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Preamble

The Islamic Solidarity Sports Association (ISSA), its Executive Board and administration, its Committees and Commissions, the Member Federations, the Organising Committees for ISSA events, athletes, participants, and recognised partners (hereinafter “the ISSA parties”) reaffirm their loyalty to the mission and values of ISSA: to strengthen unity and cooperation among Islamic nations through sport, in a spirit of solidarity, fairness, and mutual respect.

The ISSA parties undertake to disseminate the culture of ethics, values, culture and integrity within their areas of competence and to serve as role models for the broader sporting community of the Islamic world.

The ISSA Code of Ethics reflects the Association’s commitment to integrity, solidarity, and good governance in sport. By adhering to its provisions, the ISSA parties protect the credibility of ISSA, strengthen public trust, and uphold the values that unite the Islamic sporting community.

Scope of Application

The ISSA parties undertake to comply, and to ensure compliance, with the present Code of Ethics in the following circumstances:

- The ISSA Executive Board, its members, and administration, at all times and in all circumstances;
- The Committees, Commissions and Working Groups of ISSA, in the exercise of their mandates;
- Member Federations, their officials and athletes in all their relations with ISSA;
- The Organising Committees of ISSA events and their officials, throughout the existence of each such committee;
- All persons accredited to ISSA events, during the period of their accreditation;
- Recognised partners and organisations in their relations with ISSA.

Member Federations undertake to adopt, for their internal activities, a code of ethics based on the principles of the ISSA Code of Ethics, or to formally adopt the present Code.

A. FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Article 1 – Ethical Foundations

- 1.1 Respect for the spirit of solidarity through sport, requiring mutual understanding in a spirit of friendship, unity, and fair play.
- 1.2 Respect for the principle of the universality of sport and the independence of ISSA from partisan political influence.
- 1.3 Maintaining cooperative and respectful relations with state authorities, while safeguarding the autonomy of ISSA and its members.
- 1.4 Respect for international conventions on human dignity and fair treatment, insofar as they apply to ISSA's activities. In particular:
 - Respect for human dignity;
 - Rejection of discrimination of any kind, whether on the basis of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political opinion, national or social origin, or other status;
 - Rejection of harassment or abuse, whether physical, professional, or psychological.
- 1.5 Ensuring that participants in ISSA events enjoy conditions of safety, fairness, fair play and well-being consistent with the principles of Islamic values and international sporting standards.

B. INTEGRITY OF CONDUCT

Article 2 – Integrity and Independence

The ISSA parties shall exercise their responsibilities with due care and diligence. They shall act with impartiality, independence, and professionalism, and must refrain from abuse of office, fraud, corruption, or any conduct likely to tarnish the reputation of ISSA or bring it into disrepute.

Article 3 – Remuneration and Benefits

The ISSA parties shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept, or offer any form of remuneration, commission, or concealed benefit connected with ISSA's activities.

Article 4 – Gifts

Only symbolic tokens of courtesy of nominal value, in accordance with prevailing local custom, may be given or accepted. Any other gift or benefit must be recorded in the ISSA log of gifts.

Article 5 – Hospitality

Hospitality extended to ISSA parties and those accompanying them must be moderate, proportionate, and consistent with legitimate cultural or sporting traditions. All such hospitality must also be recorded in the ISSA hospitality log.

Article 6 – Conflicts of Interest

The ISSA parties shall avoid all situations of conflict of interest. They must respect the rules concerning conflicts of interest issued by the Ethics Commission, declare any potential conflict without delay, and withdraw from decisions where impartiality is compromised.

C. INTEGRITY OF COMPETITIONS

Article 7 – Protection of Competitions

The ISSA parties commit to combat all forms of cheating, manipulation, illegal betting, gambling and to undertake all necessary measures to ensure the integrity of ISSA competitions.

Article 8 – Anti-Doping and Manipulation

The ISSA parties must respect the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code and of the ISSA Regulations on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions.

Article 9 – Betting

All forms of participation in, or support for, betting related to ISSA competitions, as well as any form of promotion of such betting, are prohibited.

Article 10 – Sporting Ethics

Participants in ISSA competitions must not, in any manner, manipulate the course or result of a competition or act in a manner contrary to sporting ethics, fair play, or Islamic principles of honesty and justice.

D. GOOD GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES

Article 11 – Principles of Governance

The Basic Principles of Good Governance of international sport, in particular transparency, accountability, and independence, shall be respected by all ISSA parties.

Article 12 – Use of Resources

ISSA resources shall be used exclusively for ISSA purposes and in furtherance of its mission of solidarity in sport.

Article 13 – Financial Integrity

13.1 The income and expenditure of ISSA and its organs shall be recorded in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Independent auditors shall review these accounts.

13.2 Where ISSA provides financial support to Member Federations or Committees, such support must be used solely for agreed purposes and demonstrably accounted for. ISSA reserves the right to audit these accounts through experts designated by the Executive Board.

Article 14 – Partners and Sponsors

ISSA recognises the important contribution of broadcasters, sponsors, and partners to the development of sport in the Islamic world. However, such support must never compromise the neutrality of ISSA's governance or electoral processes. Broadcasters, sponsors, and partners shall refrain from interfering in the running of ISSA or its members.

E. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Article 15 – Integrity of Elections

All elections and appointments within ISSA must respect equal conditions, transparency, and fairness. Candidates must refrain from any form of inducement, coercion, or improper influence. Neutrality shall be observed by all members, including external partners.

Article 16 – Campaign Conduct

Campaigning shall be respectful, transparent, and consistent with ISSA's values and guidelines. The use of ISSA resources to promote or oppose any candidate is prohibited. No candidate may exploit the name, image, or resources of ISSA without authorisation.

F. CONFIDENTIALITY

Article 17 – Confidentiality of Proceedings

The principle of confidentiality shall be strictly respected by the ISSA Ethics Commission in all its activities, and by any person concerned by its proceedings. Sensitive information relating to investigations, deliberations, or ISSA business shall not be disclosed without proper authorisation. This duty continues even after a member's mandate ends.

G. REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Article 18 – Duty to Report

18.1 The ISSA parties shall report to the Ethics Commission, in strict confidentiality, any conduct that may constitute a violation of this Code.

18.2 Reports shall be made in writing, electronically through secure ISSA channels, or directly to designated Ethics Officers.

18.3 The Ethics Commission shall acknowledge receipt of reports, review them promptly, and, where necessary, open an investigation.

18.4 Reports must not be made for personal gain or with malicious intent. Any such misuse shall itself constitute a breach of this Code.

18.5 Whistleblowers and individuals reporting in good faith shall be protected from retaliation or adverse treatment.

H. SANCTIONS AND APPEALS

Article 19 – Sanctions

19.1 Violations of this Code shall attract sanctions proportionate to the nature and seriousness of the offence.

19.2 Sanctions may include:

(a) Warning, issued privately or in writing;

- (b] Suspension from duties, committees, or ISSA events for a defined period;
- (c) Removal from office or position within ISSA;
- (d) Expulsion or permanent ban from ISSA membership and activities;
- (e) Referral to competent national or international authorities where the conduct amounts to a criminal or civil offence.

19.3 In determining sanctions, the Ethics Commission shall consider the seriousness of the violation, intent, harm caused, and any prior record of misconduct.

Article 20 – Appeals

20.1 Any person sanctioned under this Code has the right to appeal.

20.2 Appeals must be lodged in writing within fourteen (14) days of notification of the decision.

20.3 Appeals shall be reviewed by an independent Appeals Panel appointed by ISSA, which shall have the authority to confirm, amend, or overturn the decision.

20.4 The decision of the Appeals Panel shall be final within ISSA.

I. IMPLEMENTATION

Article 21 – Implementing Provisions

The ISSA Ethics Commission may issue Implementing Provisions to clarify or expand upon this Code, subject to approval by the Executive Board.

Article 22 – Secretariat Support

The ISSA Secretariat shall provide the Ethics Commission with the administrative and technical support necessary to disseminate, monitor, and enforce this Code.

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