it is entitled to set a price for them.

Article 38:

The Executive Board draws up the program of the Federation's official local and international activities before the start of each sports season and notifies the associations of these activities, together with their administrative and technical conditions for each official championship and tournament, in writing once approved. The dates of the scheduled activities and championships may also be amended as required by the interest of the sport and of the associations.

Article 39:

Every association is entitled to request clarification regarding any decision taken by the Federation, provided that the request is submitted by an official letter signed by the association's President and Secretary, bearing its official seal, and addressed to the Federation's Secretariat.

Article 40:

The fines stipulated in this Article must be paid in US dollars in cash or in Lebanese pounds at an exchange rate determined by the Executive Board from time to time, provided that it shall in no case exceed the market exchange rate.

1. Any association, athlete, administrator or coach who violates any of the regulations of championships, official tournaments or meets (whether set by the Federation or contained in the rules of the International Federation) shall be punished by a fine of one hundred US dollars (US$100) for each violation.

2. The penalties that the Executive Board must impose on any association, or on any of its members, athletes or coaches, when one of the following administrative violations is committed are:

a. Any athlete who signs the lists of more than one association: his first signature is confirmed after an investigation into the dates concerned; the athlete is suspended from participating in any meet or competition in athletics, road racing or cross-country for one year from the date of the penalty decision and pays a fine of one hundred US dollars (US$100), and each of the two (or more) associations is fined five hundred US dollars (US$500).

b. Fine for the participation of a federated athlete, without prior permission, in any meet or competition in athletics, road racing or cross-country that is not organized or supervised by the Federation, whether inside or outside Lebanon:

   The fine imposed on the association to which the athlete belongs shall be determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than five hundred US dollars (US$500), and the fine imposed on the athlete shall be determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than three hundred US dollars (US$300).

   In case of repetition, the association is suspended for one year and the athlete for 6 months, and the fine on the association shall be determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than one thousand five hundred US dollars (US$1,500), and the fine on the athlete shall be determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than five hundred US dollars.

c. Any athlete, administrator or coach of a federated association who commits any misconduct (insults, assault, indecent gestures, immoral acts, etc.) against another athlete, against a referee, against any member of any other association, or against any member of the Federation on the field, is suspended for one year, and the fine is determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than one thousand US dollars (US$1,000). In case of repetition, he is suspended for three years and the fine is determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than three thousand US dollars (US$3,000).

d. Any athlete, administrator or coach of a federated association who attacks Executive Board members, whether on the field, through correspondence, or by publishing any news or comment that defames or distorts the image of the Federation or of one of its members on any media outlet or social media platform, is suspended for a full year from the date of the penalty decision, and the association to which he belongs is fined an amount determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than one thousand US dollars (US$1,000). In case of repetition, he is suspended for three years from the date of the penalty decision and the association to which he belongs is fined an amount determined by decision of the Federation's Executive Board, provided that it is not less than three thousand US dollars (US$3,000).

e. Any athlete, coach or administrator of a federated association who corresponds or publishes any news or comment that directly or indirectly defames or distorts the image of any athlete, coach or administrator affiliated with another association, on any media outlet, online or on social media, is suspended for a full year and fined an amount

determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than one thousand US dollars (US$1,000). In case of repetition, he is permanently suspended and fined an amount determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than three thousand US dollars in cash (US$3,000).

Article 41:

The Federation organizes training courses for referees and coaches to raise their level, and only persons who meet the conditions set by the Executive Board may take part in these courses.

Article 42:

Every federation-recognized referee and coach, regardless of his technical level, must obtain an official card from the Federation valid for two years and must provide the documents that the Federation requires for this purpose.

The Executive Board shall take legal measures against any referee or coach who does not obtain this card, including striking his name off the Federation and prohibiting him from contracting and cooperating with associations; the associations and official authorities shall be notified of him.

Article 43:

A federated association may not appeal to official authorities regarding any Federation decision taken against it, of whatever kind, before submitting a written appeal to the Executive Board and obtaining an official reply. If the association's officials are not satisfied, they are entitled to refer the matter to the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Article 44:

Every association, referee or coach wishing to take part in any course abroad, of whatever kind, must obtain the Federation's prior approval, failing which:

- The association is fined an amount determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than two thousand US dollars in cash (US$2,000), and in case of repetition it is suspended for two years and the fine is determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than three thousand US dollars in cash (US$3,000).
- The referee and the coach are suspended for a full year and the fine is determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than one thousand five hundred US dollars in cash (US$1,500); in case of repetition, they are permanently suspended with a fine determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than three thousand US dollars in cash (US$3,000).

Article 45:

The Executive Board has the right to appoint coaches to supervise the preparation of the national team, and may also use coaches appointed by official authorities.

Article 46:

Every association wishing to hold a sports activity must notify the Executive Board by official letter stating the date, prizes, and the technical and administrative conditions of the activity in order to obtain official approval. No event may be added and the conditions of the activity may not be changed, for any reason. The Executive Board may prevent the association from holding the activity if it contravenes the technical and administrative sports regulations, and the associations must also adhere to the categories adopted by the Federation.

Article 47:

The Executive Board may name persons as honorary members of the Federation, provided that they have rendered it administrative services and valuable financial assistance, and this decision shall be communicated to the associations and official authorities.

Article 48:

The Executive Board may refuse to admit any association to the Federation if it fails to comply with the Federation's decisions or to provide the specified and required official documents.

Article 49:

If the Federation receives a letter from an association in which a dispute has arisen among its members, the Federation shall investigate the content of the letter to ascertain the truth, provided that the objection comes from official members of the association. If it is unable to resolve the dispute, the letter is referred to the Ministry of Youth and Sports to decide the matter.

Article 50:

Any association that has been struck off the Federation for any reason and wishes to return to its fold must meet the Federation's requirements and implement its decisions, and it is not considered legal until it obtains the approval of the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Article 51:

The Executive Board may engage administrative, technical and legal persons when necessary, and may also allocate allowances or fees to each of them, or to any Executive Board member who is officially assigned a task.

Article 52:

The Secretary-General is the official liaison between the associations' delegates and the Federation, and receives all official reports from the associations against an official receipt signed by him.

Article 53:

The Executive Board may set a flat fee for each tournament or race organized by a school or university under the Federation's supervision, provided that the organizer undertakes to provide the required number of official referees at its own expense and complies with the Federation's administrative and technical decisions on the matter.

Article 54:

The Executive Board of the Lebanese Athletics Federation is entitled to supervise road races organized by clubs, federated associations, or associations having official sports or youth status from outside the Federation's family, in return for a flat fee or a percentage of the revenues from advertising and promotions obtained by these associations, provided that the organizing party undertakes to provide the required number of official referees at its own expense and to comply with all the administrative and technical decisions issued by the Lebanese Athletics Federation in this regard.

A cash fee shall be collected from the organizers of road races of all kinds, whether official, friendly or fun runs, for each participant (male or female), for races held on Lebanese territory under the supervision or approval of the Lebanese Athletics Federation, in addition to the referees' fees.

This includes the supervision or approval by the Lebanese Athletics Federation of these races and of the complete technical results, including manual or electronic timing (Chrono Sport).

The amount of the fee imposed on all road races shall be determined by a circular issued by the Executive Board of the Lebanese Athletics Federation at the beginning of each year and circulated to all clubs, federated associations and road race organizers.

Article 55:

At the beginning of each year, the Executive Board determines the categories adopted by the Federation, specifying the technical and administrative conditions for each category and for each championship or tournament.

Article 56:

The international technical rules apply to all of the Federation's activities, with the Executive Board having the right to devise other regulations to develop the sport in Lebanon, provided that they do not conflict with the international regulations.

Article 57:

The Federation will not give athletes its approval to use a representative and will not license an athletes' representative to work unless there is a written contract between the athlete and his representative. This contract must include the minimum conditions set out in the international memorandum issued by the International Athletics Federation concerning athletes and their representatives.

Article 58:

Disputes:

- Disputes arising between the Federation and an athlete or persons connected with him (coaches, administrators, doctors, athletes' representatives, etc.) must be submitted to the Federation's arbitration panel in accordance with the procedures set out in Rule 60 of the International Federation's Rules for 2010–2011.
- Disputes arising between the Federation and the International Federation must be referred to the Executive Board of the International Federation.
- Disputes arising between the Lebanese Federation and any other federation that is a member of the International Federation must be referred to the Executive Board of the International Federation.

Article 59:

Doping Control:

Athletes and the persons connected with them (coaches, administrators, doctors, athletes' representatives, etc.) are subject to the anti-doping rules and their implementing regulations adopted by the International Federation.

1. The Federation must conduct out-of-competition doping control tests and submit an annual report thereon to the International Federation.
2. The International Federation is permitted to carry out doping control during the Federation's national championships or any similar competition.
3. The International Athletics Federation is permitted to conduct doping control tests on male and female athletes outside the framework of championships and competitions, in accordance with the international anti-doping regulations and rules adopted.
4. Every athlete affiliated with the Federation must submit to testing, outside or during championships organized by the Federation or the International Federation, in accordance with the anti-doping rules, on pain of liability.

Article 60:

Associations must comply with the Federation's decisions concerning violations of the regulations in force by any association, administrator, athlete or coach, including the suspension decisions referred to above, failing which they shall be suspended for one year and fined an amount determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than two thousand US dollars in cash (US$2,000).

Article 61:

The Federation does not recognize any new record set in Lebanon unless it supervised the event in which the record was achieved on Lebanese territory.

Article 62:

An association that contracts with a foreign coach must notify the Federation, providing a copy of the contract together with the coach's official documents proving his official status.

Article 63:

Every association must notify the Federation of every disciplinary decision, of whatever kind, that it has taken against any athlete affiliated with it, and the Executive Board may increase or reduce the penalty after studying the grounds in a session of the Board.

Article 64:

Any association that submits incorrect documents to the Federation concerning the association or the athletes affiliated with it shall be punished administratively and financially after an investigation into the violation.

Article 65:

Every association must comply with the administrative decisions issued by the Federation and with the regulations in force, on pain of liability, and the Executive Board may take the appropriate decision regarding any association or administrator, whatever his position.

Article 66:

Any letter addressed to the Federation that is not signed by the President and the Secretary-General and stamped with the association's official seal is considered unlawful, is disregarded, and will not be examined by the Federation in an official session.

Article 67:

At the beginning of each year, every association must name an administrative officer, preferably one of the members of its administrative board, as its delegate to the Federation. The delegate must remain in constant contact with the Federation's Secretariat in order to receive circulars and letters and to facilitate the work of the Federation and the association alike. This officer may not be an athlete registered on an association's list.

Article 68:

A federated association may not field any athlete of another federated association in a meet, tournament or race of any kind without first obtaining the written consent of his association and officially notifying the Federation of this in writing, attaching the consent of the association to which the athlete belongs.

Any association that violates this Article is suspended for six months and fined an amount determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than five hundred US dollars in cash (US$500).

Likewise, a federated association may not field any foreign athlete in its local or external activity except after obtaining the prior written consent of the parent federation to which he belongs and officially notifying the Federation of this in writing, attaching the consent of the parent federation,

on pain of suspension of the association for one year and a fine determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than five hundred US dollars in cash (US$500).

Article 69:

The Federation is not responsible for any health incident suffered by any athlete during official Federation activities or those organized by associations under the Federation's supervision, and accordingly the associations must insure their athletes. This decision applies to the tournaments and races of the federated associations and to the races supervised by the Federation.

Article 70:

It is prohibited to hold two competitions of associations on the same day, of whatever kind, and it is prohibited to hold any activity while the Federation is organizing a race, tournaments or a championship.

Article 71:

Associations wishing to carry out an external activity must obtain the Federation's approval one month before the date of the match or tournament, while for a local activity associations must obtain the Federation's approval ten days in advance.

In both cases, the request must state the technical and administrative conditions of each race or tournament together with the official program.

Article 72:

An association wishing to carry out international activities in Lebanon or abroad must obtain the prior approval of the Ministry of Youth and Sports one month before such activities take place, and must comply with the provisions of the laws in force.

Article 73:

Within 48 hours of holding any activity of any kind, every association must submit to the Federation the official result and the names of the referees.

Article 74:

It is prohibited to conduct sports activities falling within athletics, of any kind, with unlawful and non-federated associations.

Article 75:

During the season, which begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 of the same year, every association must provide at least twenty male or female athletes, half of whom participate in Lebanon's cross-country championships or road races, and the other half in athletics championships.

The ranking of the associations during Lebanon's team championships will be based on the participation in these activities of the male and female athletes who have met the following two conditions or one of them:

- **For cross-country or road races:**

The athlete must cover the race distance within a time not exceeding one and a half times the time achieved by the first-placed athlete in that race.

- **For athletics:**
- Each athlete, in his category, must achieve the minimum mark for each event in which he participates, as indicated in the attached list of minimum standards, which is an integral part of these Statutes.
  The Executive Board shall automatically amend each year the list of minimum standards for the ranking of the categories attached to these Statutes and submit it to the ordinary General Assembly session for ratification, so that it takes effect from the start of the new season.
  This amendment is made if records were broken during the past season, by the same margin (increase or decrease) that led to the improvement of the mark. The attached list of minimum standards is considered the basis for calculating these amendments.

Article 76:

Each association has the right to register an unlimited number of foreign athletes on its lists, under the conditions mentioned above, the only exception being that they are not entitled to participate in the Lebanese General Team Championship.

Article 77:

Where any federated association refuses to represent Lebanon, or any athlete, coach or administrator affiliated with a federated association refuses, without a legitimate excuse, to join the national team appointed by the Federation or to attend the training of this team, the association to which the athlete, coach or administrator belongs shall be punished by suspension for one year and a fine determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than two thousand US dollars in cash (US$2,000); in addition, the athlete, coach or administrator shall be suspended for one year and fined an amount determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than one thousand US dollars in cash (US$1,000).

Article 78:

Any association that is late in paying its annual subscription after a written warning is deprived of voting in the first General Assembly session, and if it is late in paying the subscription for a second year, its membership in the Federation's family is frozen and the Ministry is notified within a maximum of one month so as to take the appropriate measure against it.

The Executive Board may impose a monetary penalty in the first year, to be paid together with the subscription in the second year.

Article 79:

Any association that fields a male or female athlete who is not registered on its lists, or does so in a manner contrary to the Federation's regulations, is punished by suspension for one year and payment of a fine of three million Lebanese pounds (LBP 3,000,000).

Article 80:

Every association must notify the Federation of every change in its administrative board, and must submit to the Federation at the beginning of each year the names of the administrative board members, the association's address, the name and address of the delegate, and the name of the coach.

Article 81:

Every association must place its sports ground at the Federation's disposal for holding official championships and tournaments, and the Federation may punish an association that violates this decision by imposing administrative and financial penalties, and even striking it off the Federation's family if it fails to implement the Federation's decision.

Article 82:

Any referee affiliated with the Federation who does not comply with the Federation's decision and does not implement the decisions taken against him is punished, the first time, by suspension for one year and a fine of five hundred US dollars in cash (US$500), and in case of repetition is struck off the list of referees and the International Federation is notified accordingly.

Article 83:

Any referee affiliated with the Federation who does not respond to the Federation's call to officiate at three tournaments or championships within one year has his name struck off the list of referees, and the International Federation is notified accordingly.

Article 84:

Any athlete who disrupts or attempts to disrupt the order of the competitions during championships or tournaments, or unjustifiably confronts administrators or referees, shall be subject to the provisions of Rule 145 of the International Federation's Rules (2010–2011); the procedure for approaching referees during competitions must follow Rule 146 of the International Federation's Rules (2010–2011).

Article 85:

Every federated association, and every athlete, coach or administrator affiliated with a federated association, must comply with all the Federation's decisions, on pain of suspension for one year

and a fine of at least five hundred US dollars in cash (US$500), or one of these two penalties, by decision of the Executive Board; in case of repetition, the suspension is for three years and the fine is at least one thousand five hundred US dollars in cash (US$1,500), or one of these two penalties, by decision of the Executive Board.

Article 86:

It is prohibited to field the athletes of federated associations in school and university activities, unless they are students officially enrolled in these educational institutions.

Article 87:

No federated association may join any sports grouping that engages in athletics activities (Track & Field – road races – cross-country) of any kind without prior written permission from the Federation, on pain of suspension for a full year and a fine determined by decision of the Executive Board, provided that it is not less than one thousand five hundred US dollars in cash (US$1,500).

Article 88:

If a dispute arises between an association affiliated with the Federation and the Federation and is not settled between the two parties, the Ministry shall intervene to resolve the dispute within its competence; matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the judiciary shall be referred to the competent judicial authority.

Article 89:

The membership of any association that does not provide a headquarters, a coach and a sports ground, that does not comply with any regulation issued by the official authorities and the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and that does not comply with the Federation's administrative, technical and financial decisions, is frozen in the Federation's family upon expiry of the period given to it by an official notice of violation from the Federation, if it has not corrected its situation; accordingly, the Ministry is notified within a maximum of one month so as to take the appropriate measure against it.

Article 90:

All documents and records are kept at the Federation's headquarters under the management of the Secretary-General and are at the members' disposal upon request. He must hand them over automatically at the end of his term of office and may under no circumstances retain them.

Article 91: Purpose

In order to ensure the safety of all male and female athletes, coaches, referees, staff and volunteers in the athletics sector, the Lebanese Athletics Federation is fully and resolutely committed, without ambiguity or leniency, to the Safeguarding Rules adopted by World Athletics and to all directives issued by it.

The Federation adopts a clear and explicit safeguarding policy providing for absolute zero tolerance of any form of abuse, harassment or exploitation within the Federation. This policy aims to protect male and female athletes and coaches (including the entire support team), officials, volunteers, all board members and administrators of affiliated clubs, and referees, while ensuring that everyone understands their rights and duties in the area of safeguarding. The policy is based on clear and specific principles that promote a culture of safeguarding within the Federation, proceeding from a firm belief that athletes have the right to participate in a safe sporting environment in which they are treated with full respect.

Article 92: Scope of Application

1. This Chapter and the provisions contained in it apply to:
    a. All male and female athletes affiliated with the Lebanese Athletics Federation or its affiliated clubs;

    b. Coaches, administrators, referees, doctors and therapists, volunteers, and all other members of the technical and medical staff;

    c. Members of the committees operating in the Federation and the clubs, and anyone who represents the Federation in an internal or external activity;

    d. Any person or entity contracted to organize, manage or support a sports activity under the umbrella of the Federation;

    e. Parents or companions during activities in which children or minors participate;

    f. Organizers and security personnel at official championships and competitions;

    g. Photographers, media personnel and media coverage staff who have access to athletes or are present at training and competition venues;

    h. Visitors or spectators at open activities where children or minor athletes are directly present.

2. The provisions of this Chapter apply to all activities connected with athletics, including training, official and friendly competitions, camps, and school and university activities organized by the Federation or organized under its patronage, partnership or supervision.

Article 93: Definitions

For the purposes of applying this Chapter, the following terms mean:

1. **Safeguarding: A set of policies, procedures and preventive and practical measures aimed at preventing, detecting and addressing abuse, violence, harassment and exploitation in sport when they occur, and at ensuring a safe environment for all participants.**

2. **Child/Minor: Any person who has not completed eighteen years of age under Lebanese legislation and the relevant international conventions.**

3. **Adult at Risk: Any adult who may be more vulnerable to exploitation or abuse because of disability, illness, economic or social fragility, or other circumstances.**

4. **Abuse: Any act or omission resulting in physical, psychological, emotional or sexual harm, or a violation of a person's rights and dignity.**

5. **Harassment: Any unwelcome behavior, repeated or serious, verbal, non-verbal or physical, that aims at or results in diminishing a person's dignity or creating a hostile or humiliating environment.**

6. **Exploitation: Using a person, particularly a child, for sexual, commercial, media or other purposes, in violation of his best interests, dignity and rights.**

7. **Physical violence: Any physical assault, including beating, deprivation of food or sleep, forcing an athlete into excessive training that threatens his health, or disregarding medical instructions.**

8. **Psychological/Emotional violence: Any pattern of insults, threats, intimidation, bullying, humiliation or excessive pressure that results in psychological harm to the participant.**

9. **Sexual violence or exploitation: Any behavior of a sexual nature imposed on a person without his free and informed consent, or where there is an imbalance of power, age or capacity to understand.**

10. **Safeguarding Officer (or Safeguarding Coordinator): The person or body appointed by the Federation to receive reports and to manage and follow up safeguarding cases.**

Article 94: General Principles

The Lebanese Athletics Federation and the clubs under its umbrella are committed to the following principles:

1. Giving priority to the safety and well-being of participants, especially children and minors, over any competitive, commercial or organizational considerations.

2. Respecting human dignity and non-discrimination on the basis of gender, age, religious, sectarian or political affiliation, origin, disability, social or economic status, or any other reason.

3. Zero tolerance of any form of abuse, violence, harassment or exploitation at all levels of athletics.

4. Promoting the principle of the shared responsibility of all those working in athletics to report any suspicion or incident that threatens the safety of participants.

5. Maintaining the confidentiality of information, protecting whistleblowers and victims, and avoiding exposing them to any retaliation.

6. Taking into account the best interests of the child/minor in all decisions and procedures concerning him, in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the relevant international standards.

Article 95: Obligations of the Federation

In order to ensure that the training and competition environment is safe, the Federation undertakes to:

1. Establish and adopt a written policy for the safeguarding of male and female athletes participating in athletics, consistent with this Chapter and with the safeguarding policy issued by World Athletics.
2. Appoint a safeguarding officer at Federation level, and name a safeguarding liaison officer to ensure communication between persons at risk and the Federation, receive reports and complaints, and refer them to the competent and concerned authorities.
3. Prepare a Code of Conduct for those working in athletics (coaches, administrators, referees, doctors, volunteers, etc.) containing clear rules on acceptable and unacceptable behavior, especially in dealing with children and minors.
4. Ensure that all employees and volunteers who work directly with children and minors are subject, as far as possible, to:
    a. An appropriate prior background check in accordance with Lebanese law;
    b. Signing an undertaking to comply with the safeguarding policies and the Code of Conduct.

5. Provide effective and easily accessible mechanisms for submitting complaints and reports, including the possibility of confidential reporting, and inform athletes and parents of these mechanisms.

Article 96: Reporting Procedures and Handling of Complaints

1. The Federation establishes a clear written mechanism for reporting safeguarding concerns or incidents, including:

    a. A standard form for submitting a complaint or report;

    b. Free electronic and telephone means of communication available at all times;

    c. The ability to receive reports and complaints from athletes, parents, coaches, referees, or any person who witnessed or learned of a possible incident.

2. When receiving complaints or reports, the following shall be observed:

    a. Respecting confidentiality to the maximum extent possible;

b. Not exposing the reporter or the victim to any discriminatory or retaliatory treatment;

c. Treating the report seriously and promptly, and not downplaying it.

3. The Safeguarding Officer or the competent committee at the Federation shall:

a. Conduct a preliminary assessment of the seriousness of the complaint;

b. Take urgent preventive measures when necessary, such as temporarily removing the person reported from contact with children, minors or victims, or temporarily suspending his duties;

c. Refer the matter to the competent judicial or security authorities when necessary.

Article 97: Investigations and Disciplinary Measures

1. The Federation conducts an internal administrative investigation, or assigns a competent committee, taking care to avoid conflicts of interest, to verify the facts that are the subject of the complaint.

2. The parties concerned are enabled to state their case and submit any documents or witnesses they have, while ensuring the protection of the victim, especially children, from re-victimization or stigmatization.

3. If a violation of the provisions of this Chapter or of the Code of Conduct is established, the Federation may take one or more of the following measures:

a. A written reprimand or a written warning;

b. Suspension of the person's participation in activities for a specified period;

c. Prohibition from training or supervision;

d. Termination of the contractual relationship with the coach, administrator, employee or volunteer;

e. Referral of the matter to the Federation's competent disciplinary committee to impose any additional penalties it deems appropriate.

4. The taking of disciplinary measures does not preclude prosecution of the offender before the competent judicial authorities when necessary.

Article 98: Prevention, Education and Capacity Building

The Federation undertakes to organize periodic training and education programs on safeguarding concepts in sport, directed to:

a. Coaches, administrators and referees;

b. Male and female athletes, especially minors;

c. Parents;

d. Volunteers.

Article 99: Review and Update

This Chapter is subject to periodic review (every three years at most, or whenever necessary) to ensure its consistency with:

a. Legislative developments in Lebanon;

b. Updates to the safeguarding policy issued by World Athletics and the International Olympic Committee;

c. Regional and international best practices in the field of safeguarding athletes in sport.

Article 100: (Sports Arbitration)

The Federation and all its members, the affiliated associations, administrators, referees, coaches, athletes and everyone connected with athletics undertake to adopt sports arbitration as the means of resolving sports disputes, before the Sports Arbitration Center established by the Lebanese Olympic Committee, in a manner that does not conflict with the laws and regulations in force.

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