COACHING EDUCATION & LICENSING REGULATIONS

CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS AND OBJECTIVES

Article 1: Purpose and Scope

1. These Regulations establish the international framework for the education, training, licensing, professional development and recognition of Minifootball coaches worldwide.
2. The WMF Coaching Education and Licensing System shall be implemented by all Continental Federations and National Member Federations affiliated with the World Minifootball Federation.
3. The Regulations establish:

   a) International coaching license levels and requirements;
   b) Minimum educational standards and course duration;
   c) Admission and eligibility criteria;
   d) Curriculum and educational methodology;
   e) Examination and certification procedures;
   f) Recognition and equivalence of coaching licenses;
   g) Continuing Professional Development (CPD);
   h) Ethical standards and safeguarding requirements;
   i) Quality assurance and monitoring procedures.

4. National Federations shall implement these Regulations in accordance with their national legislation, provided that the minimum WMF educational and licensing standards are respected.
5. Nothing in these Regulations shall be interpreted as automatically replacing or granting any state-recognized professional qualification where such qualification is regulated by national law.

Article 2: Objectives

The WMF Coaching Education Program aims to:

1. Develop coaches' ability to plan, organize, deliver and evaluate modern coaching programs adapted specifically to Minifootball.
2. Improve technical, tactical, physical, psychological and pedagogical competencies.
3. Establish a unified international coaching certification system.
4. Promote scientific knowledge, modern training methodologies and evidence-based coaching practices.
5. Improve the quality of coaching at grassroots, youth, amateur and elite levels.
6. Promote the exchange of coaching knowledge and expertise between continents.
7. Ensure equal educational opportunities for coaches regardless of nationality, gender or geographical location.
8. Establish high standards of integrity, professionalism, fair play and child protection.
9. Support the development of qualified coaches capable of contributing to national teams, clubs and international competitions.

Article 3: Fundamental Principles

The WMF Coaching Education System shall operate according to the following principles:

a) International standardization;
b) Equal opportunities and non-discrimination;
c) Professional competence;
d) Practical and theoretical education;
e) Transparency and accountability;
f) Continuous professional development;
g) Recognition of national and international qualifications;
h) Ethical conduct and integrity;
i) Protection of children and vulnerable persons;
j) Scientific and methodological development.

CHAPTER II: LICENSING STRUCTURE AND VALIDITY

Article 4: International Coaching License Levels

The WMF Coaching Education System consists of three progressive licensing levels and specialized educational modules.

Level 1 – WMF Coach N License (National)

The basic international framework for coaches operating primarily within national competitions.

Level 2 – WMF Coach B License (Continental)

The intermediate qualification designed for coaches involved in advanced national and continental competitions.

Level 3 – WMF Coach A License (World/International)

The highest WMF coaching qualification, designed for coaches operating at elite international level, including World Championships and national teams.

Specialization Modules

The WMF may organize additional specialized educational programs, including:

- Goalkeeping;
- Physical Preparation and Sports Performance;
- Match Analysis and Video Technology;
- Sports Psychology;
- Youth Development;
- Sports Management;
- Other specializations approved by the WMF Technical Committee.

Article 5: License Validity

1. All WMF coaching licenses (N, B and A) shall have a validity period of two (2) years from the date of issue.
2. Renewal shall be subject to:

   a) Participation in approved Continuing Professional Development activities;
   b) Compliance with the WMF Code of Ethics;
   c) Compliance with safeguarding requirements;
   d) Fulfilment of the applicable administrative requirements.

3. Specialized module certificates shall remain valid according to the conditions established for each specialization.
4. An expired, suspended or revoked license shall not confer the rights associated with an active WMF coaching license.

Article 6: Course Duration and Educational Requirements

The minimum educational requirements for each licensing level are:

License Level	Total Hours	Theory	Practice
WMF Coach N	40	20	20
WMF Coach B	60	25	35
WMF Coach A	80	30	50
Specialization Modules	30	12	18

1. The hours indicated represent minimum educational requirements.
2. Practical training shall include on-field coaching activities, demonstrations, training session delivery, tactical exercises, match analysis and practical assessments.
3. The WMF Technical Committee may establish additional educational requirements depending on the level and specialization.
4. Course schedules may be organized through intensive seminars, modular education, online theoretical sessions and in-person practical activities.
5. Practical training must be conducted under the supervision of appropriately qualified instructors.

CHAPTER III: ADMISSION CRITERIA AND LICENSING ORGANIZATION

Article 7: WMF Coach N License – National

1. Organization

The Coach N course shall be organized by National Federations, under the educational standards and supervision of the WMF Technical Committee.

National Federations shall be responsible for:

- Local organization and logistics;
- Candidate registration;

- Delivery of approved educational materials;
- Appointment of qualified instructors;
- Examination arrangements;
- Submission of results to WMF.

2. Purpose

The license grants eligibility to coach in official national competitions, subject to applicable national regulations.

3. Admission Requirements

Candidates must meet the following minimum requirements:

a) Minimum age of 18 years;
b) Basic coaching experience or active involvement in Minifootball as a player, coach or club official;
c) Acceptance of the WMF Code of Ethics and Safeguarding Policy;
d) Compliance with applicable national requirements.

National Federations may establish additional admission requirements, provided that they do not conflict with WMF standards.

4. Examination and Certification

a) Examinations shall be organized by the National Federation and supervised or monitored by WMF;
b)Examinations may be conducted in the candidate's national or local language;
c) Diplomas shall be issued by the National Federation, accredited by WMF and co-signed or formally endorsed by WMF in accordance with the certification procedure established by the WMF Technical Committee.

5. Equivalence

Direct eligibility or recognition may be granted to applicants holding a valid national Minifootball coaching qualification issued in accordance with applicable national legislation.

The National Federation shall submit the relevant documentation to WMF for recognition where WMF accreditation is requested.

Article 8: WMF Coach B License – Continental

1. Organization

The Coach B course shall be organized by WMF through the Continental Federations, which shall provide hosting and logistical support.

The educational program shall be delivered by the WMF Technical Committee through officially appointed WMF instructors and approved educational materials.

2. Purpose

The license grants eligibility to coach in official international competitions organized by WMF and Continental Federations, subject to competition-specific regulations.

3. Admission Requirements

Candidates must meet at least one of the following conditions:

a) Hold a valid WMF Coach N License;
b) Demonstrate international Minifootball experience within the previous four (4) years, as a player, coach or club official;
c) Hold a recognized international coaching qualification in 11-a-side football or futsal (Pro, A, B, Youth A or Youth B), issued by an authorized continental football confederation (UEFA, CONMEBOL, CONCACAF, CAF, AFC or OFC).

4. Examination and Certification

a) Examinations shall be organized and supervised by WMF;
b) The examination may be conducted in the candidate's national or local language, subject to the availability of approved examination materials;
c) Diplomas shall be issued by the Continental Federation, accredited by WMF and co-signed or formally endorsed by WMF.

5. Equivalence

Recognition may be granted to candidates holding a valid Continental Minifootball coaching license issued by an authorized Continental Federation within the previous two (2) years, subject to WMF verification.

Article 9: WMF Coach A License – World/International

1. Organization

The Coach A course shall be organized by WMF through the Continental Federations.

The educational program, instructors, course materials and examination standards shall be established and supervised by the WMF Technical Committee.

2. Purpose

The license represents the highest coaching qualification awarded under the WMF Coaching Education System.

It grants eligibility to coach in:

- WMF World Championships;
- Official WMF international competitions;
- High-level continental competitions;
- National teams and elite Minifootball competitions, subject to applicable regulations.

3. Admission Requirements

Candidates must meet at least one of the following conditions:

a) Hold a valid WMF Coach B License for a minimum period of six (6) months;

b) Have participated as a national team player in the last two (2) editions of the WMF World Championship, with a minimum of eight (8) matches played;

c) Have served as a national team coach in two (2) of the last three (3) editions of the WMF World Championship;

d) Hold a recognized international coaching qualification in 11-a-side football or futsal (Pro, A or B), issued by an authorized continental football confederation (UEFA, CONMEBOL, CONCACAF, CAF, AFC or OFC).

4. Examination and Certification

a) Examinations shall be organized and supervised by WMF;
b) Candidates shall undergo theoretical and practical assessment;
c) Diplomas shall be issued and accredited directly by WMF;
d) The relevant Continental Federation may co-sign or formally endorse the diploma;
e) The examination may be conducted in the candidate's national or local language under WMF-approved procedures.

Article 10: Recognition and Equivalence of Existing Qualifications

1. WMF may recognize coaching licenses and qualifications issued by:

   a) National Minifootball Federations;
   b) Continental Minifootball Federations;
   c) Recognized football and futsal confederations;
   d) Other officially recognized sports education institutions.

2. Recognition shall be based on:

   a) The level of qualification;
   b) Educational hours;
   c) Theoretical and practical curriculum;
   d) Examination procedures;
   e) Professional experience;
   f) Validity of the qualification.

3. Where significant differences exist, WMF may require:

   a) Additional educational modules;
   b) Practical assessment;
   c) A theoretical examination;
   d) Supervised coaching practice.

4. Recognition of a previous qualification does not automatically guarantee equivalence to a WMF license.
5. The WMF Technical Committee shall make recommendations regarding equivalence, subject to the approval procedures established by WMF.

CHAPTER IV: CURRICULUM AND EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE

Article 11: General Curriculum Requirements

1. All licensing courses shall follow the educational framework approved by the WMF Technical Committee.
2. The curriculum shall be adapted to the specific characteristics of Minifootball, including:

   a) Reduced playing areas;
   b) Smaller team formations;
   c) Frequent transitions;
   d) High intensity and rapid decision-making;
   e) Technical execution in limited spaces;
   f) Tactical flexibility and positional rotations.

3. The curriculum shall combine theoretical knowledge, practical demonstrations, coaching methodology and match-related applications.

Article 12: Level 1 Curriculum – WMF Coach N

A. Theoretical Module

- Introduction to WMF and the international Minifootball structure;
- History and development of Minifootball;
- Role and responsibilities of the coach;
- Basic coaching methodology;
- WMF Rules of the Game;
- Code of Ethics and Fair Play;
- Introduction to sports pedagogy;
- Basic injury prevention and first aid.

B. Methodological Module – Youth Development

The course shall include age-appropriate coaching principles:

Ages 4–6

- Fun-based activities;
- Coordination, balance and agility;
- Exploration of movement with the ball;
- Positive learning environments.

Ages 7–8

- Learning through observation and imitation;
- Basic ball familiarity;
- Simple individual activities;
- Avoidance of rigid positional structures.

Ages 9–10

- Ball control and passing;
- Individual technique;
- Basic shooting;
- Communication and general rules.

Ages 11–12

- Technical execution at speed;
- Basic tactical decisions;
- Defensive situations: 1v1, 2v1, 3v2;
- Offensive principles: penetration, support and width.

Ages 13–14

- Development of both-foot proficiency;
- Positional play by zones;
- Basic set pieces;
- Emotional control and adaptability.

Ages 15–16

- Advanced individual technique;
- Tactical decision-making;
- Defensive and offensive organization;
- Competitive pressure management.

C. Practical Module

- Technical, tactical, physical and psychological components of the game;
- Offensive and defensive transitions;
- Technical warm-up;
- Small-sided exercises;
- 1v1, 2v1, 3v2 and 4v3 situations;
- Exercises with directional objectives;
- Game-based training;
- Basic formations;
- Introduction to weekly training planning;
- Injury prevention and safe training organization.

Article 13: Level 2 Curriculum – WMF Coach B

The Coach B curriculum shall develop advanced coaching competencies in the following areas:

A. Methodology and Planning

- Coaching philosophy and methodology;
- Training principles and session construction;
- Weekly and monthly planning;
- Periodization and training cycles;
- Teaching methods and field corrections;
- Game preparation and tactical planning;
- Lineups and formations;
- Evaluation of team performance.

B. Rules of the Game

- Comprehensive application of WMF Rules of the Game;
- Interpretation of match situations;
- Practical application of competition regulations.

C. Technical Development

- Passing and ball control;
- Dribbling and feinting;
- Finishing techniques;
- Technical execution under pressure;
- Goalkeeper fundamentals.

D. Tactical Development

- Offensive and defensive principles;
- Numerical superiority and inferiority;
- 1v1, 2v1 and 3v2 situations;
- Defensive organization: pressure, cover and balance;
- Offensive organization: penetration, depth, mobility and width;
- Ball possession and transition management;
- Defensive and offensive systems;
- Free kicks and basic set-piece organization.

E. Physical Preparation

- General and specific warm-ups;
- Coordination and conditional physical abilities;
- Speed, agility and endurance;
- Injury prevention;
- Recovery methods;
- Basic physical performance assessments.

F. Psychological and Pedagogical Development

- Communication with players;
- Team motivation;
- Leadership;
- Conflict management;
- Age-appropriate coaching;
- Team cohesion and discipline.

Article 14: Level 3 Curriculum – WMF Coach A

The Coach A curriculum shall focus on elite and international coaching competencies.

A. Advanced Coaching Methodology

- High-performance coaching models;
- Advanced training periodization;
- Performance evaluation;
- Technical staff roles and responsibilities;
- Team and player assessments;
- Opponent scouting;
- Tactical preparation;
- Technical meetings and match briefings.

B. Advanced Technical Development

- Technical execution under speed, pressure and fatigue;
- Position-specific technical development;
- Advanced decision-making;
- Advanced finishing techniques;
- Individual performance optimization.

C. Advanced Tactical Development

- Advanced offensive and defensive systems;
- High and low pressing strategies;
- Defensive and offensive transitions;
- Positional rotations;
- Tactical flexibility;
- Sixth-attacker strategies;
- Advanced match management;
- Numerical superiority and inferiority;
- Advanced set pieces.

D. High-Performance Physical Preparation

- Training load management;
- Volume and intensity;
- Physical periodization;
- Strength and conditioning;
- Recovery and regeneration;
- Injury prevention and performance monitoring;

- Individual physical assessments.

E. Advanced Goalkeeping

- Specialized goalkeeper preparation;
- Diving and positioning;
- Distribution and ball progression;
- Agility and reaction;
- Communication and defensive organization;
- Integration of goalkeeper actions into team tactics.

F. Sports Technology and Analysis

- Video analysis;
- Opponent scouting;
- Match statistics;
- Player performance indicators;
- Digital training tools;
- Tactical performance reports.

G. Sports Psychology

- Performance psychology;
- Goal setting and visualization;
- Mental resilience;
- Anxiety and pressure management;
- Burnout prevention;
- Team dynamics;
- Leadership and coaching communication.

H. Elite Competition Management

- International tournament preparation;
- National team management;
- Match strategy;
- Technical staff coordination;
- Decision-making under competitive pressure.

Article 15: Specialization Modules

1. WMF may establish specialized educational modules to develop specific coaching competencies.
2. Each standard specialization module shall have a minimum duration of thirty (30) hours:
    - 12 theoretical hours;
    - 18 practical hours.
3. The initial specialization modules shall include:

A. Goalkeeping

- Goalkeeper technique;
- Positioning and movement;
- Shot stopping;

- Distribution;
- Tactical integration;
- Goalkeeper-specific physical preparation.

B. Technology in Sports

- Video analysis;
- Match statistics;
- Performance indicators;
- Digital scouting;
- Player assessment;
- Tactical analysis.

4. Additional specializations may be approved by the WMF Technical Committee.
5. Specialization certificates shall complement, and shall not automatically replace, the main coaching licenses.

CHAPTER V: EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

Article 16: General Examination Principles

1. All candidates must successfully complete both theoretical and practical assessments.
2. Attendance alone shall not constitute sufficient grounds for obtaining a WMF coaching license.
3. Examinations shall be objective, transparent and based on the competencies established for each licensing level.

Article 17: Theoretical Examination

1. The standard theoretical examination shall consist of twenty (20) multiple-choice questions.
2. Each question shall contain three (3) possible answers, with only one correct answer.
3. The examination shall be conducted in the candidate's national or local language, using WMF-approved translated examination materials.
4. The minimum passing score shall be 75%, equivalent to fifteen (15) correct answers out of twenty (20).
5. WMF may introduce additional assessment requirements for higher licensing levels.

Article 18: Practical Examination

1. Candidates must submit a written training plan appropriate to their licensing level.
2. Candidates must demonstrate their ability to organize and conduct a training session or a representative part of a training session.
3. Practical performance may be evaluated:

   a) Directly on the field by authorized examiners;
   b) Through an approved video submission;
   c) Through a combination of direct and video assessment.

4. Where video assessment is used, the submitted recording shall have a maximum duration of ten (10) minutes, unless otherwise approved by WMF.
5. Practical evaluation shall be based on the following criteria:

a) Organization and planning;
b) Clarity of explanations and communication;
c) Demonstration and technical execution of exercises;
d) Group management and player engagement;
e) Effectiveness of corrections and coaching interventions.

Article 19: Final Assessment and Passing Requirements

1. Candidates must independently pass both the theoretical and practical examinations.
2. The theoretical examination requires a minimum score of 75%.
3. The practical examination requires the achievement of the minimum competency standards in all assessment criteria.
4. A candidate who fails either examination component shall not be awarded the respective license.
5. Candidates may request a re-examination in accordance with procedures established by the organizing Federation and approved by WMF.

Article 20: Examination Committees

1. Examinations shall be conducted by authorized examiners appointed by the relevant Federation in accordance with WMF requirements.
2. For WMF B and WMF A examinations, the WMF Technical Committee shall appoint or approve the examination personnel.
3. Examiners must:

   a) Hold a license equal to or higher than the level being examined;
   b) Possess relevant coaching or educational experience;
   c) Demonstrate pedagogical competence;
   d) Act impartially and professionally;
   e) Declare any potential conflict of interest.

4. Examination results shall be documented and submitted to WMF where required.

Article 21: Certification and Registration

1. All licenses shall be issued under an official certification procedure approved by WMF.
2. Each license shall include: a) Full name of the holder;
   b) License level;
   c) Unique identification number;
   d) Issuing Federation;
   e) Date of issue;
   f) Expiration date;
   g) WMF accreditation or verification reference.
3. WMF shall maintain an International Coaching License Register.
4. National and Continental Federations shall maintain their respective registers and provide updated licensing information to WMF.
5. WMF may introduce electronic licenses and digital verification systems.

CHAPTER VI: CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Article 22: Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

1. WMF recognizes professional development as an essential requirement for maintaining coaching standards.
2. All licensed coaches shall participate in approved professional development activities during the validity period of their licenses.
3. Such activities may include: a) Coaching seminars;
   b) Technical conferences;
   c) Practical workshops;
   d) Online educational programs;
   e) Tactical and methodological analysis;
   f) Specialized training sessions;
   g) WMF educational events.
4. WMF recommends a minimum of ten (10) hours of recognized CPD activities during each two-year licensing period.
5. The WMF Technical Committee shall establish the conditions for CPD recognition and license renewal.

Article 23: License Renewal

1. Renewal shall be subject to:

   a) Completion of the applicable CPD requirements;
   b) Continued compliance with the Code of Ethics;
   c) Compliance with safeguarding standards;
   d) Submission of the required renewal documentation.

2. National and Continental Federations shall verify renewal applications according to WMF procedures.
3. WMF may suspend recognition of licenses where the holder fails to meet the applicable requirements.

CHAPTER VII: CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Article 24: Ethical Principles

All WMF-licensed coaches shall respect the following fundamental values:

a) Integrity;
b) Responsibility;
c) Respect;
d) Impartiality;
e) Transparency;
f) Professionalism;
g) Loyalty;
h) Fair Play.

Article 25: Professional Integrity

Coaches shall not:

a) Request or accept undue advantages;
b) Falsify sporting or licensing documents;
c) Abuse their professional position for personal gain;
d) Improperly influence sporting decisions;
e) Misrepresent their qualifications or professional experience.

Article 26: Fair Play and Respect

Coaches shall:

a) Respect opponents, referees and competition officials;
b) Promote sporting values and fair competition;
c) Reject violence and aggressive conduct;
d) Encourage respect and discipline among players;
e) Protect the reputation and integrity of Minifootball.

Article 27: Anti-Doping

1. Coaches shall comply with applicable national and international anti-doping regulations.
2. It is strictly prohibited to:

   a) Administer prohibited substances;
   b) Encourage doping practices;
   c) Conceal doping violations;
   d) Obstruct anti-doping procedures.

3. Coaches shall promote education and awareness regarding clean sport.

Article 28: Match Manipulation and Sports Betting

1. Coaches shall protect the integrity of all competitions.
2. It is prohibited to:

   a) Manipulate or attempt to manipulate match results;
   b) Improperly influence referees or officials;
   c) Offer or accept benefits in exchange for influencing a match;
   d) Use confidential sporting information for betting purposes;
   e) Participate directly or indirectly in prohibited sports betting related to competitions in which they are involved.

3. Any suspected manipulation shall be reported to the appropriate Federation or WMF authority.

Article 29: Conflict of Interest

1. Coaches must declare any personal, financial or organizational conflict of interest that may affect their professional responsibilities.
2. Conflicts shall be reported to the relevant Federation or WMF Technical Committee.

Article 30: Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunities

1. WMF promotes equal opportunities for all coaches and players.
2. Discrimination based on sex, race, ethnic origin, nationality, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age, social status or any other legally protected characteristic is strictly prohibited.
3. All Federations shall promote inclusive access to coaching education.

Article 31: Harassment and Abuse

1. WMF applies a zero-tolerance policy toward: a) Physical abuse;
   b) Psychological abuse;
   c) Sexual abuse;
   d) Harassment and intimidation;
   e) Bullying and cyberbullying.
2. Violations may result in disciplinary proceedings, suspension or revocation of the coaching license.

CHAPTER VIII: CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING

Article 32: General Safeguarding Principles

1. Every child has the right to participate in Minifootball in a safe, healthy, inclusive and respectful environment.
2. The best interests of the child shall prevail over all competitive, financial or organizational interests.
3. All WMF member Federations shall adopt and implement safeguarding procedures consistent with applicable national law and WMF standards.

Article 33: Coaches' Safeguarding Responsibilities

Coaches working with minors shall:

a) Maintain a safe training environment;
b) Respect children's dignity and rights;
c) Prevent all forms of abuse and exploitation;
d) Intervene in situations involving potential risks;
e) Report suspected abuse to the designated safeguarding authority.

Article 34: Prohibited Conduct

The following conduct is strictly prohibited:

a) Physical or verbal abuse;
b) Humiliation or intimidation;
c) Isolation of children as punishment;
d) Inappropriate personal or intimate relationships;
e) Inappropriate sexual communications;
f) Requesting or distributing intimate images;
g) Alcohol or illegal substance consumption in the presence of minors;
h) Any behavior that may endanger a child's physical or psychological well-being.

Article 35: Safeguarding Verification

1. Coaches working with minors shall comply with national background-check requirements.
2. Federations may require criminal record certificates, integrity declarations and additional safeguarding documentation where permitted by law.
3. Federations shall designate a safeguarding contact or officer responsible for receiving and referring reports.
4. Protective interim measures may be taken where there are reasonable safeguarding concerns, subject to applicable procedures and the rights of the persons concerned.

CHAPTER IX: THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Article 36: National Federations

National Federations shall:

1. Implement the WMF Coaching Education and Licensing Regulations.
2. Organize and administer Coach N courses.
3. Nominate eligible candidates for Coach B and Coach A courses.
4. Appoint qualified instructors in accordance with WMF standards.
5. Maintain a National Coaching License Register.
6. Ensure that coaches comply with ethical and safeguarding requirements.
7. Submit licensing information and educational reports to WMF.
8. Ensure equal opportunities for participation in educational programs.
9. Facilitate access to CPD activities.
10. Notify WMF of any suspension, revocation or disciplinary decision affecting a WMF license.

Article 37: Continental Federations

Continental Federations shall:

1. Coordinate the implementation of WMF educational standards within their respective continents.
2. Host Coach B and Coach A educational programs in cooperation with WMF.
3. Provide logistical and organizational support.
4. Facilitate communication between WMF and National Federations.
5. Support the identification and nomination of qualified instructors.
6. Promote regional coaching seminars and educational exchanges.
7. Monitor compliance with WMF regulations.
8. Submit periodic implementation reports to WMF.

Article 38: Recognition of WMF Licenses

1. All WMF member Federations shall recognize valid WMF coaching licenses in accordance with the rights and scope associated with each level.
2. National Federations shall not impose additional educational requirements that invalidate or contradict the international recognition of a valid WMF license.
3. National legislation may establish additional requirements for the legal exercise of professional activities.

4. The right to participate in a specific competition shall remain subject to the applicable competition regulations.
5. Any dispute regarding the interpretation or recognition of a WMF license shall be referred to the WMF Technical Committee for examination.

CHAPTER X: WMF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Article 39: Status and Composition

1. The WMF Technical Committee shall be the principal international technical and educational body responsible for the development, coordination and supervision of the WMF Coaching Education System.
2. The Committee shall be appointed in accordance with the WMF Statutes and the decisions of the competent WMF bodies.
3. Its composition may include:

   a) President;
   b) Vice-President;
   c) Secretary;
   d) Representatives of Continental Federations;
   e) Experienced Minifootball coaches;
   f) Sports science and physical preparation specialists;
   g) Sports psychologists and pedagogical experts;
   h) Goalkeeping and technical specialists;
   i) Other experts appointed by WMF.

4. The Committee shall promote balanced geographical representation and equal opportunities in its activities.

Article 40: Responsibilities of the WMF Technical Committee

The WMF Technical Committee shall:

a) Develop the international coaching education strategy;
b) Establish and update the coaching curriculum;
c) Establish educational standards for N, B and A licenses;
d) Approve course materials and teaching methodologies;
e) Appoint or accredit WMF instructors;
f) Approve or supervise international examinations;
g) Establish examination and assessment standards;
h) Recommend recognition and equivalence of qualifications;
i) Coordinate the international coaching register;
j) Develop Continuing Professional Development programs;
k) Monitor implementation by member Federations;
l) Organize international coaching seminars and conferences;
m) Promote research and innovation in Minifootball coaching;
n) Develop safeguarding and ethical education requirements;
o) Submit annual reports and recommendations to the WMF Executive Committee.

Article 41: WMF Instructor Accreditation

1. WMF may establish an official international accreditation system for coaching instructors and examiners.
2. Applicants for accreditation must demonstrate:

   a) Relevant coaching qualifications;
   b) Appropriate coaching or educational experience;
   c) Pedagogical competence;
   d) Knowledge of WMF rules and methodology;
   e) Compliance with the WMF Code of Ethics.

3. WMF instructors shall deliver courses in accordance with approved educational standards.
4. WMF may suspend or withdraw instructor accreditation in cases of serious non-compliance.

Article 42: Quality Assurance and International Monitoring

1. WMF shall monitor the implementation of the Coaching Education System through the WMF Technical Committee.
2. Monitoring may include:

   a) Review of educational programs;
   b) Verification of course hours;
   c) Examination procedures;
   d) Instructor qualifications;
   e) Candidate assessment records;
   f) License registers;
   g) Safeguarding and ethical compliance.

3. WMF may request additional documentation from any member Federation.
4. Where deficiencies are identified, WMF may require corrective measures within a specified period.
5. In cases of persistent or serious non-compliance, WMF may suspend the accreditation of a course or the recognition of licenses issued through the non-compliant procedure, subject to the applicable WMF procedures.

Article 43: Annual Reporting

1. Each National and Continental Federation shall submit an annual Coaching Education Report to WMF.
2. The report shall include:

   a) Number of courses organized;
   b) Number of candidates enrolled;
   c) Number of licenses issued;
   d) Examination results;
   e) Instructor information;
   f) CPD activities;
   g) Safeguarding and ethical education activities;
   h) Development needs and recommendations.

3. The WMF Technical Committee shall prepare an annual international report for submission to the WMF Executive Committee.

CHAPTER XI: DISCIPLINARY LIABILITY AND SANCTIONS

Article 44: Disciplinary Offenses

Disciplinary offenses include, but are not limited to:

a) Coaching without a valid license where one is required;
b) Use of false or fraudulent credentials;
c) Violation of WMF Regulations;
d) Breach of the Code of Ethics;
e) Violence or abusive conduct;
f) Discrimination or harassment;
g) Doping violations;
h) Match manipulation;
i) Prohibited sports betting;
j) Safeguarding violations;
k) Falsification of licensing information;
l) Obstruction of official monitoring procedures.

Article 45: Disciplinary Sanctions

Depending on the seriousness of the offense, the following sanctions may be imposed by the competent disciplinary authority:

a) Warning;
b) Formal reprimand;
c) Temporary suspension of the coaching license;
d) Suspension of instructor accreditation;
e) Withdrawal of instructor accreditation;
f) Revocation of the coaching license.

Article 46: Disciplinary Procedures

1. All disciplinary procedures shall respect:

   a) The right to defense;
   b) The right to be heard;
   c) The presumption of innocence;
   d) Proportionality;
   e) Impartiality;
   f) The right to appeal.

2. Disciplinary matters shall be handled by the competent disciplinary bodies of the relevant Federation or WMF, according to the applicable regulations.
3. Safeguarding concerns may require immediate protective measures without prejudging the final disciplinary outcome.

Article 47: International Disciplinary Recognition

1. National and Continental Federations shall inform WMF of disciplinary decisions affecting the validity or recognition of WMF coaching licenses.
2. WMF may review the international recognition of a license following a serious disciplinary violation.
3. Any international measure shall be taken in accordance with WMF procedures and the right of the affected person to defense and appeal.

CHAPTER XII: FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 48: Recognition of Existing Coaching Licenses

1. Coaching licenses issued before the entry into force of these Regulations may be recognized by WMF.
2. Recognition shall be based on the educational content, course duration, assessment standards and professional experience associated with the existing qualification.
3. Where necessary, WMF may establish equivalence or supplementary educational requirements.
4. Member Federations shall submit existing licensing structures for review within the period established by WMF.

Article 49: Transitional Implementation

1. All National and Continental Federations shall align their coaching education systems with these Regulations.
2. WMF shall establish an implementation period of up to twenty-four (24) months from the date of entry into force.
3. During the transitional period, existing licenses may remain recognized subject to WMF approval and applicable national requirements.
4. The WMF Technical Committee shall provide guidance and support to member Federations during implementation.

Article 50: Amendments

1. Amendments to these Regulations may be proposed by the WMF Technical Committee, Continental Federations or other competent WMF bodies.
2. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the WMF Executive Committee for approval in accordance with the WMF Statutes.
3. The WMF Technical Committee may issue supplementary educational guidelines and technical recommendations, provided that they do not contradict these Regulations.

Article 51: Interpretation

The WMF Technical Committee shall provide technical and educational interpretations of these Regulations.

Matters requiring formal regulatory interpretation or institutional decisions shall be referred to the competent WMF authority.

Article 52: Entry into Force

1. These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their approval by the competent WMF authority.
2. All previous WMF coaching education provisions that conflict with these Regulations shall be superseded from the date of entry into force.
3. All National and Continental Federations shall be responsible for implementing these Regulations within their respective jurisdictions.

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