



# Bureau of Experts at the Council of Ministers Official Translation Department

# **Statute of the Ministry of Sport**

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Translation of Saudi Laws

#### **NOTES:**



- 1. This translation is provided for guidance. The governing text is the Arabic text.
- 2. The translation of Saudi laws takes the following into consideration:
  - Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
  - Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
  - Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
  - The word "person" or "persons" and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them, and who) refer to a natural and legal person.
- 3. Amendments to this Statute are provided in the Appendix.



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## **Statute of the Ministry of Sport**

#### **Article 1**

In this Statute, the following words shall have the meanings assigned thereto:

**Ministry**: Ministry of Sport. **Minister**: Minister of Sport.

**Statute**: Statute of the Ministry of Sport.

#### Article 2

The Ministry is the competent authority in the Kingdom in charge of regulating and developing the sports sector, improving its capabilities, increasing the number of individuals practicing sports, and working towards enabling Saudi sports to achieve excellence locally and internationally, as well as supervising all sports activities. The Ministry may, without prejudice to the functions and responsibilities of other agencies, take all actions necessary to achieve its objectives, including the following:

- 1. Proposing sports-related draft laws as well as amendments to applicable laws, and submitting the same for completion of necessary legal procedures.
- 2. Setting and developing indicators related to the Ministry's scope of work and the sports sector, assessing such indicators on a periodical basis, and benchmarking them against international indicators.
- 3. Developing a framework and model for the governance of the sports sector and supervising the implementation thereof.
- 4. Developing athletic abilities and honing talents and skills.
- 5. Encouraging all segments of society to engage in various sports and to organize and participate in sports events.
- 6. Licensing the establishment of sports facilities and the holding of sports events.
- 7. Setting conditions and standards for the establishment and management of sports facilities.
- 8. Classifying and establishing sports clubs, and licensing third parties to establish such clubs in accordance with controls set thereby.
- 9. Establishing federations for non-competitive activities in accordance with controls set thereby.
- 10. Regulating the work of sports groups, and providing aid and support thereto pursuant to controls set thereby.
- 11. Promoting the culture of volunteering and community partnership in sports.
- 12. Developing training programs for workers and volunteers in sports fields.
- 13. Classifying those working in sports fields in accordance with criteria set



thereby.

- 14. Issuing the licenses necessary for working in sports fields in accordance with rules and criteria set thereby.
- 15. Cooperating with the Ministry of Education and other relevant agencies to promote and develop sports in schools, institutes, colleges, and universities, and setting relevant programs.
- Encouraging and developing investment in sports fields and attracting local and international sports investments, in accordance with applicable legal procedures.
- 17. Collaborating with the relevant agencies for the advancement of sports media to ensure that its goals are achieved and to establish high-quality and professional sports media that would develop the sports sector, promote fair competition, and eliminate discrimination, abuse, and sports fanaticism.
- 18. Taking the measures necessary to combat prohibited performance-enhancing substances in sports, in coordination with the relevant agencies.
- 19. Collaborating with the relevant agencies in the development and advancement of sports medicine.
- 20. Coordinating efforts with the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, the Paralympic Committee of Saudi Arabia, sports federations, the Saudi Arabian Youth Hostels Association, and other local sports agencies, as well as cooperating with, supporting, and improving the performance of said agencies, in accordance with relevant international laws, agreements and charters.
- 21. Taking the measures necessary to limit violations that may occur in sports fields without prejudice to the statutes and regulations of sports federations.
- 22. Taking the measures necessary to enhance integrity in sports, ensure transparency, and combat unlawful practices.
- 23. Providing consultations in sports fields.
- 24. Cooperating and exchanging expertise with its counterparts, regional and international sports organizations, and consulting firms in the Kingdom and abroad, within its jurisdictions and in accordance with applicable legal procedures.
- 25. Fulfilling the Kingdom's international obligations related to sports fields.
- 26. Representing, or participating in representing, the Kingdom in regional and international committees, organizations, agencies, forums, and conferences related to its functions.
- 27. Conducting studies and research related to its functions and cooperating in this regard with specialized research centers and consulting firms.
- 28. Concluding agreements relating to the Ministry's activities with relevant agencies in other countries and with international organizations, in accordance with applicable legal procedures.



29. Any other task assigned thereto by law.

#### Article 3

The Minister shall manage the Ministry's affairs and shall take the decisions and measures necessary to achieve its objectives, in accordance with the provisions of this Statute. He may, in particular, carry out the following:

- 1. Proposing policies and strategies in sports fields in the Kingdom, submitting the same for completion of necessary legal procedures, and supervising their implementation upon approval.
- 2. Approving the Ministry's internal regulations in a manner not inconsistent with the relevant legal provisions.
- 3. Approving the regulations governing the establishment of sports facilities and the holding of sports events.
- 4. Proposing the Ministry's organizational structure and submitting the same for completion of necessary legal procedures.
- 5. Approving the establishment of branches or offices for the Ministry in accordance with applicable legal procedures.
- 6. Hiring experts and consultants to work on a full-time or part-time basis in order to perform certain tasks and services, provide advice, and conduct research and studies, in accordance with relevant provisions.
- 7. Accepting gifts, donations, grants, bequests, and endowments in accordance with applicable provisions.
- 8. Representing the Ministry before the judiciary, government entities, and relevant institutions and agencies as well as before other entities within the Kingdom and abroad; he may delegate such power to others.
- 9. Appointing Ministry employees in accordance with applicable regulations and supervising their performance.
- 10. Supervising the Ministry's organization of and participation in sports-related events and local and international conferences, seminars, and exhibitions and outsourcing the execution of the same, in accordance with applicable legal procedures.
- 11. Approving the Ministry's draft budget, final accounts, and annual report in preparation for submission in accordance with applicable legal procedures.

The Minister may delegate some of his powers to any of the Ministry's employees.

#### Article 4

This Statute shall supersede the Statute of the General Sports Authority issued pursuant to Council of Ministers Resolution No. 211 dated 15/3/1441H.





# Article 5

This Statute shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force on the date of its publication.











## **Appendix**

#### **Amendments**

## January 11, 2022 (Jumada II 8, 1443H)

Council of Ministers Resolution No. 313 provides for the following:

- Amending Article 2(6 and 7) to read as follows:
  - "6. Licensing the establishment of sports facilities, the holding of sports events, and the establishment of sports training centers and academies.
  - 7. Setting conditions and standards for the establishment and management of sports facilities, training centers, and academies."
- Repealing Article 2(9), which reads "Establishing federations for noncompetitive activities in accordance with controls set thereby", and rearranging the remaining paragraphs therein accordingly.
- Amending Article 3(3) to read as follows:
   "Approving the regulations governing the establishment of sports facilities, the holding of sports events, and the establishment of sports training centers and academies".





