

Standing Orders of the Congress of the NFF

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DEFINITIONS

Whenever relevant, the terminology used in these Standing Orders shall refer to the terms defined in the Definitions section of the Statutes of the NFF.

NB: Terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

Article **1** Representation and participation in the Congress

- ¹ Members of the NFF shall be represented at the Congress by the delegates as mentioned under art. 26 par. 1 of the Statutes of the NFF.
- ² The names of the delegates shall be submitted to the general secretariat before the opening of the Congress.
- ³ The NFF shall bear the costs of travel and accommodation for the delegates of the Members taking part in the Congress. The Executive Committee shall issue appropriate directives in this connection.

Article **2** Chairperson

- ¹ The President of the NFF shall chair the Congress. If the President is unable to attend, the 1st vice-president shall deputise and if he is not present, the 2nd Vice-President shall deputise.
- ² The chairperson shall ensure that the Congress is conducted in strict compliance with these Standing Orders, open and close the Congress and debates, and, unless the Congress decides otherwise, grant delegates permission to speak and conduct all discussions.
- ³ The chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining order during debates. He may take the following action against any delegate who disturbs the debates:
 - a) a call to order;
 - b) a reprimand;
 - c) exclusion from the Congress.
- ⁴ If an appeal is made against such action, the Congress shall decide immediately without debate.

Article **3** Scrutineers

At the beginning of the meeting, the Congress shall appoint an adequate number of scrutineers to count the votes and to assist the General Secretary in distributing and counting voting papers issued for the elections.

Article **4** Interpreters

Official interpreters shall be appointed to interpret into the official languages of the Congress. They shall be appointed by the general secretariat.

Article **5** Debates

- ¹ Debates on each item on the agenda shall be preceded by a short report or introduction:

- a) by the chairperson or a member of the Executive Committee designated for this purpose;
- b) by a representative of the committee designated by the Executive Committee to give such a report or introduction;
- c) by a delegate of the Member that requested the item to be included in the agenda.

² The chairperson then opens the debate.

Article **6** **Speakers**

- ¹ Permission to speak is granted in the order in which it is requested. A speaker may not begin speaking until he has obtained permission to do so.
- ² A speaker may not speak for a second time on the same item until all other delegates who have requested permission to speak have spoken.
- ³ The chairperson may set a time limit for speakers.

Article **7** **Proposals during the Congress**

- ¹ All proposals submitted during the Congress shall be made in writing. Proposals which are not relevant to the subject under discussion shall not be admitted to the debate.
- ² Any amendment to such initial proposals shall be drawn up in writing and passed to the chairperson before being put to the debate.

Article **8** **Procedural motions and closing of debates**

- ¹ If a procedural motion is made, discussion on the main question shall be suspended until a vote has been taken on the motion.
- ² If a motion is made to close the discussion, it shall immediately be put to the vote without debate. If the motion is approved, permission to speak shall only be granted to those Members who asked to speak before the vote was taken.
- ³ The chairperson shall close the discussion unless the Congress decides otherwise by a majority (more than 50%) of the valid votes cast.

Article **9** **Votes**

- ¹ A decision that requires a vote shall be reached by a show of hands or by means of an electronic count, unless decided otherwise by the Congress.

- ² Before each vote, the chairperson, or the person designated by him, shall read the text of the proposal aloud and explain the voting procedure (quorum) to the Congress. If an objection is raised, the Congress shall decide immediately.
- ³ Votes may be taken by roll call if requested by at least 20 delegates representing the Members present and eligible to vote.
- ⁴ No one shall be compelled to vote.
- ⁵ Proposals made during the Congress shall be put to the vote in the order in which they are submitted. If there are more than two main proposals, they shall be put to the vote in succession and the delegates may not vote for more than one of the proposals.
- ⁶ Alterations to amendments shall be put to the vote before the amendments proper, and amendments before the main proposal.
- ⁷ Proposals without a vote against are regarded as having been accepted by the Congress.
- ⁸ The chairperson shall check the result of the vote and announce it to the Congress.
- ⁹ No one is permitted to speak during the vote and until after the result has been announced.

Article **10** Elections

Elections and the electoral process within the NFF shall be conducted according to the relevant provisions of the Statutes and Electoral Code of the NFF.

Article **11** Enforcement

These Standing Orders were adopted at the Congress in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State on 23 March 2026 and come into force on 24 March 2026.

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