

FEDERATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS



AMENDMENTS OF FASU CONSTITUTION
(2001 VERSION)

ADOPTED BY FASU GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON MAY 21ST IN ABUJA, NIGERIA

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INTERPRETATION CLAUSES

FASU: FEDERATION OF AFRICAN
UNIVERSITY SPORTS

MEMBER OF FEDERATION: MEMBER OF FASU FEDERATION

ANOCA: ASSOCIATION OF MANTIONAL
OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF AFRICA

S.C.S.A: SUPREME COUNCIL FOR SPORTS IN
AFRICA

FISU: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
UNIVEIRSTY SPORTS

AFRICA: CONTINENT OF AFRICA, COMPOSED
OF 55 COUNTRIES

ZONE OF FASU: REPRESENTING ONE OF THE FASU
SIX GEOGRAPHICAL SUB-DIVISION
OF THE CONTINENT. EACH ZONE
MADE UP OF FEDERATIONS.

MEMBERS FASU

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: DESIGNATION

It is hereby set up between national associations of University Sports of African countries called FEDERATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITY SPORTS (FASU)

Article 2: HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Association shall be in

Documents of agreement about the sitting of the headquarters shall be signed by the authorities of the country where the General Headquarters of the Secretariat of FASU is sited.

The headquarters may not be transferred elsewhere except by decision of a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of member of FASU present at the General Assembly. This decision shall be taken by secret ballot.

Article 3: GOALS

The federation of African University Sports (FASU) has the following objectives:

- Improve the development of sports in African Universities, within the framework of its structure and objectives
- Encourage African governments to develop and promote sporting activities in their various Universities.
- Establish proper and effective links with various countries with the view to improve sources of finance provision of adequate facilities and training of manpower,
- Improve on sports researches and publications through the creation of institutes for research, distribution, publication and application of their findings,
- Work in close collaboration with FISU, SCSA and ANOCA with the view of planning, organising and harmonising FASU games time-table,

- Supervise, co-ordinate and support the development of University sports within FASU geographical sub-divisional areas through the national and regional sports administrative bodies,
- Encourage national Federation of University sports in combating all forms of racial, political or religious discrimination,
- Encourage women participation in the University sports
- Organise and co-ordinate the preparation and participation of Africa in the FISU games (Universiades, World Championships, Forum, Congress, etc)
- Search by all means for sources of funding which are capable of sustaining the effort of the Federation of African University Sports (FASU).

Article 4: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Official languages of FASU shall be French and English. Working language of FASU shall be: French, English and Portuguese.

In case of any disagreement about interpretation of the Constitution or any other internal regulations, the French version of the constitution shall be the most reliable.

Article 5: MEMBERSHIP

Any national body or federation in charge of University sports, willing to join FASU shall be free to do so through an application letter signed by the President of national Federation in charge of University Sports of such country.

If such country does not belong to any national federation of University sports, the letter should be addressed through a person appointed by his country as representative of Universities or any other organisation in charge of sports.

All letters of application for membership shall be in conformity with FASU status.

Article 6:

The verdict on admission of new members of federations shall be given only by General Assembly. The Executive Committee may accept a provisional affiliation. The latter shall become permanent only after its approval by General Assembly.

CHAPTER II

Article 7: ORGANS

Federation of African University Sports (FASU) shall carry out its activities through:

- The General Assembly, which shall be the legislative organ.
- The Executive Committee, which shall be the Executive organ
- The General Secretariat, which shall be the administrative body
- The Internal Auditor
- The Zones of FASU

CHAPTER III

Article 8: DEFINITION

The General Assembly shall be the highest organ of FASU

Article 9: COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- (a) Members of Executive Committee (have no voting right)
- (b) Presidents of National Federation of University Sports or their representatives duly mandated
- (c) Duly mandated representatives of countries with no national Federation of University Sports.

Article 10:

Through the proposals of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee may nominate some eminent personalities who have contributed to the upliftment of African University Sports as honourable members of FASU.

Article 11:

The following bodies shall be invited to the meeting of General Assembly as observer:

- A representative of International University Sports Federation (FISU)
- A representative of Supreme Council of Sports in Africa (SCSA)
- A representative of Association of National Olympic committee of Africa (A.N.O.C.A)
- A representative each FASU 6 geographical zones

Article 12: ROLES

The General Assembly shall fix the agenda which comprise of the followings:

- (a) Adoption of the minute of the preceding General Assembly,
- (b) Presentation of activities reports by the President, Secretary-General and the Internal Auditor,
- (c) Approval of the budget,

- (d) Election of members of Executive Committee,
- (e) Election to the post of Internal Auditor,
- (f) Approval of nomination of honorary members,
- (g) Screening and approval of candidates for the organisation of the games and continental sports competitions,
- (h) Membership affiliation and resignation of membership,
- (i) Fixing of contributions.

Article 13: ORDINARY SESSIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly shall necessarily meet once every two years.

An extra-ordinary session of General Assembly may be held either as a result of decision of Executive Committee or at the request of latter by a quorum of two third (2/3) majority of members of Federation of African University Sports (FASU).

Article 14: NOTICE OF MEETING

For ordinary and extra-ordinary sessions of the General Assembly, the notice of meeting followed by the agenda shall be forwarded to federations members ninety days (90) before the date of the meeting.

Article 15: VOTING RIGHT

Only the associations members who pay their contributions shall have the right to vote at General Assembly.

Article 16: QUORUM

The deliberations of the General Assembly shall not be valid except by a quorum of two third (2/3) majority of members of federation present.

In the absence of a quorum, the General Assembly shall be convened 24 hours later and a quorum a simple majority shall be duly formed. In this context, resolutions are passed through a simple majority vote.

CHAPTER IV

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 17: COMPOSITION AND ROLES

The Executive Board shall be made up of:

- One (1) President
- Two (2) Vice Presidents
- Six (6) Presidents from Zones of FASU or their representatives duly mandated
- One (1) Secretary-General
- One (1) Assistant Secretary-General
- One (1) Ex-Officio President (has no voting right)

Zonal Presidents shall not be elected by General Assembly of FASU. They shall be elected only by their zonal representatives.

Article 18: ROLES

Executive Board shall play the following roles:

- Examine the application requests for temporary membership or countries that may tender resignation letters;
- Enforce all the resolutions passed by FASU General Assembly;
- Make, during sessions of the General Assembly, a detail report of the preceded session of General Assembly
- Make, if need be, provisions for budget amendments corresponding to the financial bonds of the period during which the session of General Assembly is not held.
- Scrutinize the rules, regulations and programmes of Zonal and continental sports competitions.
- Make an appraisal of activities of FASU zones.
- Take all necessary step in enforcing FASU principles according to constitution.
- Assign member of Executives for special duties on the basis of their competence.

Article 19: TENURE OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of Executive Committee shall have a renewable tenure of four (4) years.

Article 20: NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive meeting shall be held at least once a year. An Extra-Ordinary session of the Executives may be held through the notification of the President or with the quorum duly constituted by 2/3 majority of its members

In both cases, the notifications shall be followed by the agenda of the meeting, as well as any other information pertaining to the date, venue of the meeting. The invitation letter should be sent to every member at least thirty (30) days before the day of the meeting.

Article 21:

The meeting of Executive Committee shall be considered to be duly valid if the number of members present exceeds at least half of the required numbers. In case of absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents or any other member of the Executive committee shall preside over the meeting.

The deliberations of the meeting shall be valid with a quorum of simple majority. In absence of a quorum, the vote of the presiding officer shall be the casting vote.

Article 22

Executive committee may constitute an Ad-Hoc committee with the aim of helping the board in its activities.

Article 23

The President shall preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and Executive Board. The President, regarded as moralist “par excellence” of the organisation shall keep vigil on action of every Board Member, in accordance with fundamental principles of FASU.

In this framework, he shall direct the Secretary-General to enforce all decisions, resolutions and recommendations of both General Assembly and Executive Board.

Generally, the President shall oversee the operations, the administration and the finance of the Secretary-General.

CHAPTER V

Article 24: ROLES OF SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary-General shall see to the management of administration and finance of secretariat of FASU.

The rules and regulations guiding the duties of the Secretary-General and his staff shall be based on the current internal regulations statutes as well as staff statutes, which through the proposals of executives shall be approved by the General Assembly.

The Secretary-General, under the supervision of the President shall oversee the management of the secretariat General of FASU.

The Secretary-General in conformity with the order from the President, shall act in accordance to FASU directives, particularly:

-He shall have to present during every session of Executive Committee meeting, reports on various activities and finance of the secretariat.

-He shall handle the correspondence and establish the minutes of meetings.

-He shall be responsible to the Executive Board, for the management of finance put in his care on behalf of FASU.

-He shall also act as a General Treasurer under the close supervision of FASU President.

-In the course of their duties the Secretary-General and the staff of the secretariat shall not take any directives outside those given by FASU.

-The country where the headquarters of FASU is sited has to acknowledge and respect the exclusively international status of the post of Secretary-General.

CHAPTER VI

Article 25: FASU ZONES

FASU shall be made up of FASU zones of sports development, as defined by Article 7, Chapter 11 of the constitution.

The aim of FASU zones of sports development shall be to promote and develop sports in the universities and tertiary institutions in various zones based on the fundamental principles of FASU that one shall:

- (a) Recognise FASU as the supreme organ of university sports in Africa.
- (b) Oppose all forms of racial, political or religious discrimination
- (c) Give absolute priority to competitions and programmes organised or funded by FASU.
- (d) Consider FASU Executive to be members with legitimate right to participate in activities of Zonal FASU.
- (e) Enforce FASU disciplinary measures on all zones of FASU.
- (f) Respect the right of national federation of zones to be full members of FASU.
- (g) Have a permanent headquarters with a permanent administrative system.

FASU Zonal associations shall be made up of African National Federations, recognised by FASU. These Associations shall serve as FASU games organisation technical structures. They are governed by the statutes of the General Assembly and by the regulations of FASU organisation of sporting programmes.

The preliminary and qualification series of competitions organised by FASU shall obligatorily be within the framework of FASU sports development programmes. Despite its tight schedule on various sports programmes, FASU is calling the various associations to closely monitor the technical aspects of organisation of elimination and final series of FASU competitions. FASU shall also work in close collaboration with national sports federation of the same zones participating in the same types of game.

African Sports Federation shall work in close collaboration with associations of federations of sports development in order to:

- (a) identify and organise training courses.
- (b) Harmonise the time table of competitions organised either by FASU and associations or by Zonal federations.

The geographic zones mentioned in Article 7 of Chapter II are made up of the following:

Zone 1	Northern Zone
Zone 2	Western Zone “A”
Zone 3	Western Zone “B”
Zone 4	Central Zone
Zone 5	East Central Zone
Zone 6	Southern Zone

The Names of countries whose national federations are yet to be affiliated to FASU, are written just for reference purposes.

CHAPTER VII

Article 26: AFRICAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERISTY SPORTS COMMISSIONS

African Federation of University Sports shall recognise International Federation of University Sports (FISU), Supreme Council of Sports in Africa (SCCA) and Association of National Olympic Committee of Africa (ANOCA). FASU shall also recognise close “rapport” within various organs in order to achieve meaningful co-operations.

In this framework, same commissions may be created in order to put before the General Assembly various recommendations and resolutions passed during meeting of FASU Executive Board.

Permanent commissions shall include:

- Commission of sports development in Africa.
- Commission of financial resources and sponsorship
- Legal and regulations Commission
- Technical Commission
- Technical Commission
- Supervisory Committee
- Commission of female sports development

CHAPTER VIII

Article 27: INCOMES

The financial resources of FASU shall be made up of the following:

- (a) Annual contributions which amount shall be fixed by the General Assembly. Contributions due of 1st January of each year shall be demanded as from 1st April of each year.

- (b) Grants and subsidies from government or national and international institutions interested in the development of University Sports in Africa.

- (c) Grants and subsidies from private firms interested in the development of University Sports in Africa.

- (d) the financial resources and other allowances from FASU sports competitions or any sports activities organised on behalf of FASU.

Article 28: EXPENSES

The financial resources of Federation of African University Sports (FASU) shall cover:

- (a) expenses of FASU on various activities, including travelling and accommodation expenses

- (b) the running costs of the General Secretariat

Article 29: SANCTIONS

Any National Federation who fails to fulfil its financial obligation for two (2) consecutive years shall be suspended; and shall not be eligible for participation in any General Assembly or FASU deliberations.

The expulsion order shall be given Federation by FASU Executive and this shall apply only to any National Federation who may fail to fulfil its financial obligations.

Article 30: DUTIES OF AN INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Internal Auditor shall be elected by the General Assembly. He shall not be a member of the Executive. The duration of his tenure shall be four (4) years in terms of duties. The Internal Auditor shall:

- Supervise the financial administrative of FASU
- Give Executives, advice of fiscal policy
- Help the Secretariat General to prepare, to scrutinise and to present budgets before the Executive for approval,
- Co-operate with various FASU Zonal Federations in terms of financial policy during Zonal sports competitions.
- Present financial report to the General Assembly.

Article 31:

Incomes and expenditure shall be recorded on behalf of FASU into two (2) separate bank accounts

CHAPTER IX

AMENDMENTS – ADOPTION AND DISSOLUTION

Article 32: AMENDMENTS AND ADOPTION

Only the General Assembly has the sole right to amend the constitution of FASU.

All proposals to amendments shall be sent to the Secretariat General of FASU at least three (3) months before the date of General Assembly. All proposals shall be examined by Executive Committee.

Approval to amendments is valid only with a quorum of two third (2/3) majority vote of members present at the General Assembly. For the proposals to be adopted a two third (2/3) of total votes shall be required.

Article 33: DISSOLUTION

The dissolution of FASU shall be valid only by declaration of the General Assembly convened for that purpose. This dissolution shall be valid only by two third (2/3) majority vote of members of FASU.

In case of dissolution, funds as well as fixed and movable properties of FASU shall be acquired by an organism chosen by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER X

Article 34: CASE OF LACK OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

All the cases which have no provisions within the Constitution shall be a subject for debate by Executive Committee. The latter shall pass a resolution for approval during the next session of the General Assembly. Revision of the Constitution shall be effected at appropriate time.

Current articles of the Constitution were adopted by FASU General Assembly held on the 22 May of 2002 in Abuja, Nigeria.

For FASU Executive Committee

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President

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Secretary-General