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STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The key importance of the supporters clubs throughout the club's history is well known, as is their contribution to the creation and spread of the ideals of FC BARCELONA.

Since the club's founding in 1899 through to the present day, these supporters clubs have grown constantly and never faltered in their support for FC BARCELONA.

At this moment in its history, the club considers the supporters clubs to be more necessary and important than ever, as a means of fomenting and promoting its values: civic pride, social integration, a sporting attitude, solidarity, democracy, Catalanism and other values which reflect the club's commitment to society as a whole.

The growth of new technologies has shortened the distances between people and allows instant communication between FC BARCELONA SUPPORTERS all over the globe.

The increasing number of supporters clubs has created the need for a series of rules and regulations which help the relations between FC BARCELONA and its supporters clubs to become as close and as efficient as is possible.

The rules and regulations laid out below respect the previous versions whilst aiming to adapt the relations between the Club and the supporters clubs to present day conditions.

1.- DEFINITION

1.1. The FC Barcelona supporters clubs are sovereign and independent associations, constituted under article 22 of the Spanish Constitution and are governed by their own statutes, by the *Ley Catalana de Asociaciones 7/1997* of 18th June, or by the relative legislation for each autonomous community, as well as the *Ley Orgánica 1/2002* of 22nd March, which regulates the right of association, or by the specific rules and regulations relating to any foreign based associations.

Their aims are to contribute to the promotion, maintenance and improvement of the public image of FC BARCELONA throughout the world, as well as to promote the historic values of the club, the sense of community between club supporters and the general aims of the club.

1.2. A supporters club member is any person who has joined a "penya" (supporters club) and has agreed to abide by its rules and statutes, with the rights and duties these and the corresponding laws assign.



2.- RELATION WITH THE CLUB

2.1 The statutes of FC Barcelona, agreed at the General Assembly of 23rd July 2001, state in article 9.2:

“The Board shall have special consideration towards supporters club that give support to the ends of FC Barcelona, given their importance in the public image of the club, whilst respecting the clubs’ own independence. To this end, once they are constituted according to the regulations in force and are recognised by the Board of Directors as Official Supporters Clubs of FC Barcelona, the Board of Directors will arrange for them to enjoy the benefits accruing from their integration in the social life of the Club and they will be able to host the annual Congress of Supporters Clubs made up of representatives of the supporters clubs”.

2.2 Under no circumstances will FC BARCELONA intervene in the creation or dissolving of any supporters club, nor in its day to day activities.

2.3 As far as possible, FC BARCELONA will offer help in the paperwork involved in setting up and registering of supporters clubs, providing the relevant models and information needed.

2.4 The official title of “Penya” (Official Supporters Club) has to be confirmed in writing by FC BARCELONA. The name of the club must make reference to FC BARCELONA and preferably to the geographical area in which the club is based. In order to avoid any confusion, it is not permitted to use a name of an area already being used by another club, nor any similar name which could cause any confusion.

Names which are not in line with the Club’s values of civic pride, social integration, a sporting attitude, solidarity, democracy, Catalanism and other values which reflect the club’s commitment to society as a whole, are also not permitted.

If a club wishes to use the name of a person in its own name, the written permission of the person concerned, or of the family in the case of a deceased person, is needed. It is recommended that, if a name of a player or coach is used, it be that of somebody who has enjoyed a close relation with the club, but is no longer active.

2.5 Those clubs who wish to use logos, symbols or other signs or images registered as the property of FC BARCELONA should obtain written permission from the Club for their use.

2.6 Once authorization for the formation of a club has been given by FC BARCELONA, the club should be officially registered with the following authorities, or their substitutes:



- “*Servei de Registre i Suport a les Entitats Jurídiques*”, part of the “*Direcció General de Dret i Entitats Jurídiques*” of the “*Departament de Justícia de la Generalitat de Catalunya*”, if the club is registered in Catalonia.
- *Registro Nacional de Asociaciones de la Subdelegación del Gobierno* corresponding to the province in which the club is based, or the relevant *Registros de Asociaciones de la Comunidad Autónoma*, if the club is based in the rest of Spain.
- In clubs based abroad, the *Registro Nacional de Asociaciones* of the local Spanish Consulate or Embassy, if any or all of the club members have Spanish nationality. In the case of a club where no member is of Spanish nationality, registration should take place in accordance with local laws and regulations.

In order to be registered officially, a club must be legally constituted in line with the applicable laws detailed below.

3.- APPLICABLE LAWS

To be recognized as an OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB of FC BARCELONA, a club needs to have been constituted in accordance with the following laws or their substitutes:

- “*Llei Catalana de Asociaciones 7/1997* of 18th June if based in Catalonia.
- *Ley Orgánica 1/2002* of 22nd March, or the relative legislation for each autonomous community if based in the rest of Spain.
- The corresponding laws of the country in which the club is based if based abroad.



4.- RECOGNITION AS AN OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

4.1 Once a club has been legally constituted with the name authorized by FC BARCELONA and officially registered, it may request the status of OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB of FC BARCELONA.

In order to be given this status, a club needs to send a written request to the FC BARCELONA Supporters Clubs Department and fill in the required forms which will be provided, as well as producing copies of the authorization of the club's name, club statutes and details of its founding meeting, and a record of its official registration with the authorities detailed above. A club based abroad must also provide the documentation corresponding to the official legalization of the club

4.2 In order to be recognized as an OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB of FC BARCELONA, the President of the club must be a member of FC BARCELONA. In addition, for a supporters club based in Catalonia at least half the members of the club's committee must be FC BARCELONA club members and at least 5 ordinary supporters club members must also be FC BARCELONA club members.

No individual can be a member of more than one supporters club committee.

4.3 In line with article 9.2 of the statutes of FC BARCELONA, it is the responsibility of the Club Board to approve the designation of any club as an official "penya" of the Club, and that only once a favourable report has been received from the area delegate of the Club's Social Commission.

This approval must also respect the criteria of naming new supporters clubs only in those towns or areas where a supporters club is not already included in the Club's register of clubs, or in areas where a club already exists as long as this does not adversely affect the existing club according to the previously mentioned Commission report.

4.4 Once the FC BARCELONA Board of Directors has approved the designation of a supporters club as official, the Club will provide written recognition by sending a certified letter of welcome and will inscribe the supporters club in the Register of OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS mentioned in point 5. FC BARCELONA will also supply credentials to the supporters club with the name and OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS number that has been allocated to it. These credentials will be renewed annually at the beginning of the season subject to the requirements of these regulations being met.

Once it has been enrolled in the Supporters Club Register, the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB may enjoy all the benefits and privileges provided for in the statutes of FC BARCELONA in function of its integration into the social life of the Club.



5.- OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB REGISTER

The Club will maintain a register of FC BARCELONA OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS in which the following details will be recorded:

- Headquarters of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB. Every OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB must have a single headquarters. More than one OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB may not be based in the same headquarters. Similarly, the creation and/or existence of sub-branches and additional premises are not permitted.
- A list of the people (indicating name, surname(s) and the number of members) that fulfil the conditions of section 4.2 of these regulations referring to the members of FC BARCELONA that must be included (President, members of the Committee and/or supporters).
- Correspondence address, which need not be the same as the headquarters of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB.
- Contact telephone number.
- Email address.
- Complete details of the members of the Committee of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB (name and surname(s), position, National Identity Card or passport number, contact telephone number and FC BARCELONA, membership number as appropriate).
- Number of supporters club members.
- Number of supporters club members who are also members of FC BARCELONA and, at the discretion of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB, their names and surnames.



6.- MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 All OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS take on the commitment of maintaining their organizational and operating activity thereby fulfilling the formal requirements of the law and of these regulations and also agree to update their details once a year preferably between the months of January and June, keeping FC BARCELONA fully informed via a certificate that certifies the maintenance and the variations that have taken place in the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB in any of the sections mentioned in point 5. This certificate must be signed by the President and the Secretary of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB.

6.2 At the same time they agree to participate, as far as their resources permit, in all those activities connected with FC BARCELONA that take place in their territorial area, though this does not imply any obligation.

An OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB will be considered as active if it maintains fluid communication with the Club and, apart from the obligatory annual updating of its details and that laid down in point 6.3, informs the Club of the events that constitute its social activity.

6.3 The OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS must inform the Club of:

- The holding of its AGM, via a certificate signed by the President and the Secretary of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB.
- Any modification in the office holders of the original Committee, indicating the details which must be recorded in the Register of OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS.
- Any variations in the number of members of FC BARCELONA in the supporters club as required in point 4.2 (President, members of the Committee and/or supporters club members).
- Any change of headquarters, telephone number or email address of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB.
- The matches they have attended during the season, either of football or of any of the other sports sections of the Club.
- Any other events they have taken part in.

6.4 The OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS that do not meet the above requirements will not be considered as active and may be removed from the Register of OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS.



7.- LOSS OF STATUS AS AN OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB

All those OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS that:

- Voluntarily breach the current regulations, or that
- Do not respect or scorn the values and/or the image of FC BARCELONA, or that
- Encourage any form of violence, or that
- Misuse any of the benefits granted by the Club, or that
- Cause and/or provoke damage to the assets, rights and/or interests of FC BARCELONA

may be removed from the Register of OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS, either temporarily or permanently depending on the seriousness of the offence and/or its repetition. The decision to remove the offending supporters club will be taken by the Board of Directors of FC BARCELONA within 15 days following a hearing with the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB in which the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB may make any statements they wish regarding the offence(s) of which they area accused and which may lead to their being removed from the register.

8.- CELEBRATIONS, EVENTS AND PROTOCOL

8.1 The OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS will hold those ceremonies or events they consider opportune.

8.2 FC BARCELONA considers SUPPORTERS CLUBS Meetings to be the maximum expression of these events, endeavouring that these be attended by representatives of the Club as indicated below.

8.3 SUPPORTERS CLUBS Meetings are understood as those events organized by one or more OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS in which other SUPPORTERS CLUBS participate with the aim of disseminating and promoting the Barca sentiment.

8.4 Meetings that will be attended by representatives of FC BARCELONA, according to the following conditions, will be:

- Worldwide Meeting of Supporters Clubs
- Zone Meetings



8.5 The OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS that wish to hold such Meeting with representation from FC BARCELONA must present their proposal and calendar in writing to the Supporters Club Department of the Club in September and October of each year.

Other events for which the presence of representatives of FC BARCELONA is requested must be presented in the same way at least one month in advance.

FC BARCELONA may consider requests for the participation of representatives of the Club presented after the above mentioned deadlines but is under no obligation to participate.

The proposal must contain: the type of event, the day, month, time and place of the event, the programme of activities and the approximate number of people who will attend.

8.6 The Club will study all the proposals received and draw up a calendar of the events in which it will take part.

8.7 FC BARCELONA retains the right to decide in which events it will take part and send representatives and will decide which people will represent the Club in each event (President, Directors, members of the Social Commission and other representatives designated by the Club) according to its needs and/or possibilities. In those events in which it takes part, the Club will determine the protocol of the events.

In all Meetings and events, the representative of FC BARCELONA taking part will be considered as the highest authority in the event together with the local representatives of the town or place in which the event is taking place and/or other institutional figures if there are any.

The Club will inform the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB of the name(s) of the representative(s) in good time though it reserves the right to change the representative(s) at any moment should the need arise.

8.8 WORLDWIDE OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS MEETING

8.8.1 Once a year, preferably in September or October, one of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS, together with FC BARCELONA, will organize a Worldwide Official Supporters Clubs Meeting.

8.8.2 The Club and the host OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB will organize the Meeting in close cooperation in order to ensure the quality and quantity of the events and activities, the attendance of the maximum number of supporters, the maximum media coverage of the event and the promotion of the Barça spirit.



8.8.3 FC BARCELONA must authorize any agreement on sponsorship or any kind of media coverage of the worldwide meeting

8.8.4 Any OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB interested in hosting a Worldwide Meeting must make a request in writing to FC BARCELONA within the period spanning the end of one Worldwide Meeting and the following March. This request must be received four months before the holding of the Worldwide Meeting immediately prior to the Worldwide Meeting being requested.

8.8.5 The OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB must provide documentary evidence of its organizational capacity, the minimum necessary infrastructure for the event, the necessary institutional support and also supply a draft programme of events. It is also recommended that the SUPPORTERS club supplies a favourable report from the delegate of the corresponding zone.

8.8.6 FC BARCELONA will call a meeting of the Official Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee in the offices of the Club so that the candidates can present their projects and the members of the Committee receive all the appropriate documentation. Following on from this, the delegates will call a meeting of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS in his/her zone to inform, debate and, as appropriate, vote on the different candidatures.

8.8.7 Then, at a meeting of the Official Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee in the offices of FC BARCELONA, the members will vote on their order of preference of the candidatures presented, the winner being the candidature which receives most points. In the case of a draw, there will be a second round of voting between the two candidatures with the same number of points.

8.8.8 The name of the winning candidate and the date of the following year's Worldwide Meeting will be announced at the Worldwide Meeting of the current year and in the Congress, should this take place.

Once the HOST OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB has been announced, the winning candidate, together with FC BARCELONA and the local authorities involved, will form a Worldwide Meeting Organizing Committee with the purpose of carrying out all those tasks necessary for the success of the event. The Organizing Committee will count on the collaboration of the Delegate of the corresponding zone

8.8.9 The Worldwide Meeting may include a Forum-Congress and/or a Conference on matters of current interest of FC BARCELONA and the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS.



8.9 ZONE MEETINGS

8.9.1 All OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS may organize a maximum of one Zone meeting a year with the participation of representatives from the club. The holding of zone meetings must be communicated in writing to the Club Supporters Club Department in the months of September and October every year together with a favourable report from the delegate of the corresponding zone. A programme of events must also be provided not less than a month and a half before the event.

It is recommended that the host OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB have the maximum possible support from the other supporters clubs in the zone for the organization of zone meetings.

It is also recommended that these meetings are held to coincide with important anniversaries of the host supporters club (25th, 50th etc.)

Zone meetings will be attended by a representative designated by the Club, preferably from the FCB Board of Directors and always accompanied by members of the Social Commission.

8.9.2 Zones may organize these meetings as often as they wish though it is recommended that they are held every two years.

In order that the Club can designate the best possible representation, it is necessary that the meetings coincide with FC BARCELONA away matches and in these cases the events must be programmed for the day before the sporting event. In zones not visited by FC BARCELONA, the Club will study the best date for holding the event.

8.9.3 Generally speaking, the representatives of FC BARCELONA will attend a Zone Meeting at the weekend. The different Zones must agree among themselves and with the Club the sharing out of available dates.

Under no circumstances does FC BARCELONA have any obligation to co-organize these Zone meetings. The Club may choose to lend whatever help it considers appropriate and possible for each Zone Meeting.

FC BARCELONA will endeavour to organize a visit by the President and/or members of the Board of Directors to every zone once during their term of office. These visits will be accompanied by representatives of the Social Commission of the Club and by the Delegate of each Zone.

8.10 OTHER MEETINGS

All territorial, provincial, regional and/or local meetings will be attended by a representative designated by the Club, preferably from among the members of the Social Commission.



8.11 ANNIVERSARIES

8.11.1 If the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB is celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Club will endeavour to ensure the attendance of the President of FC BARCELONA and /or the highest ranking Directors from the Club.

8.11.2 For the 25th anniversary, the Club will designate the maximum representation possible from among the members of the FC BARCELONA Board of Directors, providing that the requirements laid down in points 8.9.1 and 8.9.2 are met. If this is not the case, members of the Social Commission may attend.

8.11.3 Regular celebrations held every 5 years from the founding date by the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS will be attended by members of the Social Commission depending on the geographical proximity and the coincidence or not with a sporting event of FC BARCELONA.

8.11.4 In the case of other anniversaries, FC BARCELONA, taking into account the aforementioned considerations (number of people attending, seniority of the supporters club, coincidence with an away match, supporters club activity etc) will do everything possible to send a representative from the Social Commission.

8.12 INAUGURATIONS

8.12.1 In the case of an inauguration of the premises of a new OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB, FC BARCELONA will endeavour to send the best possible representation, preferably of members of the Social Commission, depending on the geographical proximity and the coincidence or not with a sporting event of FC BARCELONA.

8.12.2 In the case of an inauguration of new premises of an existing OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB, the Club, if it participates, will decide the most appropriate representation taking into account the efforts made by the supporters club to acquire the premises as well as the geographical proximity and/or the coincidence with a sporting event of the Club.

8.13 TRIBUTES, DEBATES, CONFERENCES, TALKS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS

FC BARCELONA will decide its participation and representation according to availability and at its own discretion



9.- ORGANIZATION

9.1 SOCIAL AREA

The Social Area of FC BARCELONA will take responsibility for, among other matters, the maintaining, promotion and development of the relations between FC BARCELONA and the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS as laid down in articles 27e) and 28.6 b) of the Statutes of FC BARCELONA.

Everything relating to the relations with SUPPORTERS CLUBS will be integrated in the Social Area:

9.1.1 SOCIAL COMMISSION

The Social Commission, integrated in the Social Area of FC BARCELONA, is responsible, among other things, for participating in the representation of FC BARCELONA in the ceremonies and events organized by the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS, as laid down in point 8.

The Social Commission will be chaired by a Director of FC BARCELONA and its members, appointed by the Board of Directors, will have the powers and duties granted to them by article 27 e) of the Club Statutes.

The members of the Social Commission may attend the meetings of the Official Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee organized by the Club, at the discretion of the Social Area of FC BARCELONA.

9.1.2 THE SUPPORTERS CLUBS DEPARTMENT

The FC BARCELONA Supporters Clubs Department has the specific task of coordinating and developing relations with the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS.

9.2 OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

9.2.1 The Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee will be made up of the same number of Delegates as there are Zones in the different geographical areas.

The Consultative Committee, at the petition of the Club, will meet in the offices of FC BARCELONA at least once every 4 months. The meetings will be chaired by the President of FC BARCELONA, the Vice-President of the Social Area, the President of the Social Commission or in the absence of all of these, the person so designated by FC BARCELONA and, at the discretion of the Club, may be attended by representatives of the Social Commission.



Other meetings of the Consultative Committee may be called as required to deal with specific issues or areas.

9.2.2 The Delegates that make up the Official Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee will be chosen in each of the geographical zones defined here or which are newly created and according to the procedure laid down in these regulations.

9.2.3 The main task of the Consultative Committee will be to promote relations between the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS and deal with their concerns and suggestions, producing reports, recommendations and proposals for the Social Area of FC BARCELONA. Its reports, recommendations and/or proposals will be studied by FC BARCELONA but will not be binding in character.

Similarly, the Consultative Committee has the obligation to communicate and convey to the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS information and proposals produced by FC BARCELONA.

9.2.4 It also has the annual function of deliberating and voting on the candidatures to organize the Worldwide Meeting of Supporters Clubs.

9.2.5 Similarly, the Delegates to the Consultative Committee will be informed of all those ceremonies and events that are held within its demarcation and will endeavour to attend.

9.2.6 The elections for delegates to the Official Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee will be held every 4 years unless FC BARCELONA considers it opportune to hold them in a shorter period.

10.- GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

10.1 ZONE is understood as the territorial area that groups together various OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS for reasons of geographical proximity or natural connection.

10.2 The OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS of “AREA 1” are distributed in 21 geographical ZONES:



AREA 1

ZONE 1. WEST BARCELONA: Barcelona city west.

ZONE 2. EAST BARCELONA: Barcelona city east and Hospitalet de Llobregat.

ZONE 3. NORTH OUTER BARCELONA: Badalona, Santa Coloma de Gramenet and Sant Adrià del Besòs.

ZONE 4. VALLES ORIENTAL.

ZONE 5. VALLES OCCIDENTAL.

ZONE 6. MARESME.

ZONE 7. BAIX LLOBREGAT.

ZONE 8. ANOIA / GARRAF / Penedès.

ZONE 9. BAGES / BERGUEDA / CERDANYA.

ZONE 10. OSONA / RIPOLLES.

ZONE 11. NORTH GIRONA: L'Alt Empordà and El Baix Empordà.

ZONE 12. SOUTH GIRONA: La Garrotxa, El Gironès, El Pla de l'Estany and La Selva.

ZONE 13. NORTH TARRAGONA: El Tarragonès, L'Alt Camp, El Baix Camp, El Baix Penedès, La Conca de Barberà and El Priorat.

ZONE 14. TERRES DE L'EBRE: El Baix Ebre, El Montsià, La Ribera d'Ebre, La Terra Alta and La Franja Sud.

ZONE 15. SOUTH LLEIDA: Les Garrigues, El Pla d'Urgell, La Segarra, L'Urgell, El Segrià and La Franja Central.

ZONE 16. NORTH PONENT: L'Alt Urgell, L'Alta Ribagorça, La Noguera, El Pallars Jussà, El Pallars Sobirà, El Solsonès, La Vall d'Aran and La Franja Nord.

ZONE 17. NORTHERN CATALONIA / ANDORRA.

ZONE 18. BALEARIC ISLANDS.

ZONE 19. REGIONS OF CASTELLON.

ZONE 20. REGIONS OF VALENCIA.

ZONE 21. REGIONS OF ALICANTE.

10.3 The OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS of “AREA 2” are distributed as follows):

AREA2

ZONE 22. EASTERN ANDALUSIA: Jaén, Granada, Málaga, Almería and Melilla.

ZONE 23. WESTERN ANDALUSIA: Huelva, Sevilla, Cádiz, Córdoba and Ceuta.

ZONE 24. EXTREMADURA.

ZONE 25. CASTILLA – LA MANCHA.

ZONE 26. CASTILLA – LEON.

ZONE 27. CANARY ISLANDS.

ZONE 28. GALICIA.

ZONE 29. LA RIOJA / ARAGON / NAVARRE.

ZONE 30. MADRID.

ZONE 31. MURCIA.

ZONE 32. EUSKADI (Basque Country).

ZONE 33. ASTURIAS / CANTABRIA.

10.4 “AREA 3” consists of all foreign OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS grouped in a single ZONE (34) and represented by a single delegate.

10.5 On receipt of a written request from an OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB, FC BARCELONA may, at its own discretion, authorize a change of zone, provided this is justified by criteria of geographical proximity or by transport communications, and FCB is in possession of a favourable report from the Delegates del Consultative Committee involved.

10.6 The distribution and denomination of the different geographical areas may be revised at any time at the discretion of BARCELONA.



11. ELECTORAL PROCEDURE FOR THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF SUPPORTERS CLUBS

11.1 Each zone will elect a single Delegate.

The delegates of each zone that form part of the Official Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee will be chosen by a free and secret vote under conditions of equality. The term of office will be 4 years with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms of office as from the entry in force of the current regulations.

By virtue of that laid down in point 9.2.6, FC BARCELONA will call the elections for delegates to the Official Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee, establishing the requirements for candidates, the election process calendar and the voting day. Simultaneously with the calling of the election, the existing Consultative Committee will be dissolved and all its members will be considered to have resigned from their posts.

11.2. Candidates to delegate of the Official Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee must be the President or Vice-president of an OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB and be, in both cases, a member of FC BARCELONA.

To be named as a candidate to delegate, it is necessary to obtain the written support, using the endorsement forms supplied by FC BARCELONA, of a minimum of 15% of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS of the corresponding ZONE. Each OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB may only support a single candidate.

All the candidatures to delegate must be communicated in writing to FC BARCELONA before the deadline established in the electoral calendar attaching the original endorsement forms previously mentioned.

Those who obtain the necessary support will be proclaimed as candidates and a list of candidates made available to the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS in the offices of FC BARCELONA

For every OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB the President, Vice-president or Director previously designated and authorized in writing by the President and the Secretary of the Supporters Club, notifying FC BARCELONA of his/her designation, will vote. Each elector may only vote for one candidate in his/her ZONE.

If only one valid candidate presents him/herself in a particular ZONE, he/she will be declared the delegate of that zone.

If no valid candidate presents him/herself in a particular ZONE, the Social Area of the Club will set in motion a new electoral process for that ZONE only, in order to fill the vacancy in the shortest time possible subject to the precepts and requirements laid down in the regulations in force. The duration of this mandate will be the same



as that for the rest of the ZONES, independently of the starting date of the mandate of the corresponding delegate.

11.3 The electoral procedure will be the same for all ZONES:

A single voting point is established in the installations of FC BARCELONA. The vote will coincide with a match day of the football first team.

The day, time and place of the voting will be established when the elections are called.

There will be one election table for each geographical ZONE arranged in numerical order. There will be one ballot box on each table.

Each table will be staffed by a representative of the Club who will be responsible for the table.

Voting slips and envelopes will be produced by FC BARCELONA with the same format, paper and colour for all candidates.

11.4 Voting may be in person or by post in agreement with the following regulations.

11.4.1 PERSONAL VOTE

In the case of a personal vote, the elector of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB will place the corresponding voting slip in the envelope.

The elector must present proof of identity via National Identity Card, passport or driving licence and, in addition show his/her OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB membership card or credentials.

The elector will hand the envelope containing the voting slip to the person responsible for each table and this official will then place it into the ballot box.

11.4.2 POSTAL VOTE

In the case of a postal vote, FC BARCELONA will deliver the corresponding voting slips with the name of the candidates and the envelope for the vote in sufficient time to the Presidents of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS of the ZONES.

Each President will place the voting slip with the chosen candidate in the envelope supplied by the Club indicating on the outside the ZONE to which it belongs.

The closed envelope is placed in a second stamped envelope also supplied by the Club, together with: (1) Photocopies of both sides of the National Identity Card of the President/voter and the Secretary of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB, (2) A photocopy of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB credentials and



(3) The document attached by the Club signed by the President and Secretary of the Supporters club. This is then sent by post to FC BARCELONA.

The vote must arrive in the Supporters Club Department of FC BARCELONA by the deadline stated in the announcement of the elections. If an elector submits 2 or more votes by post, all of them will be considered null and void.

If an elector attends to vote in person having already voted by post, the latter will be considered not to have been received.

On voting day, the person responsible for each of the tables will check that all the requirements for remitting stamped envelopes have been met and will remove the closed envelopes which contain the voting slips, which will then be placed in the ballot box corresponding to each ZONE.

11.5 Once voting has finished, the slips will be scrutinized.

The scrutiny will be witnessed by a notary and will consist of a single count presided by the Directors responsible for the Social Area and any Supporters club representatives who so desire.

The ballot boxes will be opened, the envelopes removed and then opened, and the votes counted. The President or Vice-president of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB which has obtained the most votes will be declared as delegate.

If there is a draw between 2 or more candidates, the candidate of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB that has been inscribed in the registry of OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS of FC BARCELONA for the longer period will be declared as delegate.

The whole voting process will be supervised by FC BARCELONA and by any representatives designated by the candidates.

11.6 Any delegate who does meet any of the requirements for election laid down in the regulations in force (to be President or Vice-president of a Supporters club and, in both cases, to be a member of FC Barcelona), either initially or subsequently, may lose his/her position and all that it entails. In these cases, when a delegate is in breach of the regulations that govern the relations between the Club and its Supporters clubs, in order to maintain his/her position in the Consultative Committee he/she must obtain the support of half + 1 of the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS in his/her ZONE, via a written report from each of them that must be delivered to the Supporters Clubs Department of the Club.

11.7 If the position of delegate falls vacant in a particular ZONE, the Social Area of the Club will set in motion a new electoral process for that ZONE only, in order to fill the vacancy in the shortest time possible subject to the precepts and requirements laid down in the regulations in force. The duration of this mandate will be the same



as that for the rest of the ZONES, independently of the starting date of the mandate of the corresponding delegate.

11.8 Independently of the workings of the Delegates and the Official Supporters Clubs Consultative Committee, the OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS of FC BARCELONA may continue to maintain a direct relationship with the Club in all matters that affect them whenever they wish.

12.- MODIFICATIONS TO THE REGULATIONS

All doubts and/or issues arising from the application of these regulations will be resolved by the Social Area of FC BARCELONA.

These regulations will be interpreted and developed by the Social Area of FC BARCELONA.

13.- PERIOD OF ADAPTATION

All OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS designated by FC BARCELONA before the entry in force of these regulations have until 1st January 2006 to bring into line and update their organization and organs to the new regulations. If any OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUB has not carried out this adaptation to the regulations by the above deadline, the club in question will be removed from the Register of OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS CLUBS of FC BARCELONA and will lose all the benefits that it enjoyed up to that moment

14.- ENTRY INTO FORCE

The current regulations come into force on 30th November 2004.