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#### I. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR – MALE & FEMALE

# Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be given to the players who in the opinion of the voting panel were the best male and best female players during the current football season.

<sup>2</sup> The voting panel shall vote only for players who during the current season were eligible to play for the male National 'A' Team and the female National 'A' Team, respectively.

<sup>3</sup> Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current season shall not be eligible to win the award.

# Article 2 Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the top male and female national league, respectively;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the top male and female national league, respectively;
- c. One club official from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the top male and female national league, respectively;
- d. The male MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach and the female MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach, respectively;
- e. The male MFA National 'A' Team Assistant Coach and the female MFA National 'A' Team Assistant Coach, respectively;
- f. The male MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach and the female MFA National Under 19 Team Head Coach, respectively;
- g. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM News+/ Radju Malta)
- h. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (ONE TV / ONE Radio)
- i. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communcations Limited (NET TV / Radio 101)
- j. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Allied Newspapers Limited (The Times of Malta / The Sunday Times of Malta)
- k. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media Today Limited (Malta Today / Illum)
- I. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Standard Publications Limited (The Malta Independent / The Malta Independent on Sunday)
- m. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Unionprint Co. Ltd. (L-Oriżżont/It-Torċa)
- n. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communications Limited (In-Nazzjon / Il-Mument)
- o. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (Kullħadd)
- p. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by maltafootball.com

The General Secretariat may from time to time change the list of the media organisations represented on the voting panel and report the same to the Executive Board.

# Article **3** Voting Procedure

<sup>1</sup> Each person indicated in sub-article (2) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the General Secretariat wherein s/he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible male players and (3) distinct eligible female players who in his/her opinion were the best football players in the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voter shall rank each of these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;

<sup>3</sup> The captains, coaches, and officials indicated in sub-article (2)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players with the Member Club in which such captains, coaches, or officials are employed;

<sup>4</sup> Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the General Secretariat;

<sup>5</sup> The date of receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA General Secretariat;

<sup>6</sup> Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA General Secretariat when:

- a. They are received by the General Secretariat on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA General Secretariat;
- b. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
- c. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
- d. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
- e. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (b) above.

<sup>7</sup> When the General Secretariat, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;

<sup>8</sup> The General Secretariat shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the five (5) eligible players for each gender who would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the MFA Footballer of the Year Award;

<sup>9</sup> The eligible player for each gender who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the General Secretariat shall be declared the MFA Footballer of the Year, male and female respectively. The name of such players shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

<sup>10</sup> In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretariat, the ranking shall be established as follows:

a. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;

- b. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- c. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the player who would have made the most appearances with the male or female National 'A' Team, respectively, during the current football season prevails.

#### **II. BOV CHALLENGE LEAGUE BEST PLAYER**

## Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best male player in the BOV Challenge League of the current football season.

<sup>2</sup> The voting panel shall vote only for players who at the end of current football season are registered with the senior team of a member club that competed in the BOV Challenge League.

<sup>3</sup> Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

# Article 2 Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Challenge League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Challenge League;
- c. One club official from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the BOV Challenge League;
- d. Three (3) journalists chosen by the Għaqda Ġurnalisti Sports, who normally follow the BOV Challenge League.

The General Secretariat may from time to time change the list of the media organisations represented on the voting panel and report the same to the Executive Board.

# Article **3** Voting Procedure

<sup>1</sup> Each person indicated in sub-article (2) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the General Secretariat wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best football players in the BOV Challenge League during the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;

<sup>3</sup> The captains, coaches, and officials indicated in sub-article (2)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches, or officials are employed; <sup>4</sup> Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA General Secretariat;

<sup>5</sup> The date of receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA General Secretariat;

- <sup>6</sup> Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA General Secretariat when:
  - a. They are received by the General Secretariat on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA General Secretariat;
  - b. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach, or official is employed;
  - c. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
  - d. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
  - e. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (2) above.

<sup>7</sup> When the General Secretariat, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;

<sup>8</sup> The General Secretariat shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players who would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;

<sup>9</sup> The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the General Secretariat shall be declared the BOV Challenge League Best Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

<sup>10</sup> In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:

- a. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- b. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- c. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the player who obtains most points through the Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure shall prevail.
- <sup>11</sup> The Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure
  - a. In the case of a tie according to sub-article (10)(c) above, the General Secretariat shall award points to the tied players for appearances in connection with matches in the BOV Challenge League and the FA Trophy Competition of the current football season, and this according to the following procedure:
    - i. three (3) points for every appearance in a BOV Challenge League or an FA Trophy match from the start even if the player is substituted;
    - ii. two (2) points for every appearance in a match mentioned in sub-clause (1) above, in which the player enters as a substitute;
  - b. Following the procedure in sub-article (a) above, the General Secretariat shall then deduct points to the tied players for misconduct in connection with matches in the BOV Challenge League and the FA Trophy Competition, and this according to the following procedure:

- i. one (1) point if officially cautioned during a match and the caution had been confirmed by the Association's Disciplinary Commissioner or by the relative disciplinary body of the international association concerned;
- ii. four (4) points if sent off during a match;
- iii. one (1) point if found guilty by the Disciplinary Commissioner or any other competent body of the Association of any misconduct before or after a match.

#### **III. BOV NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE BEST PLAYER**

## Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best male player in the BOV National Amateur League of the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voting panel shall vote only for players who at the end of current football season are registered with the senior team of a member club that competed in the BOV National Amateur League of the current football season;

<sup>3</sup> Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

### Article **2** Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV National Amateur League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV National Amateur League;
- c. One club official from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the BOV National Amateur League;
- d. Two (2) journalists from the Public Broadcasting Services Limited, who habitually follow and report on the Amateur League.

The General Secretariat may from time to time change the list of the media organisations represented on the voting panel and report the same to the Executive Board.

# Article **3** Voting Procedure

<sup>1</sup> Each person indicated in sub-article (2) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the General Secretariat wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best football players in the BOV National Amateur League during the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;

<sup>3</sup> The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (2)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are employed;

<sup>4</sup> Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA General Secretariat;

<sup>5</sup> The date of receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA Deputy General Secretary;

- <sup>6</sup> Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA General Secretariat when:
  - a. They are received by the General Secretariat on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA General Secretariat;
  - A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who during the current football season made at least one official appearance in the BOV National Amateur League or in the Izibet FA Trophy Competition with the senior team of that Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
  - c. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
  - d. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
  - e. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (2) above.

<sup>7</sup> When the General Secretariat, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;

<sup>8</sup> The General Secretariat shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players who would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;

<sup>9</sup> The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the BOV National Amateur League Best Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

<sup>10</sup> In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:

- a. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- b. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- c. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the player who obtains most points through the Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure shall prevail.
- <sup>11</sup> The Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure
  - a. In the case of a tie according to sub-article (10)(c) above, the General Secretariat shall award points to the tied players for appearances in connection with matches in the BOV National Amateur League and the Izibet FA Trophy Competition of the current football, and this according to the following procedure:
    - i. three (3) points for every appearance in a BOV National Amateur League or an Izibet FA Trophy match from the start even if the player is substituted;

- ii. two (2) points for every appearance in a match mentioned in sub-clause (1) above, in which the player enters as a substitute;
- b. Following the procedure in sub-article (a) above, the General Secretariat shall then deduct points to the tied players for misconduct in connection with matches in the BOV National Amateur League and the Izibet FA Trophy Competition, and this according to the following procedure:
  - i. one (1) point if officially cautioned during a match and the caution had been confirmed by the Association's Disciplinary Commissioner or by the relative disciplinary body of the international association concerned;
  - ii. four (4) points if sent off during a match;
  - iii. one (1) point if found guilty by the Disciplinary Commissioner or any other competent body of the Association of any misconduct before or after a match.

#### **IV. YOUTH LEAGUE BEST PLAYER**

## Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best player of the Youth League in the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of this Award only a player included in the shortlist of ten (10) players, as decided by the MFA Technical Centre under sub-article (ii) below, shall be considered as eligible for this award;

<sup>3</sup> Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

## Article **2** Shortlist

<sup>1</sup> A meeting shall be convened between the MFA Technical Director, the MFA National Under/19 Team Head Coach and the MFA National Under/19 Team Assistant Head Coach, wherein these persons shall create a shortlist of not more than ten (10) players, who during the current football season appeared in at least fifty percent (50%) of their team's matches in the Youth League, and who in their opinion are to be considered by the voting panel for the Youth League Best Player Award, within the timeframe stipulated by the Deputy General Secretary of the Association;

# Article **3** Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Youth Team of the Member Clubs participating in Section 'A' of the Youth League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Youth Team of the Clubs participating in Section 'A' of the Youth League;
- c. One official per club, participating in Section 'A' of the Youth League in the current season;
- d. The MFA Technical Director;
- e. The MFA National Under/19 Team Head Coach;
- f. The MFA National Under/19 Assistant Head Coach

### Article **4** Voting Procedure

<sup>1</sup> Each person indicated in sub-article (2) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the General Secretariat wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best youth league players in current football season;

<sup>2</sup> Any voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;

<sup>3</sup> The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (2)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are registered;

<sup>4</sup> Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA General Secretariat;

<sup>5</sup> The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA General Secretariat;

- <sup>6</sup> Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA General Secretariat when:
  - a. They are received by the General Secretariat on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA General Secretariat;
  - b. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is registered;
  - c. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
  - d. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
  - e. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (2) above.

<sup>7</sup> When the General Secretary, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;

<sup>8</sup> The Deputy General Secretary shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players who would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;

<sup>9</sup> The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the Deputy General Secretary shall be declared the Youth League Best Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time;

<sup>10</sup> In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:

- a. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- b. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- c. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the player who obtains most points through the Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure shall prevail.

- <sup>11</sup> The Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure
  - a. In the case of a tie according to sub-article (10)(c) above, the General Secretariat shall award points to the tied players for appearances in connection with matches in the Youth League and the Youth Knock-Out Competition of the current football season, and this according to the following procedure:
    - i. three (3) points for every appearance in a Youth League or a Youth Knock-Out Competition match from the start even if the player is substituted;
    - ii. two (2) points for every appearance in a match mentioned in sub-clause (1) above, in which the player enters as a substitute;
  - b. Following the procedure in sub-article (a) above, the General Secretariat shall then deduct points to the tied players for misconduct in connection with matches in the Youth League and the Youth Knock-Out Competition, and this according to the following procedure:
    - iv. one (1) point if officially cautioned during a match and the caution had been confirmed by the Association's Disciplinary Commissioner or by the relative disciplinary body of the international association concerned;
    - v. four (4) points if sent off during a match;
    - vi. one (1) point if found guilty by the Disciplinary Commissioner or any other competent body of the Association of any misconduct before or after a match.

#### **V BEST YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

## Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best young male player during the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voting panel shall vote only for players who during the current football season were eligible to play for the MFA Under 21 National Team;

<sup>3</sup> Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

## Article 2 Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- c. Club officials, one from each club who in the current season participated in the BOV Premier League;
- d. The MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach
- e. The MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach
- f. The MFA National Under 21 Team Assistant Head Coach
- g. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM 2/ Radju Malta)
- h. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (ONE TV / ONE Radio)
- i. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communcations Limited (NET TV / Radio 101)
- j. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Allied Newspapers Limited (The Times of Malta / The Sunday Times of Malta)
- k. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media Today Limited (Malta Today / Illum)
- I. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Standard Publications Limited (The Malta Independent / The Malta Independent on Sunday)
- m. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Unionprint Co. Ltd. (L-Oriżżont/It-Torċa)
- n. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communications Limited (In-Nazzjon / II-Mument)
- o. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (Kullhadd)
- p. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Melita p.l.c. (Malta Stars)
- q. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by maltafootball.com

The General Secretariat may from time to time change the list of the media organisations represented on the voting panel and report the same to the Executive Board.

# Article **3** Voting Procedure

<sup>1</sup> Each person indicated in sub-article (2) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the General Secretariat wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best young football players in the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;

<sup>3</sup> The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (2)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are employed;

<sup>4</sup> Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot to the MFA General Secretariat;

<sup>5</sup> The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA General Secretariat;

- <sup>6</sup> Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA General Secretariat when:
  - a. They are received by the General Secretariat on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA General Secretariat;
  - A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of the current football season were registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
  - c. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
  - d. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
  - e. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (2) above.

<sup>7</sup> When the General Secretariat, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;

<sup>8</sup> The General Secretariat shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players who would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;

<sup>9</sup> The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the General Secretaiatr shall be declared the Best Young Player of the Year. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time;

<sup>10</sup> In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretary, the ranking shall be established as follows:

- a. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- b. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;

- c. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the player who has most appearances with the National 'A' Team during the current football season shall prevail;
- d. If the tied players have the same number of appearances with the National 'A' Team during the current football season, then the player who has most appearances with the Under 21 National Team during the current football season shall prevail.

## **VI. COACH OF THE YEAR**

# Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be given to the coach who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best coach in the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voting panel shall vote only for coaches who at the end of the current football season occupied the position of senior team coach of a club participating in the top male national league competition;

<sup>3</sup> Coaches who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

# Article 2 Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- c. Club officials, one from each Member Club, who in the current season participated in the BOV Premier League;
- d. The MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach
- e. The MFA National 'A' Team Assistant Coach
- f. The MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach
- g. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM 2/ Radju Malta)
- h. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (ONE TV / ONE Radio)
- i. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communcations Limited (NET TV / Radio 101)
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The General Secretariat may from time to time change the list of the media organisations represented on the voting panel and report the same to the Executive Board.

# Article **3** Voting Procedure

<sup>1</sup> Each person indicated in sub-article (2) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the General Secretariat wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible coaches who in his opinion were the best coaches in current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible coaches in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;

<sup>3</sup> The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (2)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for coaches who at the end of the current football season were registered coaches of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are employed;

<sup>4</sup> Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot the MFA General Secretariat;

<sup>5</sup> The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA General Secretariat;

- <sup>6</sup> Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA General Secretariat when:
  - a. They are received by the General Secretariat on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA General Secretariat;
  - b. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible coach who at the end of the current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach of official is employed;
  - c. Any voter indicates the same coach on his ballot more than once;
  - d. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a coach who is not eligible for this award;
  - e. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (2) above.

<sup>7</sup> When the General Secretariat, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;

<sup>8</sup> The General Secretariat shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible coaches which would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;

<sup>9</sup> The eligible coach who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the General Secretariat shall be declared the Coach of the Year. The name of such coach shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time;

<sup>10</sup> In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible coaches in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretariat, the ranking shall be established as follows:

- a. The coach with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- b. If the tied coaches receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the coach with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- c. If the tied coaches receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the MFA Technical Director, the MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach, the MFA National 'A' Team Assistant

Coach, and the MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach shall convene a meeting, and decide by simple majority whom from the tied coaches is to receive the award;

#### VII. THE FAIR-PLAY AWARD

## Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> The Fair-Play award shall be given to that Member Club who at the end of the season's National League will have most points granted by the Fair-Play Award Panel as prescribed in these regulations;

<sup>2</sup> All the teams of all Member Clubs participating in the MFA National League shall be eligible for the Fair-Play Award.

## Article **2** Assessments for the Fair-Play Award

There shall be two modes of assessment for the determination of the winner of the Fair-Play Award. These are:

- a. Assessments by the Match Observer or Referee;
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  - i. Match Observer of a competitive match of the first team of member clubs which is directly organised by the Association and the referee of a competitive match in the Youth League and the Women's Competitions organised directly by the Association shall award to each team the following points on positive behaviour as follows:
    - a. a maximum of ten (10) points for positive play shown by players;
    - a maximum of five (5) points for respect and correct behaviour shown by players towards the other team and its officials sitting on the Reserves' Benches and any other person near the field of play and having an official or semi-official function during the match (e.g. ballboys and photographers);
    - c. a maximum of five (5) points for the respect and correct behaviour of the players shown towards the refereeing team; and
    - d. a maximum of five (5) points for the respect and correct behaviour of the Club Officials sitting on the Reserves' Benches towards the refereeing Team, the other team and its officials sitting on the Reserves' Benches and any other person near the field of play and having an official or semi-official function (e.g. ball-boys and photographers);
    - e. a maximum of five points (5) for the respect and correct behaviour of supporters towards the refereeing Team, the other team and its officials sitting on the Reserves' Benches, the opposing supporters and neutral supporters and any other person near the field of play and having an official of semi-official function (e.g. ball-boys and photographers).
  - ii. After awarding the points, the Match Observer of Referee, as the case may be, shall add all the points awarded under sub-clause (i) above.
  - iii. The Match Observer or the Referee, as the case may be, shall make use of the appropriate form provided by the MFA Secretariat.

b. Assessments by the MFA Secretariat

The MFA Secretariat shall deduct the following points on negative behaviour in connection with every competitive match:

- i. In the case of players
  - a. One (1) point for each confirmed (yellow card) caution by the Disciplinary Commissioner;
  - b. three (3) points for each confirmed send-off (red card) provided that in the case of a red card as a result of a second yellow card, only three points will be deducted.
- c. Computation for the Fair Play Award

At the end of all MFA competitions, the General Secretariat shall compute the points garnered by each Member Club according to sub-articles (a) and (b) above in the following manner:

- i. All points gathered in all matches according to the "Assessment by the Match Observer or Referee" are added;
- ii. All points to be deducted by the MFA Secretariat for negative behaviour under the "Assessment by the MFA Secretariat" are deducted from the total points gathered according to the "Assessment by the Match Observer or Referee";
- iii. The total is then divided by the number of matches the Member Club has played during the current football season;
- iv. The Member Club with the best average points following the above computation shall be declared the winner of the Fair Play Award by the General Secretariat.
- d. Presentation for the Fair Play Award

The Fair Play Award shall be awarded to the winning team during the MFA Awards night organised by the Association, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

#### **VIII. BOV PREMIER LEAGUE TOP-SCORER AWARD**

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV Premier League shall have scored individually more goals in that season's Premier League than any other player playing in that league.

<sup>2</sup> This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

## IX. BOV CHALLENGE LEAGUE TOP-SCORER AWARD

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV Challenge League shall have scored individually more goals in that season's Challenge League than any other player playing in that league.

<sup>2</sup> This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

### X. BOV NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE TOP-SCORER AWARD (OVERALL)

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be granted to that player who overall at the end of the BOV National Amateur League shall have scored individually more goals in that season's National Amateur League than any other player playing in that league.

<sup>2</sup> This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

#### XI. BOV NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE TOP-SCORER AWARD (GROUPS)

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the respective group of the BOV National Amateur League shall have scored individually more goals in that season's National Amateur League than any other player playing in that respective group league.

<sup>2</sup> This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

#### XII. BOV WOMEN'S LEAGUE TOP-SCORER AWARD

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV Women's League shall have scored individually more goals in that season's Women's League than any other player playing in that league.

<sup>2</sup> This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

#### XIII. BOV WOMEN'S SECOND DIVISION TOP-SCORER AWARD

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be granted to that player who at the end of the BOV Women's Second Division shall have scored individually more goals in that season's Women's Second Division than any other player playing in that league.

<sup>2</sup> This award shall be presented to the winning player on the night of the MFA Awards, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time.

#### **XIV. BEST FOREIGN PLAYER AWARD**

### Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel was the best foreign player during the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voting panel shall vote only for players who during the current football season were not eligible to play for the MFA National 'A' Team and have made at least one (1) official appearance with a club in the BOV Premier League;

<sup>3</sup> Players who have been suspended for a minimum period of one (1) month during the current football season shall not be eligible to win the award.

# Article 2 Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- c. Club officials, one from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the BOV Premier League;
- e. The MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach
- f. The MFA National 'A' Team Assistant Coach
- g. The MFA National Under 21 Team Head Coach
- h. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM 2/ Radju Malta)
- i. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (ONE TV / ONE Radio)
- j. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communcations Limited (NET TV / Radio 101)

- k. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Allied Newspapers Limited (The Times of Malta / The Sunday Times of Malta)
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- r. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by maltafootball.com

The General Secretariat may from time to time change the list of the media organisations represented on the voting panel and report the same to the Executive Board.

# Article **3** Voting Procedure

<sup>1</sup> Each person indicated in sub-article (2) above (the 'voter') shall receive a ballot from the General Secretariat wherein he will be asked to choose three (3) distinct eligible players who in his opinion were the best foreign players in the BOV Premier League of the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> The voter shall rank these three (3) distinct eligible players in a ranking in the order of first, second and third preference;

<sup>3</sup> The captains, coaches and officials indicated in sub-article (2)(a), (b) and (c) above shall not be entitled to vote for players who at the end of the current football season are registered players of the Member Club in which such captains, coaches or officials are employed;

<sup>4</sup> Upon voting, such voter shall return the ballot the MFA General Secretariat;

<sup>5</sup> The date of the receipt of the voting ballots by the voters and the return of such ballots shall be communicated to the voters by the MFA General Secretary;

- <sup>6</sup> Ballots shall be considered null and void by the MFA General Secretariat when:
  - a. They are received by the General Secretariat on a date following the last date of submission indicated by the MFA General Secretariat;
  - b. A captain, coach or official votes for an eligible player who at the end of current football season was registered with the Member Club in which such captain, coach or official is employed;
  - c. Any voter indicates the same football player on his ballot more than once;
  - d. Any voter gives any preference on his ballot to a player who is not eligible for this award;
  - e. Any voter does not complete the ballot in full as required in sub-article (2) above.

<sup>7</sup> When the General Secretariat, in secret, opens all the ballots, he shall assign five (5) points to every eligible player granted first preference in the ballots, three (3) points to every eligible player granted second preference and one (1) point to every eligible player granted third preference;

<sup>8</sup> The General Secretariat shall then compute all the votes received in a table and shall announce to the public the names of the three (3) eligible players who would have obtained the most votes, in alphabetical order according to their surname, as being the nominees for the award;

<sup>9</sup> The eligible player who receives most votes at the end of the computation of the ballots by the General Secretariat shall be declared the Best Foreign Player. The name of such player shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Night, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time;

<sup>10</sup> In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more eligible players in any part of the table compiled by the General Secretariat, the ranking shall be established as follows:

- a. The player with most first preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- b. If tied players receive the same number of first preferences in the ballots, then the player with most second preferences in the ballots shall prevail;
- c. If the tied players receive the same number of second preferences in the ballots, then the player who obtains most points through the Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure shall prevail;
- <sup>11</sup> The Appearances and Demerit Points Procedure
  - a. In the case of a tie according to sub-article (10)(c) above, the General Secretariat shall award points to the tied players for appearances in connection with matches in the BOV Premier League and the FA Trophy Competition of the current football season, and this according to the following procedure:
    - i. three (3) points for every appearance in a BOV Premier League or an FA Trophy match from the start even if the player is substituted;
    - ii. two (2) points for every appearance in a match mentioned in sub-clause (i) above, in which the player enters as a substitute;
  - b. Following the procedure in sub-article (a) above, the General Secretariat shall then deduct points to the tied players for misconduct in connection with matches in the BOV Premier League and the FA Trophy Competition, and this according to the following procedure:
    - i. one (1) point if officially cautioned during a match and the caution had been confirmed by the Association's Disciplinary Commissioner or by the relative disciplinary body of the international association concerned;
    - ii. four (4) points if sent off during a match;
    - iii. one (1) point if found guilty by the Disciplinary Commissioner or any other competent body of the Association of any misconduct before or after a match.

### **XV. GOAL OF THE YEAR**

## Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> This award shall be given to the player who in the opinion of the voting panel scored the best goal in the current football season;

<sup>2</sup> For The purposes of this Award only a goal scored by a player included in the shortlist of ten (10) goals, as decided by the Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel under sub-article (ii) below, shall be considered as eligible for this award.

# Article **2** Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel

<sup>1</sup> A meeting shall be convened between the persons mentioned in sub-article (2) below, wherein these persons shall create a shortlist of ten (10) goals, who in their opinion are to be considered by the voting panel for the Goal of the Year Award, within the timeframe stipulated by the Deputy General Secretary of the Association;

<sup>2</sup> The ten (10) shortlisted goals shall be selected from among twenty (20) goals previously selected by the Deputy General Secretary of the Association;

<sup>2</sup> The Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel shall consist of a number of accredited journalists by the MFA who consistently follow and report on the top male national league competition.

### Article **3** Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. The players, one from each Member Club, who during the current football season, were the captains of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- b. The coaches, one from each Member Club, who at the end of the current football season, were the head coaches of the Senior Teams of the Member Clubs who participated in the BOV Premier League;
- c. Club officials, one from each Member Club who in the current season participated in the BOV Premier League;
- d. The MFA National 'A' Team Head Coach
- e. The MFA National 'A' Team Assistant Coach
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- g. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM 2/ Radju Malta)
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- q. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by maltafootball.com

The General Secretariat may from time to time change the list of the media organisations represented on the voting panel and report the same to the Executive Board.

### Article **4** Voting Procedure

<sup>1</sup> The Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel shall convene a meeting for the shortlisting of the ten (10) goals;

<sup>2</sup> The shortlist of ten (10) goals will be communicated by the Goal of the Year Shortlist Panel to the MFA General Secretariat . The media partner of the MFA for the MFA Awards will broadcast adverts featuring all the goals in which the public will be asked to vote for its favourite goal through its televoting procedure. Such televoting shall stop at midnight prior to the MFA Awards ceremony.

<sup>3</sup> The shortlist, shall thereafter be reduced to five (5) goals will, following a televoting/online voting and/or any other means which may be determined by the General Secretariat from time to time;

<sup>4</sup> The five (5) goals officially nominated for the Goal of the Year Award, shall through the general public, be voted to choose one (1) goal, which shall be the winner of the Goal of the Year Award;;

<sup>5</sup> At the indicated time during the MFA Awards the General Secretariat, shall be notified by the persons in charge of the televoting procedure which of the five (5) goals being the official nominees for the Goal of the Year Award has received most votes by the general public;

<sup>6</sup> The goal which has received most votes according to sub-article (5) above shall be declared the Goal of the Year. The name of the player who scored such goal shall be rendered public by the Association at the MFA Awards Ceremony, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time;

<sup>7</sup> In the case of a tie in votes between two (2) or more shortlisted goals, then the award shall be shared equally between those players who scored such shortlisted goals.

#### **XVI. THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

<sup>1</sup> The winner of this award shall be decided by the President of the Association in his total discretion;

<sup>2</sup> This award shall be granted by the President of the Association to that person or group of persons who in his personal opinion deserve to be recognised for such person/s outstanding contribution to the game of football in Malta;

<sup>3</sup> The name/s of the person/s who is/are to receive such award shall be rendered public by the President at the MFA Awards Night, and/or in any other form as determined by the General Secretariat from time to time;

<sup>4</sup> The President of the Association shall publicly announce the reason why such person/s has/have been granted such award.

#### **XVII. BOV PLAYER OF THE MONTH**

## Article **1** Eligibility

<sup>1</sup> The MFA will be organising the "BOV Player of the Month" competition. This will be linked to the BOV Premier League

<sup>2</sup> The MFA will at the same time continue to organise the Player of the Match Contest, preferably in relation to each competitive match in which a Premier Division Club takes part. The Player of the Match Contest will serve as the basis for selecting the winner of the "BOV Player of the Month" competition.

<sup>3</sup> The MFA shall designate a Coordinator who will be responsible for the organisation of the Player of the Match Contest. The MFA shall also designate an Assistant Coordinator to help the Coordinator or to substitute him. In the latter case, any reference to the Coordinator shall be deemed to refer to the Assistant Coordinator.

<sup>4</sup> The selection of the Player of the Match Contest shall be made by a group of journalists representing the under mentioned media organisations. The journalists taking part shall be chosen by the Coordinator provided that only one journalist may be chosen from the same media organisation.

<sup>5</sup> In case that no representative of any of the under mentioned media organisations accepts to take part in the selection, the Coordinator may in his discretion invite to take part another journalist from other MFA accredited media representatives present at the match. However, the number of journalists taking part should not exceed ten (10).

# Article 2 Voting Panel

The voting panel shall be as follows:

- a. Two (2) MFA accredited journalists nominated by PBS Limited (TVM / TVM 2/ Radju Malta)
- b. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by ONE Productions Limited (ONE TV / ONE Radio)
- c. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by Media.link Communcations Limited (NET TV / Radio 101)
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- k. One (1) MFA accredited journalist nominated by maltafootball.com

The General Secretariat may from time to time change the list of the media organisations represented on the voting panel and report the same to the Executive Board.

# Article **3** Voting Procedure

<sup>1</sup> Prior to each match in which a Premier Division Club takes part, the Coordinator shall select the voting journalists and shall distribute to them the voting documents;

<sup>2</sup> Between the 80th and the 85th minute of the match, the Coordinator will collect the voting documents. Voting documents not collected within this time limit shall not count;

<sup>3</sup> The Player of the Match Contest will only be held if at least three (3) journalists take part;

<sup>4</sup> Each journalist shall vote in an order of preference for the best three (3) players taking part in the match by awarding five points (5) to the best player, three (3) points to the second best and one (1) point to the third best;

<sup>5</sup> If a vote is not given in accordance with this voting preference system such vote shall be deemed invalid;

<sup>6</sup> The Player of the Match shall only be selected provided that at least three (3) valid votes have been collected;

<sup>7</sup> After collecting the voting documents the Coordinator shall count the votes obtained by each player. The Coordinator shall exclude from the Contest a player who by the end of the match would have been sent off and shall deduct one (1) point in the case of a player who by the end of the match would have received a yellow card;

<sup>8</sup> In the event that two or more players are equal on points, the Coordinator shall give the award to that player who has obtained the largest number of "five points" or the largest number of "three points" or the largest number of "one point", in this order. In the case that this is not sufficient to declare the winner, the Coordinator shall decide;

<sup>9</sup> Where a P.A. System is available, the Coordinator shall inform the operator of the winner to be announced on the P.A. System. Where a P.A. System is not available, the Coordinator shall inform the accredited media representatives present for the match of the winner;

<sup>10</sup> After the match the Coordinator shall officially inform the MFA General Secretary of the result of the Player of the Match Contest by sending him the Official Form together with the voting documents. A copy of the Official Form shall also be given or sent to the winner and/or his Club;

<sup>11</sup> The MFA reserves the right to include in the voting the spectators. These will be able to vote by sending an SMS between the 75th and the 85th minute of the match. In such a case, the votes of the spectators shall account for half of the votes whilst the votes of the journalists shall account for the other half of the votes;

<sup>12</sup> Only the winners of the Player of the Match Contest of those matches played in connection with the BOV Premier Division League during the outgoing or past month will be eligible to be selected as the BOV Player of the Month for the outgoing or past month;

<sup>13</sup> The BOV Player of the Month will be selected by the MFA General Secretary in accordance with the following criteria:

- a. Players who during the outgoing or past month had been sent off by the referee for an act of violence shall be excluded from the selection;
- b. The votes obtained by each winner of the Player of the Match Contest in connection with a BOV Premier League Match during the outgoing or past month, except the votes of those excluded, are counted in a way that the total number of points obtained during any one match, regardless of the number of journalists taking part, are converted into a common denominator through a proportional system;
- c. The player who obtains the highest number of points shall be selected as the winner of the BOV Player of the Month;
- d. If two or more players obtain the same highest number of points, the following method shall be adopted in the following order to select the winner:
  - i. Three (3) points for every red card received and one (1) point for every yellow card received during the relative month shall be deducted in connection with BOV Premier League matches of the players concerned.
  - ii. The selected player will be the one who during the outgoing or past month would have in the Player of the Match Contest for the relative month obtained the largest number of "five points" or the largest number of "three points" or the largest number of "one point" in this order.
- e. If notwithstanding the employment of the above method, two or more players are still equal on points, the General Secretary will select the winner.

<sup>14</sup> After the selection of the BOV Player of the Month has been made, the General Secretary shall inform in writing BOV and the club of the winner.

<sup>15</sup> BOV will present a trophy to the winner and will present a cash donation of two hundred and fifty euro ( $\leq 250$ ) to a local charitable institution of the winner's choice during the official presentation of the trophy to the winner.

### XVIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Article **1** The General Secretariat shall from time to time update these regulations to ensure that they reflect the proper composition of the national leagues.

Article **2** As required and for justified grounds, the General Secretariat shall be entitled to suspend for a period, any of the aforementioned awards, whereupon the specific award shall not be distributed throughout that particular period until the General Secretariat decides otherwise;

If the General Secretariat decides to suspend any particular award for a period, in the manner herein defined, it shall report to the Executive Board accordingly.

Article **3** These regulations shall be amended by the Executive Board, however the General Secretariat shall be authorised to amend, modify and in any other manner adjust the language of these regulations and/or effect any changes in the manner defined above.