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**ELECTORAL CODE FOR ELECTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND UNDER
THE PATRONAGE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING
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PREAMBLE

Whereas the positions of President, Vice President, and Committee members of the Football Association of Thailand under the Patronage of His Majesty the King are filled by election, according to Clause 26.2 of the Association Statutes stipulated that elections shall be governed by the Electoral Code prescribed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Congress; be it, therefore, to ensure compliance with the Statutes and other applicable laws, the Congress has passed a resolution to issue this Electoral Code upon the proposal of the Executive Committee.

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SECTION 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Clause 1. Scope of Application

This Electoral Code is applicable to the elections of the President, Vice President, and Committee members of the Football Association of Thailand under the Patronage of His Majesty the King (“Association”).

Clause 2. In this Electoral Code:

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| 2.1 | Voter | means | a representative of a member entitled to vote at the Congress pursuant to the Association Statutes. |
| 2.2 | Election | means | an election of the President, Vice President, and Committee members. |
| 2.3 | Candidate | means | an individual nominated in accordance with the Association Statutes to stand for election for the position of President, Vice President, or Committee member. |
| 2.4 | Ballot Paper | means | a voting poll. |
| 2.5 | Examiner | means | an individual appointed by the Congress to examine ballot papers. |

SECTION 2

GENERAL CONDUCT

Clause 3. Preliminary Guidelines

The General Secretariat shall be responsible for conducting, monitoring, overseeing, and examining an Election to be in compliance with this Electoral Code and the Association Statutes.

Clause 4. Responsibilities of the General Secretariat

- 4.1 The General Secretariat shall be responsible for conducting, monitoring, overseeing, and examining an Election to be in compliance with this Electoral Code and the Association Statutes. The duties and responsibilities of the General Secretariat are:
- 4.1.1 To enforce this Electoral Code and the Association Statutes;
 - 4.1.2 To examine the qualifications of Candidates;
 - 4.1.3 To prepare a list of Candidates;



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- 4.1.4 To prepare a list of Voters;
- 4.1.5 To prepare Ballots, urns, and polling booths at the expense of the Association, and deliver Ballots to the Examiner appointed by the Congress on the date of Election;
- 4.1.6 To monitor and oversee the voting and counting procedures;
- 4.1.7 To pronounce final decisions on matters related to voting and Ballots;
- 4.1.8 To monitor, oversee, and prepare a report of the result of Election;
- 4.1.9 To announce the result of Election; and
- 4.1.10 To carry out all other tasks necessary to ensure the smooth running of the electoral process.

SECTION 3

CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Clause 5. Candidates shall have the following qualifications:

- 5.1 Must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and not exceeding seventy-five (75) years of age at the time of Election;
- 5.2 Must have knowledge and experience in football;
- 5.3 Must be nominated by a Member of the Association;
- 5.4 Must be an ordinary person or delegate of a Member of the Association;
- 5.5 Must not be or have been adjudged bankrupt;
- 5.6 Must not be an incompetent or quasi-incompetent person;
- 5.7 Must never have been sentenced by final judgement to imprisonment, except negligence or petty offence;
- 5.8 Must never have been dismissed from the Executive Committee by the Registrar pursuant to Section 86 (4) of the Sports Authority of Thailand Act, unless such dismissal has been issued more than five (5) years from the date of dismissal;
- 5.9 Must never have committed any act that causes damages to the Association;
- 5.10 Must never have committed any act or neglected to perform duties to the extent that derogates the Association;
- 5.11 Must never have committed a corruption offence in relation to the Association;
- 5.12 Must never have been charged by the Association for any offence and regardless of whether the final judgement has been passed by a court; and



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- 5.13 Must never have been banned from taking part in any football-related activity by Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) or The ASEAN Football Federation (AFF).

Clause 6. Submission

- 6.1 Only Members of the Association are entitled to nominate Candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, and Committee members. Nomination of the Candidates shall be submitted in writing to the General Secretariat at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the elective Congress.
- 6.2 Candidates shall submit an application form and all relevant documentary evidence to the General Secretariat at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the elective Congress.
- 6.3 Upon receipt of the documents specified in Clause 6.2, the General Secretariat shall decide on the eligibility and integrity of the Candidates and inform them accordingly at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the date of the elective Congress.
- 6.4 The General Secretariat or the General Secretary shall notify the Members, the official list of Candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, and Committee members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the elective Congress. A copy of the said list of Candidates shall also be submitted to the Sports Authority of Thailand.

SECTION 4

ELECTION

Clause 7. Convocation of the Elective Congress

The procedures, regulations, agendas, and convocation of the elective Congress shall be in accordance with the Association Statutes.

Clause 8. Ballot Paper

- 8.1 Ballot papers shall be examined by the Examiner prior to voting.
- 8.2 Ballot papers shall be in a different color for each round of Election and shall be printed clearly and legibly.



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Clause 9. Urn

- 9.1 Before the start of voting, the urn shall be transparent and shall be opened and presented to Members to confirm that the urn is empty. It shall then be closed and placed in a visible position.
- 9.2 During voting, the urn shall be monitored by a supervisor.

Clause 10. Polling Booth

The polling booths shall be placed in such a position that Ballot Papers are completed in secret.

Clause 11. Voting by Secret Ballot

- 11.1 Before the start of voting, the General Secretary shall inform Voters of the voting procedure in detail and cite any relevant statutory or legislative provisions.
- 11.2 Each Voter shall be called in turn by the General Secretary and invited to move to the front of the hall where the Election is taking place.
- 11.3 Once called, each Voter shall sign the registration form to receive the Ballot Paper and proceed to the polling booth.
- 11.4 The Voter shall complete the Ballot Paper in the polling booth.
- 11.5 The Ballot Paper shall be marked by making a cross into the blank provided in the Ballot Paper.
- 11.6 The Voter shall deposit the Ballot Paper into the urn.
- 11.7 The counting procedure will begin once all the Voter have deposit their ballot papers into the urn or upon expiration of the election period. Officials from the General Secretariat shall open the urn and being the counting procedure.

Clause 12. Counting and Declaration of Results

- 12.1 The counting procedure shall be performed by the General Secretariat.
- 12.2 The counting procedure must be conducted in a transparent manner in the congress.
- 12.3 Officials or delegates of the General Secretariat shall open the urn, verify the validity of the Ballot Paper before reading aloud the number of valid Ballot Papers to be recorded by counting officers.
- 12.4 Once the count has been completed, the General Secretary shall official declare the result to the Congress.
- 12.5 An elected Candidate shall obtain more than one-half of the votes cast by Voters at the Congress, whereby such votes shall be from the first ballot.



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- 12.6 Where there are more than two (2) Candidates for a vacant position and no Candidate receives more than one-half of the votes, all Candidates shall move to the second ballot. From the second ballot onwards, the Candidate obtaining the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated from the subsequent ballot. The process shall continue until two (2) Candidates remain and a simple majority is achieved.
- 12.7 If the Examiner has no objection with regard to the count, such count shall be deemed to have been duly completed.

Clause 13. Invalid Ballot Paper

- 13.1 The following Ballot Papers shall be considered invalid:
 - 13.1.1 Ballot Papers that do not conform to the form defined by the Association;
 - 13.1.2 Ballot Papers that are illegible or have been defaced; and
 - 13.1.3 Ballot Papers that are not marked with a cross.
- 13.2 The General Secretary shall write on the back of any invalid Ballot Paper (in red) the reasons for its invalidity and confirm with a signature.

- Clause 14.** The General Secretary shall certify the result of Election and submit an application form, along with all relevant documentary evidence, to the Registrar of the Sports Association of Bangkok for registration of the new committee or change of committee members.

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