

## CHAPTER 132

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**A Law to provide for the management of Rangers International Football Club of Enugu and matters connected therewith.**

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#### PART I. —PRELIMINARY

1. This Law may be cited as Rangers Management Corporation Law.

Short title

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise require—

“Board” means Board of the Corporation established under the section 4 of this law;

“Chairman” means Chairman of the Board.

“Club” means Rangers International Football Club of Enugu.

“Commissioner” means the State Commissioner assigned with responsibility for matters relating to sports.

“Corporation” means Rangers Management Corporation established by section 3 of this Law;

“Governor” means the Governor of the State;

“Ministry” means the State Ministry for the time being charged with responsibility for matters relating to sports:

“Player” means any person engaged by the Corporation, whether as an amateur or a professional, to play football for the Club;

“Secretary” means Secretary to the Corporation:

“State” means Enugu State of Nigeria.

Interpretation

#### PART II. — ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS

3. (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Rangers Management Corporation.

Establishment  
of Corporation

(2) The Corporation shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and with power to sue and be sued in its corporate name and to acquire, hold and dispose of property.

Establishment  
of Board.

4. (1) There is hereby established for the Corporation a Board to be known as the Board of the Corporation which shall consist of—

(a) on part time basis by the Governor:

(b) six persons who have interest in sporting activities in the State; particularly in football, one of whom shall be the State Chairman of the body known as the Rangers Supporters Club and all of whom shall be appointed on part-time basis by the Governor;

(c) a person appointed by the Governor on full time basis, on the advice of the Commissioner to be the Secretary.

(d) the following persons who shall also act as technical advisers to the Corporation—

- (i) the Team Manager of the Club;
- (ii) the Chief Coach of the club; and
- (iii) the Technical Adviser to the Club

(2) Persons appointed by the virtue of paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) shall be *ex-officio* members.

Board to  
exercise  
functions of  
Corporation.

5. The Board is the governing body of the Corporation and shall in that capacity—  
(a) exercise all the functions and powers of the Corporation and  
(b) do or carry out all acts or things which the corporation is by this Law, or may by any other Law be, required to do or carry out.

Validity of  
Board's  
proceedings.

6. The validity of the proceedings of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy among the members or any irregularity in the appointment of a member.

Tenure of  
Office.

7. (1) Subject to the pleasure of the Governor, a member not being an *ex - officio* member shall hold office for such a period not exceeding 3 years as may be specified in the instrument or letter by which he is appointed:

Provided that every such member shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the instrument or letter by which he is appointed, a member may resign his appointment by writing under hr. hand addressed to the Governor and upon receipt by the Governor of the letter of resignation, the appointment of the member shall determine.

8. There shall be paid to the members, other than ex-officio members, such remuneration or allowances as may, with the approval of the Governor, be prescribed by the Commissioner.

Remuneration  
and allowances.

9. (1) The Board may delegate to any person or body such of the Corporation's functions under this Law as the Board thinks may be more conveniently dealt with by such person or body so as to enhance the efficient conduct of the affairs of the Corporation

Delegation of  
functions.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section the Corporation shall in particular—

(a) manage and organise the affairs of the club in such manner as to attain the purposes of this Law;

(b) organise and manage the recruitment. registration and training of players and arrange for the participation of the Club in football competitions whether on an amateur or professional basis.

(c) establish and maintain a good working relationship with anybody or association

established by any law for the time being in force for the organisation and promotion of sports in the State or throughout the Federation:

(d) provide for the accommodation and welfare of the players and operate and maintain the Club as a going concern:

(e) subject to such rules as are made by any body or association established by law for the time being in force for the organization and promotion of sports in the State or in the Federation, sponsor, organize and manage football matches or other games or sports involving the Club and other clubs or bodies and charge and collect fees from spectators;

(f) open, operate and maintain in the name of the Corporation a bank account in a bank of firm financial standing and pay into such account all moneys collected, paid or received for the purposes or the Club.

(g) at all times use its best endeavours to raise the standard of performance of the Club and obtain public support for the Club through the active encouragement of the existence or establishment in the State and in other parts of the Federation of Supporters' Club for the Club.

**11. The Corporation shall have power—**

Powers of  
Corporation

(a) with the approval of the Commissioner—

- (I) to invest any moneys standing to the credit of the Corporation in securities and other investments;
  - (II) to acquire lands,
  - (III) to erect, construct, or build on such lands a club house, hostel, stadium, or other sporting grounds or buildings for the accommodation of the players of the Club or other persons for the practice of or competitions in sports;
- (b) to charge fees for the use of the lands, stadia, or other buildings mentioned in paragraphs (a) of this section;
- (c) to supplement its funds by engaging in any lawful profit-making enterprise or business as it may consider fit;
- (d) to make appeals, in such manner as it considers fit, to the public for donation, in money, or in kind, for the purposes of the Corporation under this Law and to collect the proceedings of any such donation;
- (e) to do such other things as are necessary for or conducive to the discharge by the Corporation of its functions under this Law.

**PART III. —MEETINGS**

**12. (1) The Board shall hold meetings as and when the need arises, provided that there shall be at least one meeting of the Board in any one month.**

Meetings  
Board.

(2) All meetings of the Board shall be summoned at the direction of the Chairman or at the request made to the Chairman in writing by 3 members.

(3) Every meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman, but in his absence or incapacity, the members present shall elect from among their number one person to preside at the meeting, and the person so elected shall have all the powers and privileges of the Chairman for that meeting.

(4) Subject to subsection (5) of this section, at any meeting of the Board, every question shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and voting on that question; and in case of an equality of votes, the Chairman or other person presiding shall have a casting vote.

(5) Any question which cannot by reason of its urgency be decided at a meeting of the Board may, with the written approval of the Commissioner, be decided by the Chairman.

(6) Before deciding any question to which subsection (5) applies, the Chairman may, if and so far as may be reasonably practicable, consult with other members or with such of them as may be accessible to him; and shall, as soon as may be after taking the decision, report the question and the decision to other members.

(7) Subject to the provisions of this section, the Board may make standing orders regulating its procedure.

(8) The Board may co-opt any person to be a member for such meeting or meetings as may be required, and such person so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member save that he shall not be entitled to vote upon any question.

Quorum

**13.** At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman and 3 other members shall form a quorum, but if the Chairman is absent from the meeting, any 5 members shall form a quorum.

Functions of  
Secretary.

**14.** (1) The Secretary is the Chief Executive of the Corporation and in that capacity, he is responsible for carrying out the policy decisions of the Board.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of subsection (1) of this section, the Secretary shall, in particular—

- (a) upon the direction of the Chairman, summon all meetings of the Board.
- (b) conduct or cause to be conducted the correspondence of the Corporation;
- (c) record and keep or cause to be recorded and kept in a book provided for that purpose, the proceedings of the meetings of the Board;
- (d) be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Corporation;
- (e) take charge and keep the seal of the Corporation; and
- (f) perform such other duties as the Board or the Chairman may from time to time assign to him.

**15.** The Board may appoint any suitable person to be designated Deputy Secretary to assist the Secretary in the performance of the functions of the Secretary under this Law.

Deputy  
Secretary.

**16.** Subject to the provisions of this Law, the Board may—

- (a) appoint such persons to be officers and servants of the Corporation as it may consider necessary and shall determine their salaries, emoluments, and conditions of service;
- (b) grant or guarantee loans to such officers and servants for such purposes as it may approve.

Powers to  
engage staff.

Name of  
service.

17. Service under the Corporation shall be public service for pension purposes within the meaning of the Pensions Law.

Direction of  
Commissioner.

18. (1) The Commissioner may give to the Corporation directions of a general character or relating to particular matters (but not relating to any individual) with regard to the exercise by the Corporation of its functions under this Law and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with such directions.

(2) The Corporation shall furnish the Commissioner with such information and returns relating to the activities or proposed activities of the Corporation or of other bodies by whom activities are carried on with the assistance of or in association with the Corporation (being information which is in the possession of the Corporation or can be obtained by it with reasonable facility or being returns giving such information) as the Commissioner may from time to time require, and shall afford to the Commissioner facilities for the ratification of information furnished by it in such manner and at such time as he may require.

#### **PART IV. — FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS**

Funds of  
Corporation.

19. The funds of the Corporation shall consist of—

- (a) such moneys as may from time to time be appropriated by the Government for purposes of the Corporation;
- (b) moneys accruing to the Corporation by way of endowment, grants, donations, gifts, or otherwise;
- (c) all charges made and fees received by the Corporation;
- (d) such interests as may accrue from investments made by the Corporation;
- (e) such moneys as may be realized as profits from any business or enterprise which the Corporation may undertake under this Law;
- (f) any loans made to the Corporation; and
- (g) such other sums of money or property as may in any manner become payable to or vested in the Corporation in connection with its functions under this Law.

20. The funds of the Corporation shall be applied by the Corporation in pursuit of its functions under this Law.

Application of  
funds

21. The Corporation shall not later than the 30th day of November in each year, prepare and submit to the Ministry an estimate of the incomes and expenditure of the Corporation for the next ensuing financial year.

Annual estimate

22. Subject to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as modified by any Act for the time being in force, the Corporation may, with the approval of the Governor as to:

Borrowers  
powers.

- (a) the amount which the Corporation seeks to borrow;
  - (b) the proposed lender;
  - (c) the particular purpose for which the loan is required; and
  - (d) the terms upon which the loan is to be raised;
- borrow money required for meeting its obligations or discharging its functions under

this Law.

- 23.** (1) As soon as may be after the end of each financial year but not later than the 31st day of March next following, the Corporation shall:

Reports and  
accounts

- (a) prepare a general report of its proceedings and activities during the preceding year; and
- (b) transmit to the Governor through the Commissioner that report together with a certified copy of the audited accounts of the Corporation.

(2) The Corporation shall:

- (a) keep proper books of accounts;
- (b) keep proper records relating to such accounts; and
- (c) prepare in respect of each financial year a statement of account.

in a form prescribed by the Permanent Secretary of the State Ministry responsible for finance matters.

(3) The accounts of the Corporation shall be audited annually by the State Auditor-General.

(4) The accounts of the Corporation together with the auditor's report thereon shall in each year be laid before the State Public Accounts Committee.

## **PART V.— MISCELLANEOUS**

- 24.** (1) No suit against the Corporation or any member, staff, or servant of the Corporation for any act done or neglect or default which has occurred in the execution or intended execution of any duty or function under this Law shall be brought or instituted in any court unless it is commenced within 12 months next after the act, neglect, or default complained of or in the case of continuing damage or injury within twelve months next after the ceasing thereof.

(2) No suit shall be commenced against the Corporation until one month at least after a written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served upon the Corporation by the intending plaintiff or his agent, and such notice shall clearly and explicitly state—

- (a) the cause of action;
- (b) the particulars of the claim;
- (c) the name and place of abode (or of business, if a firm or corporation) of the intending plaintiff, and
- (d) the relief sought by the intending plaintiff.

- 25.** The notice referred to in section 24 and any summons, notice, or other document required or authorized to be served upon the Corporation under the provisions of this Law or any other Law may, unless in any case there is an express provision to the contrary, be served by—

Service of  
documents.

- (a) delivering the same to the Chairman or Secretary; or
- (b) sending it by registered post addressed to the Secretary at the principal office of the Corporation.

Restriction  
execution.

Limitations  
of action  
against the  
Corporations

**26.** In any suit against the Corporation, no writ of execution or attachment or other process in the nature of any such writ shall be issued against the Corporation, but any judgment debt accruing against the Corporation shall be paid from the funds of the Corporation.

**27. (1)** At any stage of the proceedings in any suit, the Corporation may be represented by—

Representati  
in court.

(a) a servant of the Corporation duly authorized in that behalf in writing by the Corporation; or

(b) a legal practitioner authorized in writing in that behalf by the Corporation.

(2) For the purposes of sections 24 to 27, "suit" includes action or any civil proceeding commenced by writ of summons or in such other manner as may be prescribed by rules of court but does not include criminal proceedings.

**28.** The affixing of the seal of the Corporation shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or some other member authorized, either generally or specifically, by the Corporation to act in his stead for the purpose, and of the Secretary or some other person authorized, either generally or specifically, by the Corporation to act in his stead for the purpose.

Common  
seal.

**29.** Any contract or instrument that doesn't require a seal, when entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate, may be done on behalf of the Corporation by any person authorized by the Corporation for that purpose, either generally or specifically.

Contract not  
requiring a seal

**30.** Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the corporation shall in any court be evidence and shall be deemed to be so executed unless the contrary is shown to be the case.

Proof of  
documents.

**31. (1)** The Corporation may with the approval of the commissioner make regulations relating to such matters as in its opinion are necessary for the proper execution of the provisions of this Law.

Regulations.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of subsection (1) of this section, the Corporation may in particular, with like approval, make regulations for

(a) the appointment, dismissal, discipline, remuneration, and leave entitlements;

(b) Recruitment, registration, training, dismissal, discipline, remuneration, and leave entitlements of players;

(c) Appeals by staff and players against disciplinary measures;

(d) Retiring benefits of staff, players, and their dependants;

(e) Granting loans to staff and players;

(f) Welfare and other benefits for staff and players.