

Terms of Reference (ToR): Judicial Committee - Governance Chamber

1. Establishment and Authority

1.1. Name: The Governance Chamber (the "Chamber") of the Judicial Committee.

1.2. Status: A permanent, independent Standing Chamber established by the Board under the organization's Statutes.

1.3. Authority: The Chamber derives its authority from the Statutes and these Terms of Reference. Its decisions on constitutional interpretation and electoral matters are final and binding on all organizational bodies, including the Board, the Secretary General (SG), and all Committees and Commissions.

2. Principle of Independence

2.1. Independence: The Chamber shall operate at all times with complete independence, free from any instruction, influence, or interference from the Board, the SG, or any other organizational body.

2.2. Reporting: The Chamber reports solely to the Board on administrative matters (e.g., budget, annual report) and not on the substance of its rulings or deliberations.

3. Composition and Appointment

3.1. Membership: The Chamber shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) members, appointed by the Board.

3.2. Qualifications: Members must possess high-level expertise in constitutional law, corporate governance, electoral processes, or sports administration. Legal qualifications are highly desirable.

3.3. Chair: The Board shall appoint a Chair from among the members of the Chamber. The Chair is responsible for the Chamber's administration and reporting.

4. Mandate and Responsibilities

The Chamber's primary role is to ensure the integrity and consistent application of the organization's foundational governance documents.

4.1. Constitutional and Regulatory Interpretation

- **Final Interpretation:** To provide the final, binding interpretation of the organization's Statutes, Bylaws, Regulations, and other foundational governance documents.
- **Request for Interpretation:** Interpretation may be requested by the Board, the SG, a Member Federation, or the Chair of any Standing Committee, provided the request is submitted in writing and clearly outlines the specific provision requiring clarification.

4.2. Governance Review and Advice

- **Review of Amendments:** To review and advise on all proposed amendments to the Statutes, Bylaws, and Regulations prior to their submission to the General Assembly or Board for approval, ensuring legal compliance and consistency with the organization's core principles.

- **Governance Best Practice:** To advise the Board on matters of governance best practice, structural integrity, and compliance with international sports standards.

4.3. Electoral Oversight

- **Electoral Rules:** To oversee the integrity and application of the organization's Electoral Rules and Regulations.
- **Eligibility:** To rule on the eligibility of candidates for election to the Board or other elected positions, based on the criteria set forth in the Statutes and Electoral Rules.
- **Disputes:** To hear and rule on disputes and appeals related to the electoral process, including campaign violations and procedural irregularities.

5. Procedures and Reporting

5.1. Procedures: The Chamber shall establish its own internal rules of procedure, which must ensure due process, fairness, and timely resolution of matters. **5.2. Rulings:** All rulings and interpretations must be issued in writing, providing clear reasons for the decision, and are binding upon all stakeholders. **5.3. Reporting:**

- **Annual Report:** The Chair shall submit an annual report to the Board summarizing the Chamber's activities, key interpretations issued, and any structural recommendations.
- **Publication:** Key rulings and interpretations shall be published (anonymized where necessary) to ensure transparency and serve as precedent for future matters.

6. Relationship with the Adjudication Chamber

The Governance Chamber shall maintain a clear distinction of responsibilities with the Adjudication Chamber. The Governance Chamber handles questions of **law and governance integrity**, while the Adjudication Chamber handles questions of **fact and disciplinary enforcement**. The Chair of the Judicial Committee shall coordinate the assignment of members to prevent conflicts of interest and ensure the appropriate Chamber handles each matter.

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