

REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT

OF

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WHEREAS:

The NNL wishes to make these regulations that shall govern its activities.

The NNL therefore makes and adopts the following regulations to govern its activities:

In these Regulations:

“Affiliate/Affiliated” shall mean any person having close association as an employee, former employee, benefactor, beneficiary, administrator, owner or chairman of any club in the league.

“Association Football” means the game of football as played in accordance with the rules and regulations of, or as adopted by the Football Association;

“Board” means the board for the time being of the NNL;

“Board Member” means a member of the Board of the NNL;

“CAF” means Confederation Africaine de Football or Confederation of African Football, the continental governing body for Association Football in Africa, founded on February 8, 1957, with its headquarters in Cairo, Egypt.

“Chairman” means the person duly selected/approved as the Chairman, by the NFF Selection Committee or its board to act as same.

“Club” means an Association Football club, which is for the time being a member of the NNL; and their respective States Football Association.

“Clear Days” in relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day for which the notice is given or on which it is to take effect but including the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given;

“Chief Operating Officer” means the Chief Operating Officer of the NNL or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the head of the NNL Secretariat;

“Operating Officer” means the Operating Officer who is the immediate next in hierarchy to the Chief Operating Officer of the NNL.

“FIFA” means Federation International de Football Association or International Federation of Association Football, the world football governing body, founded in May 21, 1904, with its headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland.

“Football Federation” means Nigeria Football Federation.

“Football Association” means State Football Associations subordinate to the NFF.

“General Meeting” means any meeting of the Members and shall include for the purpose of these Articles (except where expressly stated) the annual general meeting;

“Independent” means a person with no affiliation to any NNL club, as defined in these regulations.

“League Office” means the registered office for the time being of the NNL;

“Member” means an Association Football club the whose name is duly registered in the NNL’s records as a member of the NNL;

“NFF” means Nigeria Football Federation, both names being of inter-changeable usage; an affiliate football federation of CAF and FIFA;

“NNL” or “the NNL” means Nigeria National League;

“Resolution” means a resolution of the NNL which has been passed at a General Meeting by a majority of Members or by the Board of the NNL;

“the League” means the Nigeria National League;

“the Rules” means the rules of the League as made, adopted or amended from time to time;

“written” or **“in writing”** shall include without limitation email, telex, telegram, cable, facsimile transmission or other means of telecommunication in permanent written form.

A reference to a person includes a body corporate and an unincorporated body of persons.

THE BOARD

1. The NNL's Board shall consist of nine (9) members, which shall include the following:
 - a) An Independent Chairman
 - b) An Independent Vice Chairman
 - c) Three (3) Independent Members
 - d) Six (6) Members representing the Clubs, one from each geo-political zone

Appointment of Board Chairman

2. The appointment of the independent Chairman shall be done on the recommendation of a selection committee appointed for that purpose by the NFF shall be constituted as follows:
3. The selection committee's recommendation of the chairman shall be based on such criteria as:
 - a) passion for the game,

- b) educational qualification not less than a certificate from a tertiary institution for at least 10 _____ years prior to the date of his selection,
 - c) extensive experience in the corporate world,
 - d) of sound mind,
 - e) a fit and proper person who is under no disability, such as ban from football related activities,
 - f) no criminal record or conviction for an offence relating to fraud,
 - g) a confirmed business address, and
 - h) capacity to sustain and drive the league to sporting growth and development.
4. The other independent Board Members shall also be appointed by the NFF Selection Committee on the basis of the criteria in Article (a), (d) – (h).
5. The Independent Chairman and Independent Board Members shall have a tenure of 4 years in the first instance which shall thereafter be renewable for only one further term of 3 years. Such tenure may be renewable only once, subject to re-recommendation by the Selection Committee.
6. A Chairman, Owner, Administrator or any person otherwise affiliated to any club in Nigeria shall not be eligible, in his own personal capacity, to be appointed as an independent Chairman or independent Board Member, except he has four years prior to the appointment resigned from such position.
7. The NFF shall have the power to veto the appointment of the independent Chairman and independent Board Members.

Appointment of Six (6) Club Representatives

8. The participating Clubs of the league shall annually before the commencement of the League season select or nominate from among themselves six representatives as members of the board, who shall each be a Chairman of a club.
9. The six Club representatives shall be from Clubs based in each of the six geographical zones in Nigeria.

Removal of Board Member

10. A Board Member may only be removed from the Board through a resolution of majority of the Board Members, subject to the approval of Members in a general meeting in the case of Club representatives, and the veto of the NFF.

NNL Chief Operating Officer

11. The NNL shall have a Chief Operating Officer and an Operating Officer to assist the Chief Operating Officer.

Quorum for Board Meetings

12. The quorum for Board Meetings shall be 3 members, provided that at least one independent member shall be present.

Form of Meeting

13. 1) A board meeting may be conducted in any of the following ways:
 - a) By a meeting duly convened at a designated location.
 - b) By telephone, video conferencing or any other modern means of communication.
- 2) Nothing in the foregoing shall override the necessity of a duly signed resolution from the authorized signatories for any resolution passed at a Board meeting.

- 3) A written resolution duly signed by the authorized signatories shall be deemed as valid a resolution passed at meeting duly convened.
14. A meeting shall be convened by the Chief Operating Officer under the directive of the Chairman.
15. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie in the voting of the Board.
16. In the absence of the Chairman, the vice-chairman shall preside over meetings duly convened in accordance with Article 15 of these Regulations.

Powers of the Board

17. The affairs of the NNL shall be managed day to day by the Board.
18. The Board shall:
 - a) manage the affairs of the NNL including the operation of the League and the operation and implementation of the Rules;
 - b) take such executive steps as it considers necessary to secure, promote and enhance the interests of the League;
 - c) exercise all powers of the NNL but subject to general policy directions as agreed from time to time;
 - d) take such executive steps as it considers necessary to give effect to any policy in the interest of the League;
 - e) make such recommendations to the Members on such matters of importance to the League as it considers appropriate;
 - f) determine any and all matters of procedure to be followed by the NNL, and

- g) take such other steps as it considers necessary for the attainment of any or all of the forgoing or for the performance of its duties generally.
19. The Board shall in relation to any dealings relating to television, broadcasting, and sponsorship or like transactions exercise utmost good faith, financial and commercial best judgment and secure the overall best commercial interest of the league.
20. No alteration of any resolution of the Members shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that resolution had not been passed.

Delegation of the Board's Powers

21. The Board may delegate to the Chief Operating Officer such of its powers as the Board considers desirable to be exercised by him.
22. Any such delegation under Article 22 may be made subject to any conditions the Board or the Members by Resolution may impose, and either concurrently with or to the exclusion of the Board's own powers and any such delegation may be revoked or altered.
23. The Board may appoint any person or group of persons (including any person who is a Representative of a Club) to carry out or undertake such specific duties for the NNL with such powers and authority as it shall determine and, in relation thereto, the Board shall be entitled to remunerate or pay such fees to such person for such duties on such basis and on such terms and conditions, as the Board shall determine.

Borrowing Powers

24. The Board may with the prior approval or authority of a Resolution exercise all the powers of the NNL to borrow or raise money and to mortgage or charge its assets and, subject to the Act, to issue debentures and other debt securities as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the NNL or of any third party.

Directors' Remuneration and Expenses

25. The remuneration of the Board Members shall, from time to time, be determined by the NNL in general meeting.

26. The remuneration of the Board Members shall be exclusive of such sitting allowance paid to the Board Members for the attendance of meetings.
27. The NNL may pay fees and bonuses to Board Members where they bring material financial benefit to the NNL.
28. A Board Members and any person appointed by the Board may be paid all reasonable travelling, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of the Board or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

Board Members' Interests

29. Provided that he has disclosed to the Members the nature and extent of any material interest which he has, and obtained the consent of the Members by Resolution, a Board Member notwithstanding his office:
 - a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the NNL or in which the NNL is otherwise interested;
 - b) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, anybody corporate promoted by the NNL or in which the NNL is otherwise interested; and
 - c) shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the NNL for any benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.
30. Unless authorized by a Resolution to do so, a Board Member shall not attend or vote at any meeting of the Board or 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 NNL.
31. Where a Board Member mentioned in Article 30 above attends a meeting of the Board he shall excuse himself from the proceedings or deliberations of the Board concerning any such 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 NNL.

32. In the event of the failure to comply with Articles 30 - 32, any decision reached or resolution passed by the Board on the matter in which a Board Member has an interest as specified shall be void.

Minutes

33. The Board shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose of all proceedings at General Meetings, of all resolutions passed by the Members and of all meetings of the Board, including the names of the Board Members present at each of such Board meetings. The Board shall cause all such minutes to be circulated to Members within fourteen days of the date of any such meeting.

Execution of Documents:

34. The Board may determine who shall sign any instrument and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by two Board Members or one Board Member and the Chief Operating Officer. Any document signed by two Board Members or one Board Member and the Chief Operating Officer and expressed (in whatever form of words) to be executed by the NNL has the same effect as if executed under Seal.

RULES

35. The NNL may by Resolution make and adopt and from time to time amend the Rules for the purpose of regulating all matters affecting the organization and management of the league to the extent not provided for in, and so far as the same do not conflict with, the provisions of these Articles.
36. Unless otherwise stated in these Articles or the Rules, the provisions of the Articles shall prevail in the event of any conflict with any of the provisions of the Rules.

NNL Club Management Structure

37. The NNL Club Management Structure shall be as follows:

- i. President
- ii. Vice President
- iii. Sporting Director
- iv. Director of Finance
- v. Director of Marketing
- vi. Team Manager
- vii. Director of Administration/Secretary.

Tenure

38. The tenure of all NNL Clubs Management shall be 4 years, renewable.

Unforeseen

40. Matters not covered by these rules shall be determined by NNL Board resolution in accordance with the NFF status.

NOTE

41. Matters arising from this body of rules are not subject to litigation in regular Courts.

Endorsement/Date of effect:

Dated this day of 2017

Signed under the long hands,

Name: Lawrence Katken
Designation: Chief Operating Officer

Signature:

Name: Chidi Ofo Okenwa, CPSM, FCILPAN, UNPA
Designation: Chairman

Signature: