

BFA Sport Code

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1. General Provisions

1.1 Application of the Sport Code

1.1.1 The BFA Sport Code forms part of the regulations of the British Foosball Association (“BFA”). It is established by the BFA Board, following consultation with the BFA Sports Commission or such working group or committee as the BFA Board may appoint.

1.1.2 The BFA Sport Code applies to all official competitions recognised by the BFA, including competitions organised directly by the BFA, by BFA-affiliated clubs or regional associations, or by third-party organisations operating in partnership with, or under sanction from, the BFA.

1.1.3 All BFA-affiliated clubs, regional associations, recognised organisers, officials, referees, players, licence holders and other participants in official BFA competitions undertake to respect and enforce the BFA Sport Code.

1.1.4 The BFA Sport Code supplements, and must be read together with, the BFA Constitution, BFA Disciplinary Code, BFA licence regulations, BFA rankings policy, BFA safeguarding policies, the ITSF rules of play, and any competition-specific information pack approved by the BFA.

1.1.5 Where there is inconsistency between the BFA Sport Code and a competition-specific information pack, the BFA Sport Code shall prevail unless the variation has been expressly approved by the BFA Board or the BFA Sports Commission.

1.1.6 Where a matter is not covered by the BFA Sport Code, the competent authority shall decide the matter in accordance with fairness, sporting integrity, player welfare, and the orderly running of the competition.

1.2 Competent Authorities

1.2.1 During an official BFA competition, competent authorities have the power to make decisions necessary for the smooth running of the competition. Decisions made by a competent authority take immediate effect and must be respected by all participants.

1.2.2 Only a competent authority at a higher hierarchical level may overturn a decision made by another competent authority, unless a specific appeals or disciplinary procedure applies.

1.2.3 The competent authorities, in hierarchical order from highest to lowest, are:

1. the BFA Board;
2. the BFA Sports Commission, Competitions Working Group, or any body delegated by the BFA Board;
3. the official BFA delegate for the competition, where appointed;
4. the Tournament Director sometimes referred as Competition Director;

5. the competition organiser or organising committee;
6. the Head Referee, for matters relating to refereeing and the rules of play;
7. the match referee, for decisions occurring within a match.

1.2.4 Decisions made by match referees within the framework of a match may be appealed only in accordance with the ITSF rules of play and the procedures established by the Head Referee or Tournament Director.

1.2.5 Emergency disciplinary matters arising at a competition may be dealt with by the BFA disciplinary body where available. If the BFA disciplinary body is not available, the highest competent authority present may take any temporary decision necessary to protect participants, preserve sporting integrity, and ensure the safe continuation of the competition. Such temporary decisions may later be reviewed under the BFA Disciplinary Code.

1.3 Accountability and Governance

1.3.1 The BFA Board has overall responsibility for the BFA Sport Code.

1.3.2 The BFA Board may delegate operational responsibility for matters covered by this Sport Code to the BFA Sports Commission, the Competitions Working Group, the Sports Director, or any other committee, officer or working group appointed for that purpose.

1.3.3 The BFA Sports Commission or delegated body is responsible for preparing and reviewing the sports calendar, competition sanctioning procedures, tournament standards, rankings procedures, national qualification systems, and any supporting policies required for the operation of official BFA competitions.

1.3.4 Amendments to the BFA Sport Code must be approved by the BFA Board unless the BFA Board has expressly delegated authority for minor or administrative amendments.

2. Official Competitions and Sports Calendar

2.1 Sports Season and Calendar

2.1.1 The BFA sports season runs from 1 January to 31 December.

2.1.2 The BFA sports calendar includes all official competitions recognised by the BFA.

2.1.3 The sports calendar is prepared by the BFA Sports Commission, Competitions Working Group, or other body delegated by the BFA Board, and is published through the BFA's official channels.

2.1.4 Once a competition has been added to the official calendar, any change of date must be notified to the BFA. For national-level competitions, ITSF-sanctioned competitions, and other competitions identified by the BFA, a change of date requires BFA approval as previously delegated.

2.2 Categories of Official BFA Competition

2.2.1 Official BFA competitions may include, without limitation:

1. the UK Championships;
2. the UK Legends;
3. the UK Club Championships;
4. ITSF-sanctioned competitions held in the United Kingdom;
5. BFA Challenger tournaments;
6. regional championships and regional tournaments;
7. local tournaments, leagues and championships;
8. official BFA leagues;
9. national team, club team or representative competitions;
10. any other competition recognised or sanctioned by the BFA.

(National level competitions 1-5)

2.2.2 The BFA may establish additional competition categories or amend existing categories from time to time.

2.2.3 All official BFA competitions must take place in accordance with the ITSF rules of play, except where a variation has been expressly approved by the BFA and published in the competition information pack.

2.3 Recognition of Competitions

2.3.1 A competition is recognised as an official BFA competition only if it is organised directly by the BFA or sanctioned by the BFA.

2.3.2 Recognition may be subject to conditions, including requirements relating to venue, equipment, competition format, refereeing, information packs, player eligibility, safeguarding, insurance, reporting of results, ranking eligibility, media obligations, and payment of any applicable fees.

2.3.3 The BFA may refuse, suspend or withdraw recognition of a competition where the organiser fails to comply with the BFA Sport Code, the approved information pack, BFA policies, ITSF requirements, or any condition of sanctioning.

3. Competition Requests, Sanctioning and Information Packs

3.1 Competition Requests

3.1.1 Official competitions may be organised by the BFA, by BFA-affiliated clubs or regional associations, or by external organisations in partnership with the BFA.

3.1.2 Requests to organise official competitions must be submitted to the BFA in the form and manner required by the BFA.

3.1.3 Unless otherwise approved by the BFA, requests must be submitted at least:

Competition level	Minimum request period
UK Championships, UK Legends, UK Club Championships, ITSF World Series, ITSF WT750, ITSF WT500, National Championships or equivalent national-level competitions	3 months
ITSF WT250, BFA Challenger tournaments, regional championships, regional leagues or regional tournaments	2 months
Local tournaments, leagues and championships	2 weeks

3.1.4 The BFA may apply longer request periods for competitions requiring ITSF approval, significant venue planning, livestreaming, safeguarding arrangements, travel commitments or other special requirements.

3.1.5 Requests for ITSF-sanctioned competitions must also comply with ITSF application deadlines and procedures.

3.1.6 Where a request is submitted by a BFA-affiliated club or organisation, that club or organisation must be up to date with all fees, contributions and obligations owed to the BFA.

3.2 Review and Award of Competitions

3.2.1 Competition requests are reviewed by the BFA Sports Commission, Competitions Working Group, or other delegated body.

3.2.2 National-level competitions, ITSF-sanctioned competitions and any other competition identified by the BFA must be approved by the BFA Board unless the BFA Board has delegated approval authority.

3.2.3 Other competitions may be approved by the BFA Sports Commission, Competitions Working Group, or relevant delegated body.

3.2.4 The BFA may refuse a competition request where the proposed competition conflicts with the calendar, does not meet organisational requirements, creates unreasonable risk, or is otherwise inconsistent with the interests of the sport.

3.3 Organiser Responsibilities

3.3.1 The organiser is responsible to the BFA for the proper organisation of the competition.

3.3.2 The organiser assumes responsibility for the financial and operational risks of the competition, including venue costs, table provision, equipment, staffing, insurance where applicable, prize funds, refunds, cancellations and any other obligations arising from the event.

3.3.3 The organiser must appoint a Tournament Director (sometimes referred as Competition Director) responsible for the smooth running of the competition and communication with the BFA. BFA may appoint a delegate to communicate with the ITSF for an ITSF event.

3.3.4 The organiser must provide sufficient personnel for the effective running of the competition, including, where appropriate, registration, tournament software, match calling, table allocation, results management, finals area management, refereeing coordination, ceremonies, security, hygiene, medical arrangements, livestreaming, communications, catering and player support.

3.4 Information Packs

3.4.1 Each official competition, except where the BFA waives the requirement for a local competition, must have a competition information pack.

3.4.2 The information pack must be submitted to the BFA within the applicable competition request timeline and must be approved before publication.

3.4.3 The information pack should include, as applicable:

1. competition name, venue, dates and organiser contact details;
2. tournament category and ranking status;
3. eligibility criteria and licence requirements;
4. registration process, entry fees, payment method and registration deadlines;
5. events offered, categories, formats and rule types;
6. schedule and expected start and finish times;
7. seeding and draw procedures;
8. tables and equipment to be used;
9. prize money, trophies or awards;
10. dress code or conduct requirements;
11. refund and cancellation policy;
12. accessibility information;
13. livestreaming, photography or media arrangements;
14. accommodation or travel information where relevant;
15. any special procedures, prohibitions or local venue requirements.

3.4.4 Once approved and published, the organiser should not make material changes to the information pack without notifying the BFA and, where required, obtaining approval.

3.5 Organisation Fees and Sanctioning Fees

3.5.1 The BFA may establish organisation fees or sanctioning fees payable by the organiser to the BFA.

3.5.2 Where applicable, fees must be paid by the deadline set by the BFA. Failure to pay may result in removal from the official calendar, withdrawal of sanctioning, or other action.

3.5.3 ITSF-sanctioned competitions may also be subject to ITSF fees, conditions and deadlines.

4. Participation, Licences and Player Status

4.1 Licence Requirements

4.1.1 No player may take part in an official BFA competition unless they hold the appropriate valid licence for the current season, in accordance with BFA licence regulations, unless the BFA has expressly provided otherwise.

4.1.2 International players may take part in official BFA competitions if they are licensed through an ITSF member federation and satisfy the requirements of the competition information pack.

4.1.3 The BFA may establish temporary, event-specific, junior, club, regional, international or other licence categories.

4.2 Player Eligibility

4.2.1 Players may enter any category for which they are eligible.

4.2.2 Eligibility for age categories is determined by the player's age before 1 January of the relevant sporting season unless otherwise required by ITSF regulations.

4.2.3 The standard BFA sporting categories are:

Category	Eligibility
U13	Player under 13 before 1 January
U16	Player under 16 before 1 January
U19	Player under 19 before 1 January
Men	Male players eligible under the relevant competition rules
Women	Female players eligible under the relevant competition rules

Category	Eligibility
Open	Players of any gender, subject to the information pack
Mixed	Teams or events subject to the published event conditions
O50	Player aged 50 or over before 1 January
O63	Player aged 63 or over before 1 January

4.2.4 The BFA may establish additional categories, including novice, amateur, semi-pro, pro, elite, para-foosball, university, regional or club categories.

4.2.5 The organiser may allow a player to participate in two or more events running at the same time only where this is permitted in the information pack. Players remain responsible for attending matches when called.

4.3 Club Affiliation and Transfers

4.3.1 The BFA has authority over provisions relating to club affiliation and player transfers between clubs.

4.3.2 Players representing clubs in official club competitions must be affiliated with those clubs in accordance with BFA rules.

4.3.3 A player who transfers club during a season may be restricted from representing a new club in the same national club championship cycle if they have already participated in qualifying or related events for a previous club during that season.

4.3.4 Detailed club affiliation and transfer rules may be set out in a separate BFA club or licence policy.

4.4 Acceptance of Regulations

4.4.1 By registering for or participating in an official BFA competition, a player accepts the BFA Sport Code, the ITSF rules of play, the BFA Disciplinary Code, the competition information pack, and all decisions made by competent authorities.

4.4.2 Participants must comply with reasonable instructions from organisers, referees, venue staff and BFA officials.

5. Refereeing, Equipment and Rules of Play

5.1 Rules of Play

5.1.1 All official BFA competitions are played according to the ITSF rules of play unless a variation has been approved by the BFA and clearly published in the competition information pack.

5.1.2 Where Classic, Official, Parado, Goalie Wars, Forward Shootout, 2 ball rollerball, team formats or other rule types are used, the applicable rules and any local adaptations must be identified in the information pack.

5.2 Refereeing

5.2.1 The Head Referee is responsible for refereeing matters at the competition, including assigning referees, advising match referees, and handling appeals on rules of play where permitted.

5.2.2 If no Head Referee is appointed or available, the Tournament Director may assume the role or delegate it to a suitable person.

5.2.3 The Head Referee will make reasonable efforts to satisfy requests for referees. If no referee is available, players may be required to begin or continue a match without a referee. A refusal to do so may result in forfeit.

5.2.4 Match referees have authority over matches to which they are assigned. Their decisions take immediate effect, subject only to the appeal procedures recognised by the rules of play.

5.2.5 Referees must act impartially, apply the rules consistently, and avoid conflicts of interest where reasonably possible.

5.3 Equipment and Tables

5.3.1 The Organiser is responsible for ensuring that suitable tables, balls and related equipment are available for the competition.

5.3.2 ITSF-sanctioned competitions must use tables and equipment permitted under ITSF requirements.

5.3.3 For BFA competitions that are not ITSF-sanctioned, the BFA may approve suitable tables and equipment. The information pack should identify the table type or types to be used.

5.3.4 The organiser should ensure that equipment is maintained in playable condition throughout the competition.

5.3.5 Players must not alter tables, balls, handles or other equipment except as permitted by the rules of play or by the organiser.

6. General Organisational Conditions

6.1 Venue and Playing Conditions

6.1.1 The organiser must provide a venue with sufficient space, tables, lighting and facilities for the safe and orderly running of the competition.

6.1.2 The organiser should provide appropriate comfort conditions for players and spectators, including access to seating, toilets, food and drink where reasonably possible.

6.1.3 The organiser should ensure that the playing area is arranged to allow players, referees, officials, media and spectators to move safely.

6.1.4 For larger competitions, the organiser should consider a finals area, podium or awards area, public address system, internet access, livestreaming capability, signage and ceremonial arrangements.

6.2 Scheduling and Player Welfare

6.2.1 The organiser should make reasonable efforts to respect the published schedule.

6.2.2 The organiser should aim to ensure that matches start and finish at times that allow players to eat, rest and travel safely.

6.2.3 Where delays occur, the organiser should communicate schedule changes clearly and promptly.

6.2.4 The Tournament Director may adjust formats, match lengths, calling procedures or scheduling where necessary to complete the competition fairly and safely, provided that any changes preserve sporting integrity as far as reasonably possible.

6.3 Dress Code

6.3.1 The BFA may establish a dress code for official competitions or specific categories of competition.

6.3.2 Players and referees must comply with any dress code published in the information pack or otherwise notified by the BFA.

6.3.3 A player or referee who does not comply with the dress code may be warned, required to change clothing, excluded from a match, disqualified from an event, or disqualified from the competition.

6.4 Smoking, Vaping, Alcohol and Drugs

6.4.1 Players, referees and officials must not smoke, vape, drink alcohol or use illegal drugs in the playing area during competition.

6.4.2 A player, referee or official who breaches this rule may be warned, removed from the playing area, disqualified, or referred for disciplinary action.

6.4.3 The organiser may establish additional venue rules relating to alcohol, drugs, smoking or vaping and must publish or communicate such rules where relevant.

6.5 Anti-Doping and Integrity

6.5.1 Players participating in ITSF-sanctioned competitions must comply with applicable ITSF anti-doping rules.

6.5.2 The BFA may adopt anti-doping, anti-corruption, betting integrity or competition manipulation policies, which shall apply to official BFA competitions where adopted.

6.5.3 Participants must not engage in match fixing, deliberate manipulation of results, bribery, fraudulent conduct, or any conduct that undermines sporting integrity.

6.6 Safeguarding and Conduct

6.6.1 All participants must behave respectfully towards players, referees, officials, organisers, spectators, venue staff and members of the public.

6.6.2 The BFA may require safeguarding arrangements for competitions involving children, young people or adults at risk.

6.6.3 Any safeguarding concern must be reported in accordance with BFA safeguarding procedures.

6.6.4 Harassment, discrimination, abuse, threats, violence, intimidation, bullying or damage to property may result in disqualification, removal from the venue and disciplinary action.

6.6.5 The BFA Code of Conduct must be adhered to, and action can be taken in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

7. Defaults, Forfeits, Disqualification and Incidents

7.1 Failure to Attend or Start a Match

7.1.1 Players must be present and ready to play when their match is called.

7.1.2 The information pack or Tournament Director may establish calling, recall and grace-period procedures.

7.1.3 Failure to attend within the permitted time may result in warning, loss of choice, loss of game, loss of match, forfeit, disqualification or other action appropriate to the format.

7.2 Forfeit

7.2.1 Any game or match not completed is declared lost by forfeit by the player or team who does not continue, unless the Tournament Director decides otherwise due to exceptional circumstances.

7.2.2 The Tournament Director may decide how forfeits are recorded for scoring, ranking, progression and tie-break purposes.

7.2.3 A deliberate or tactical forfeit may be treated as an offence and referred for disciplinary action.

7.3 Disqualification

7.3.1 Participation in an official BFA competition implies acceptance of all applicable regulations.

7.3.2 The Tournament Director, organiser or competent authority may disqualify a player or team from an event or from the whole competition where necessary.

7.3.3 Grounds for disqualification may include, without limitation:

1. physical violence or threats;
2. verbal abuse, harassment or intimidation;
3. discriminatory conduct;
4. damage to property;
5. cheating or deliberate breach of the rules of play;
6. deliberate forfeiting or manipulation of results;
7. failure to attend matches within the authorised time;
8. breach of venue rules;
9. smoking, vaping, alcohol or drug use in the playing area;
10. serious dress code violation;
11. refusal to comply with a decision of a competent authority;
12. conduct bringing the BFA, the organiser or the sport into disrepute;
13. violation of the requirements of the venue

7.3.4 In the event of disqualification, the competent authority (usually the Tournament Director) must decide whether the disqualification applies to a single event, multiple events, or the whole competition.

7.3.5 Where a player or team is disqualified from an event that has already started, remaining matches are forfeited and, where practicable, the player or team may be removed from the published results so that results are not carried forward into rankings.

7.3.6 Where a player is disqualified from the competition, they may be removed from events that have not yet started.

7.3.7 Refunds, prize money and awards for disqualified players are at the discretion of the organiser unless the information pack provides otherwise. The organiser may withhold entry fees, prizes or awards where appropriate.

7.4 Incident Reporting

7.4.1 The organiser must report notable incidents to the BFA as soon as reasonably possible after the competition.

7.4.2 Reports should include relevant facts, decisions taken, names of involved parties, witnesses where available, and any supporting evidence.

7.4.3 The BFA may initiate disciplinary proceedings or other action in accordance with the BFA Disciplinary Code.

8. Rankings, Seeding and Results

8.1 Rankings

8.1.1 Players are assigned ranking points according to their performance in BFA-recognised competitions in accordance with the BFA rankings policy.

8.1.2 The BFA rankings policy may define ranking categories, point values, minimum participation requirements, tournament categories, eligibility rules, ranking periods, tie-breaks and publication procedures.

8.1.3 The BFA may maintain separate rankings for categories including Open, Men, Women, Junior, Senior, Doubles, Singles, Classic, Official, regional, club or other categories.

8.2 Seeding

8.2.1 Seeding for official BFA competitions may be based on BFA rankings, ITSF rankings, previous results, organiser discretion, random draw, or a combination of these methods.

8.2.2 The seeding method should be stated in the information pack where relevant.

8.2.3 Where both ITSF and BFA rankings are used, the organiser should apply a transparent and fair method suitable for the competition.

8.3 Submission of Results

8.3.1 Once a competition ends, the organiser must submit results to the BFA for ranking updates and record keeping.

8.3.2 Results should be submitted in the form and timeframe required by the BFA.

8.3.3 For ITSF-sanctioned competitions, results must also be submitted in accordance with ITSF requirements.

8.3.4 Failure to submit complete results may affect future sanctioning or ranking eligibility.

9. Media, Communications and Commercial Rights

9.1 Promotion and Patronage

9.1.1 Official BFA competitions take place under the patronage of the BFA and according to its regulations.

9.1.2 Organisers of official BFA competitions must state on promotional materials that the competition is “recognised by the British Foosball Association” or such other wording as the BFA may require.

9.1.3 The use of the BFA name, logo or branding must comply with BFA requirements.

9.1.4 Insertion of a main sponsor’s name into the official title of a national-level or BFA-owned competition requires BFA approval.

9.2 Broadcasting, Photography and Image Rights

9.2.1 The BFA may establish conditions relating to photography, livestreaming, recording and broadcasting of official competitions.

9.2.2 Broadcasters, streamers, photographers and media personnel must avoid disturbing players during matches, including through noise, light, movement or obstruction.

9.2.3 By entering an official BFA competition, participants acknowledge that photography, video, livestreaming and media coverage may take place, subject to applicable law, safeguarding requirements and any opt-out or consent procedures established by the BFA or organiser.

9.2.4 The organiser must take particular care in relation to photography or filming of children, young people or adults at risk.

9.3 Communication

9.3.1 Organisers are encouraged to promote official competitions before, during and after the event.

9.3.2 For national-level competitions, organisers should consider communications with local and national media, sponsors, partners, public authorities, venues, clubs and the wider foosball community.

9.3.3 Organisers should seek to provide good-quality photos, results updates, podium information and post-event reports to the BFA where possible.

10. UK Championships and UK Club Championships

10.1 Organisation Conditions

10.1.1 The UK Championships, UK Legends and UK Club Championships may be organised by the BFA, by a BFA-affiliated club, or by an appropriate external organisation approved by the BFA.

10.1.2 Requests to host the UK Championships, UK Legends or UK Club Championships must be submitted to the BFA within the published deadlines and must include such information as the BFA requires.

10.1.3 The BFA may set minimum venue, table, staffing, format, livestreaming, prize, trophy, refereeing, safeguarding and reporting requirements for these competitions.

10.2 Conditions of Participation

10.2.1 Participants must hold the appropriate active BFA licence.

10.2.2 Clubs participating in the UK Club Championships must be affiliated with the BFA.

10.2.3 Players representing clubs must be affiliated with those clubs in accordance with BFA rules.

10.2.4 Additional qualification or eligibility criteria may be established by the BFA and published in the information pack.

10.3 Competition Format

10.3.1 The format of the UK Championships, UK Legends and UK Club Championships is not fixed by this Sport Code and must be adapted to the number of participants, tables, venue opening hours and sporting objectives.

10.3.2 The organiser must provide for tie-breaks where appropriate.

10.3.3 All format provisions must be clearly defined in the information pack, including qualification rounds, elimination stages, match formats, game formats, race lengths, scoring systems, tie-breaks, entry limits and event scheduling.

10.4 Competition Categories

10.4.1 The following categories may be contested at the UK Championships, UK Legends or UK Club Championships, at the discretion of the BFA:

1. Open;
2. Men;
3. Women;
4. Mixed;
5. Junior U13, U16 and U19;

6. Senior O50 and O63;
7. club team categories;
8. para-foosball categories;
9. beginner, amateur, semi-pro, pro or master categories;
10. other categories approved by the BFA.

10.4.2 Expected event types include Singles and Doubles. Official, Classic and other recognised rule types may be used where approved and published.

11. International Qualification and National Team Selection

11.1 Qualification Systems

11.1.1 The BFA has the right to establish criteria for national championship qualification, ITSF World Championship qualification, ITSF World Cup selection, international event qualification and national team selection.

11.1.2 Qualification criteria may be based on rankings, results, trials, selectors' decisions, eligibility rules, nationality requirements, availability, conduct, licence status, club affiliation, or any combination of these.

11.1.3 Qualification and selection criteria should be published in advance wherever reasonably possible.

11.2 National Teams

11.2.1 Players selected to represent the BFA or the United Kingdom must comply with all requirements set by the BFA and, where applicable, ITSF.

11.2.2 The BFA may establish codes of conduct, kit requirements, media requirements, travel requirements, contribution requirements and other conditions for selected players.

11.2.3 Selection may be withdrawn where a player no longer satisfies eligibility requirements, breaches BFA rules, fails to meet reasonable team obligations, or is otherwise unsuitable for selection.

12. Para-Foosball and Inclusive Competition

12.1 General Principles

12.1.1 The BFA supports the development of inclusive foosball and may establish para-foosball categories, adapted competition formats or accessibility requirements.

12.1.2 Para-foosball provisions should promote fair competition, accessibility, safety and inclusion.

12.1.3 The BFA may align its para-foosball framework with ITSF para-foosball provisions and internationally recognised para-sport principles where appropriate.

12.2 Categories and Adaptations

12.2.1 The BFA may recognise para-sitting, para-standing, sensory impairment, intellectual impairment or other para-foosball categories where appropriate.

12.2.2 Technical aids or adaptations may be permitted where they restore fair participation and do not provide an unfair sporting advantage.

12.2.3 The BFA may require evidence of eligibility for para-foosball categories and may establish a classification or verification process.

12.2.4 Organisers should make reasonable efforts to provide accessible venues and playing conditions where para-foosball categories are offered.

13. Final Provisions

13.1 Interpretation

13.1.1 References to “competition” include tournaments, leagues, championships, events and any other recognised sporting activity unless the context requires otherwise.

13.1.2 References to “organiser” include tournament organisers, competition organisers, organising committees, clubs, regional associations and external partners authorised by the BFA.

13.1.3 References to “BFA” include any committee, officer, working group or representative acting under delegated authority from the BFA Board.

13.2 Review and Amendments

13.2.1 The BFA Sport Code should be reviewed periodically by the BFA Board or the body delegated by it.

13.2.2 The BFA may publish supporting regulations, policies, templates, guidance notes and competition-specific provisions to give effect to this Sport Code.

13.2.3 Amendments take effect from the date determined by the BFA Board.

13.3 Entry into Force

13.3.1 This Sport Code enters into force on the date approved by the BFA Board.

13.3.2 Upon entry into force, this Sport Code replaces any previous BFA sport code or sporting regulations to the extent of any inconsistency, unless the BFA Board decides otherwise.

End of draft