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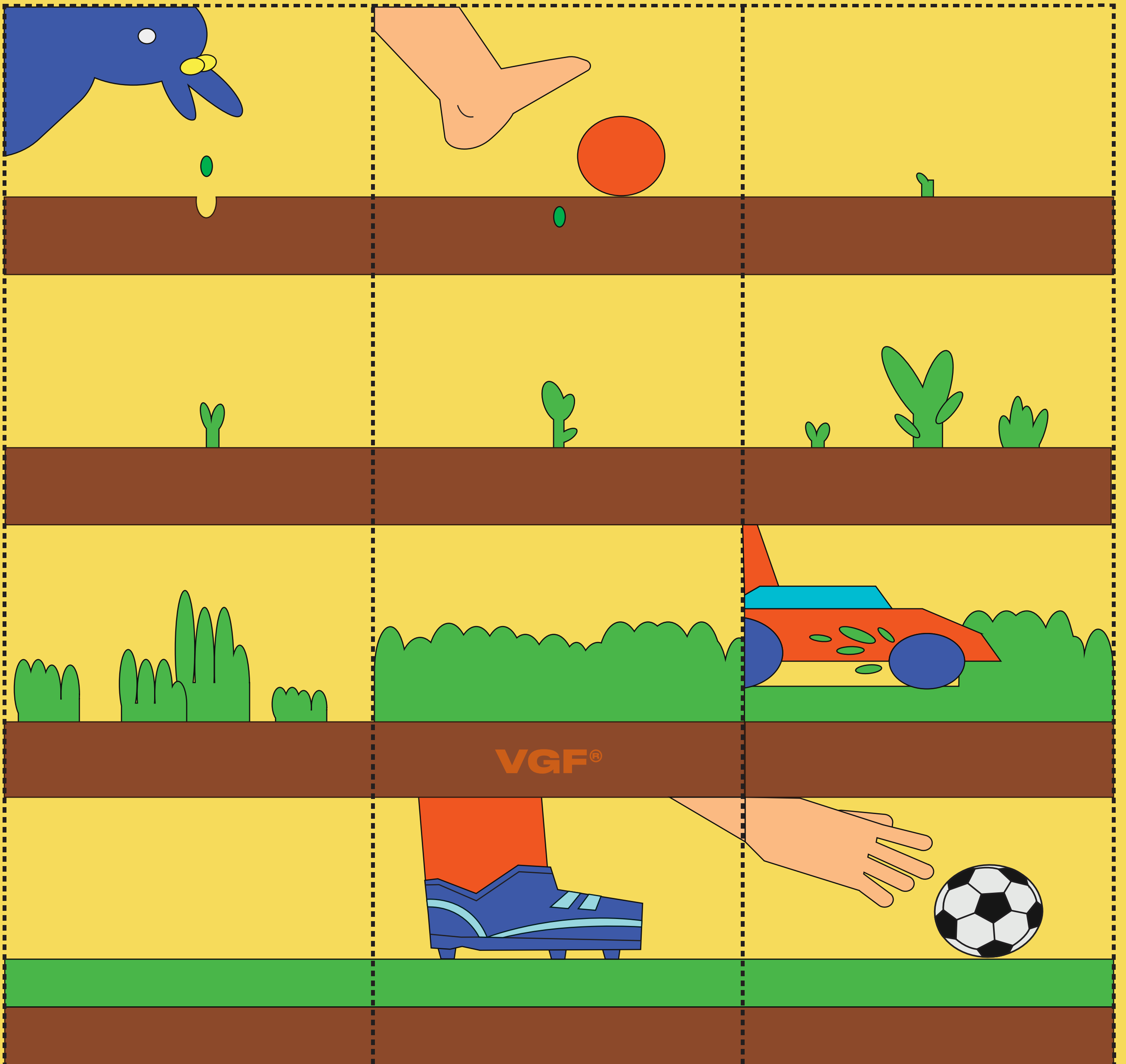


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DEFINITION OF TERMS

01. “Grassroots Football”	Refers to the foundational tier of football, driven by pure passion, community engagement, and a strictly non-profit ethos. It encompasses footballing activities where individuals participate primarily for recreation, personal enjoyment, and physical well-being, entirely devoid of the intent to generate income, financial compensation, or commercial benefits from athletic competition.
02. Vietnam Grassroots Football (abbreviated as VGF®)	Means the organization coordinating and operating the grassroots football ecosystem in Vietnam, as stipulated in this Statute.
03. “Format”	For the purposes of this document, "Discipline" refers to the various formats, modes of play, or types of football integrated into the ecosystem by VGF. These may include, but are not limited to: 5-a-side (5s), 6-a-side (6s), 7-a-side (7s), 8-a-side (8s), 9-a-side (9s), 11-a-side (11s), Futsal, or other variants.
04. “VGF Ecosystem”	Means the comprehensive framework encompassing all grassroots football activities established and operated by Vietnam Grassroots Football. Its primary focus is the organization of competitions, comprising all matches, tournaments, standings, statistical data, regulations, and competition structures across all Disciplines established, administered, or recognized by VGF.
05. “Grassroots Football Club”	From the perspective of VGF, a "Grassroots Football Club" (Grassroots Club) can be understood as the first organizational foundation where people access football through playing, learning, and connecting with the community, instead of being defined by achievements or professionalism. Unlike a spontaneous group/team, an organization called a Grassroots Football Club is distinguished by having an Individual/Group/Management Board that will represent and work with relevant parties to have organizational consistency when coordinating.
06. “VGF Members”	Means the Grassroots Football Clubs participating in the VGF Ecosystem as official members and are subject to this Statute.
07. “Team”	Means a competing unit affiliated with a VGF Member, which can participate in one or more competition activities within the VGF Ecosystem.
08. “VGF Player”	Means an eligible individual, validly registered through VGF Member Clubs, and participating in competitions within the VGF system.
09. “Football Income”	Means all financial benefits in cash or other financial assets, arising directly or indirectly from relevant football activities for an individual or organization, including disguised forms of payment. Benefits in goods or in kind are not referred to by this term.

 DEFINITION OF TERMS

10. <i>“Football Player Profession”</i>	Means the phrase referring to individuals having income from the activity of participating in football competitions in the role of a player. This phrase includes individuals who are currently players in professional, semi-professional systems, or do not belong to any official system but have a regular source of income from the activity of competing in football in the role of a player.
11. <i>“Right of Control”</i>	Within the scope of this document, "Right of Control" is understood as the ability of an individual or a group of individuals to directly or indirectly govern decisions related to the organization, personnel, or competition activities of a team or Club, regardless of whether or not an official ownership title exists.
12. <i>“Technical Influence Personnel”</i>	Means any individual participating in coaching activities, tactical direction, team organization, or who can exert actual influence on football technical decisions, regardless of the announced title.

VGF STATUTES

I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1Name, Core Message, and Identity

Full name: Vietnam Grassroots Football
Abbreviation: VGF

Is a non-profit organization operating in the field of football in Vietnam, established and built in order to develop a sustainable grassroots football ecosystem. For the objective of developing Vietnamese football and bringing social values through football.

(1) FULL LOGO SET OF VGF	(2) ABBREVIATED NAME VERSION	(3) SYMBOL
		

	VGF pursues the message Future From The Grassroots (the future of football begins from a very solid root), with a design combining the shapes of a tree root and a vertical dove wing, affirming the viewpoint of taking grassroots football as a solid starting point for the outstanding future development of football.
	In competition activities, VGF upholds the principle of fairness for everyone through the message Football is Air. Be Fair , which is considered the common ethical standard applied to the entire system, especially in refereeing and supervising work. VGF considers football as air, indispensable and everyone has the right to enjoy it, and its role is to preserve the purity.

Article 2Head Office and Legal Status



Registered under the social enterprise type in accordance with regulations and subject to the supervision of Vietnamese law. This legal entity is responsible for organizing, operating, and implementing the activities of the VGF Ecosystem, while committing to use the entirety (100%) of generated profits to reinvest in grassroots football development objectives (including youth football).

The office and headquarters of VGF are located at the registered address of the above-mentioned legal entity in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

VGF is not a state management agency, does not belong to the professional football system, and does not have a mandatory administrative management function over entities outside the system.

II - NATURE AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

Article 3 Nature of Grassroots Football

All activities within the VGF Ecosystem must maintain the nature of grassroots football, which is a form of football for health - enjoying fun, community-oriented, and not governed by personal financial motives from competing.

Article 4 Principles of No Financial Gain from Playing Football

No VGF Player within the ecosystem is permitted to participate in competitions for the purpose of generating income or be remunerated by another organization to play football. This principle aligns with the viewpoint on grassroots football, is absolute, and serves as the foundation to protect the ideals and nature of the entire ecosystem.

Article 5 Principles of Transparency and Fairness

VGF is operated on the basis of transparency in organization and fairness in competition, ensuring that all decisions are not governed by private interests or conflicts of interest.

III - OBJECTIVES, SCOPE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOOTBALL IN VIETNAM

Article 6 Development Objectives

Vietnam Grassroots Football is established with the objective of building a comprehensive, sustainable, and scalable grassroots football ecosystem across Vietnam, in which every individual has the opportunity to access, participate, and develop through football in various roles within an environment that upholds fairness, transparency, and non-profitability.

Article 7 Scope of Activities

VGF operates in the field of supporting, organizing operations, and developing grassroots football activities within the territory of Vietnam, including but not limited to the disciplines of 5-a-side (5s), 6-a-side (6s), 7-a-side (7s), 8-a-side (8s), 9-a-side (9s), 11-a-side (11s) football, Futsal, or other variants.

The operational scope of VGF is organizing tournaments, building ranking and data systems, developing operational standards, connecting the community, and supporting grassroots football activities.

VGF may expand its operations beyond the territory of Vietnam to serve the objectives of exchange, cooperation, and development, provided that it does not alter the nature of the system.

Article 8 VGF's Role and Contributions to Football in Vietnam

VGF is not a state management organization and does not belong to the professional football system, however, it has a complementary role in the overall development of Vietnamese football.

Through expanding the scale of participants, VGF contributes to enhancing the community base of football. Through building a structured competition environment, VGF contributes to shaping a fair and transparent competition culture. Through the data system and continuous competition, VGF creates a platform to support the development, connection, and identification of individuals with potential.

In the long term, VGF is oriented to become a sustainable grassroots football development model, thereby contributing a part to the development of the national football ecosystem.

Article 9 Principles of Independence and Complementary

VGF operates independently in organization and finance, without depending on any professional football system or management agency.

However, VGF is oriented to operate on the principle of complementing the Vietnamese football ecosystem, without directly competing with professional systems, and is willing to cooperate on a basis consistent with this Charter.

IV- VGF ECOSYSTEM, STRUCTURE AND COMPETITION SYSTEM

Article 10 Principles of Competition Ecosystem Development

1. VGF builds and operates a unified grassroots football ecosystem, encompassing all competition, training, exchange, and community development activities, regardless of age, gender, technical level, or geographical area, to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to access and participate in football within a fair, transparent, and sustainable environment.

2. The competition ecosystem of VGF is designed with an open and scalable orientation, allowing the integration of various types of football, including but not limited to 5-a-side (5s), 6-a-side (6s), 7-a-side (7s), 8-a-side (8s), 9-a-side (9s), 11-a-side (11s) football, Futsal, or other variants. At the same time, it ensures consistency in operational principles - the core values of grassroots football.
3. All competition activities within the VGF Ecosystem must strictly comply with the foundational principles clearly stated in Article 4 and Article 5 of this Charter.

Article 11 VGF Ecosystem Structure

1. The VGF Ecosystem comprises the following main components:
 - a) *The official tournament system organized or recognized by VGF, built according to each specific discipline and rules of play;*
 - b) *The system of friendly matches, community event series, and networking activities among Member Clubs;*
 - c) *The ranking and capability assessment system (ranking system), including mechanisms for measuring competition performance and team development;*
 - d) *The management system for data, player and team profiles, and competition history to ensure data security and transparency upon retrieval;*
 - đ) *The system of referees, supervisors, and match operations;*
 - e) *Programs for community development, training, and spreading the values of grassroots football.*
2. The above-mentioned components constitute a unified whole, in which each component may be regulated in detail by separate regulations but must not contradict this Statute.



Article 12 Tournament System and Competition Tiers

1. VGF organizes and develops the tournament system in accordance with multi-tiered and flexible principles, tailored to the specific characteristics of each discipline, each region, and each group of participants.
2. The tournament system may include the following sub-groups:
 - a) Open community tournaments;*
 - b) Regional or local tournaments;*
 - c) Tournaments based on the ranking system;*
 - d) Invitational tournaments or special events;*
 - đ) Experimental tournaments aimed at developing new competition models.*
3. VGF has the right to establish, modify, or dissolve any tournament within the system, on the basis of ensuring consistency with the overall development objectives of grassroots football and community interests.

Article 13 Principles of Competition Organization

1. All tournaments, matches, and competition activities within the VGF Ecosystem must be organized in accordance with the following principles:
 - a) Fairness, transparency, and impartiality;*
 - b) Respect for the rules of play and sportsmanship;*
 - c) Ensuring safety for all participants;*
 - d) Not allowing profit motives to distort the nature of grassroots football;*
 - đ) Not creating any form of professionalized competition.*
2. VGF issues specific competition rules and regulations for each discipline within the VGF Ecosystem, which specify in detail the competition formats, conditions for participation, organizational standards, and the rights and obligations of the relevant parties.

Article 14 Ranking and Evaluation System

1. VGF builds and operates the ranking system to recognize and reflect the competitive capabilities of teams across various rules of play and participant groups, on the basis of actual data and principles of fairness.
2. The ranking system may apply various calculation methods, including but not limited to point systems, the Elo system, or equivalent evaluation models.
3. The ranking is not intended to create a professional hierarchy, but rather to:
 - a) Enhance healthy competition;*
 - b) Support the organization of appropriate tournaments;*
 - c) Recognize the development process of the Clubs.*

V - VGF MEMBERSHIP

Article 15 Principles of VGF Membership

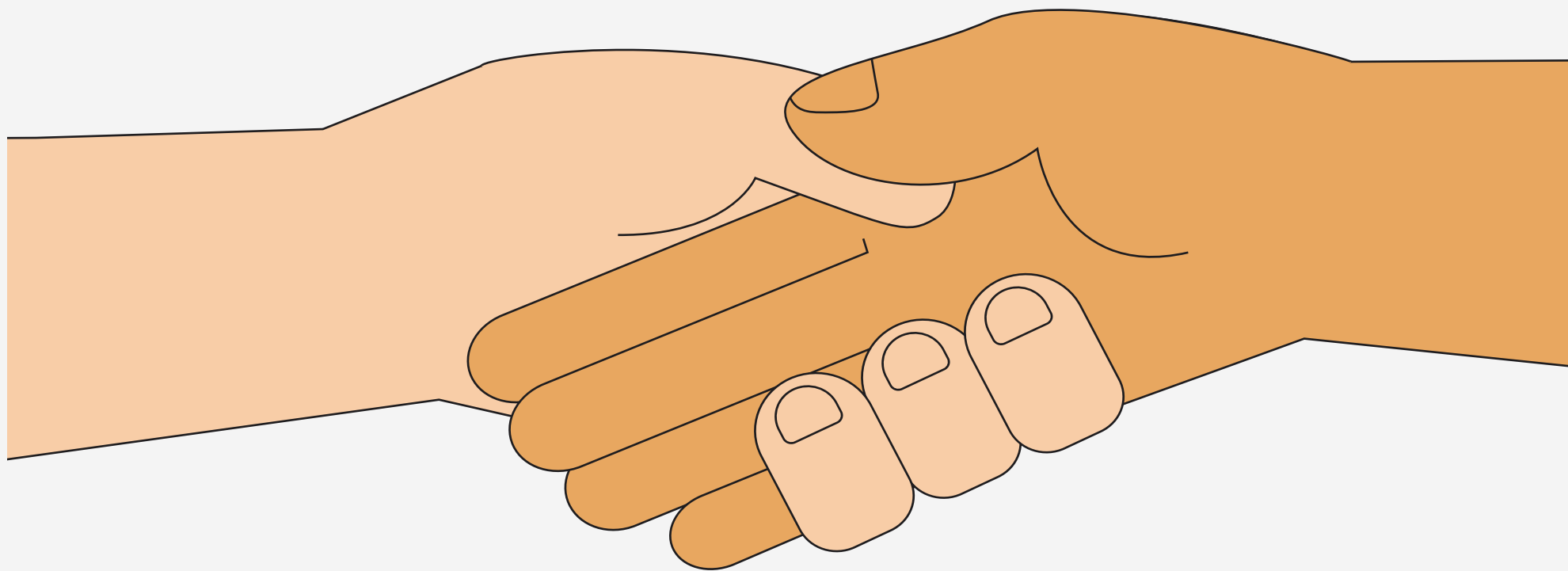
1. VGF Members are Grassroots Football Clubs, established and operating on the basis of voluntary participation in the VGF Ecosystem, committing to fully comply with this Statute, relevant regulations, and the core values of grassroots football.
2. VGF does not recognize any individual, organization, or other entity other than Grassroots Football Clubs as official Members. Partners, sponsors, organizing entities, or individuals participating through forms of cooperation are not considered Members and do not hold the rights of VGF Members under this Statute.

Article 16 Conditions for Membership

1. A club is considered to become a VGF Member when it has actual football activities and demonstrates the desire to participate in the shared ecosystem in a serious and long-term manner.
2. Fundamentally, VGF does not place heavy emphasis on formalistic criteria, but focuses on determining whether the Club actually exists, is organized, and is oriented towards developing community football. Having at least one active team, along with a clear official representative point of contact, is considered the minimum foundation for establishing Membership status.
3. By registering to participate, the Club inherently accepts the general principles of VGF, including sportsmanship, transparency, and a sustainable development orientation. This is not only a regulatory requirement, but also the foundation for building a healthy and long-term competitive environment.

Article 17 Admission of Members

1. The VGF Member recognition process is conducted through registration and confirmation by VGF, in forms appropriate to each stage of development of the ecosystem.
2. The review is not solely based on documentation, but also on the Club's overall alignment with VGF's orientation. This aims to ensure that each new Member actively contributes to the general stability and development, rather than merely participating on a short-term basis.
3. Membership status becomes effective upon confirmation, and from that moment, the Club officially becomes a part of the VGF Ecosystem, with all corresponding rights and obligations.



Article 18 Rights of Members

1. Upon becoming VGF Members, Grassroots Clubs are entitled to participate in all activities organized by VGF, including tournaments, events, and common development programs.
2. Members will be verified by VGF for credibility, easily expanding and minimizing risks when connecting and engaging in football exchanges with other Members who share the same organizational perspectives and operational philosophy.
3. VGF Members will have an additional media platform with information listed clearly and professionally, increasing credibility and accessibility to partners/brands interested in football and wishing to accompany and support the Clubs.
4. Members have the right to proactively register one or more teams to participate in competitions, in accordance with their scale and orientation. This creates conditions for the Clubs to develop diverse squads, while maintaining organizational flexibility.
5. Access to information systems, rankings, and competition data is an important part of the Members' rights, providing the Club with a basis to monitor, evaluate, and improve its operations.
6. Furthermore, Members are not only participants but also companions in the system development process. Contributing feedback and proposing improvements are always encouraged in order to build an environment aligned with practical realities.

Article 19 Duties of Members

1. Alongside their rights, each VGF Member has the responsibility to maintain the general principles of the ecosystem, the most important of which are the spirit of fair play, respect for opponents, and compliance with regulations.
2. The Club serves as the direct management unit, and therefore must ensure that all of its affiliated teams and players operate in accordance with the orientation, without compromising overall fairness.

3. Responsibility is not limited to competitive conduct, but also encompasses the organization, registration, and operation of the team. This helps VGF maintain a clear system, preventing fragmentation or a lack of control.
4. During the operational process, the cooperation between Members and VGF is a key factor. The exchange of information, organizational support, and the handling of arising issues must be carried out in a transparent and constructive spirit.

Article 20 Relationship Between Member Clubs and Teams

1. Each Member Club may own and manage one or more teams within the same discipline or across different disciplines.
2. All teams affiliated with the same Club must:
 - a) Share the same identity system (logos, slogans, colors, or brand affiliations);*
 - b) Be subject to the unified management of the Club;*
 - c) Be registered by the Club to participate in VGF activities.*
3. Within a specific discipline/competition format, teams affiliated with a Club must register with clearly distinct and non-duplicative names, but must contain the core element of the Club's name; this is achieved by combining the Club's name with distinguishing elements (e.g., A, B, U21, 1, 2, Youth, or equivalent).
4. The Club is responsible for all activities of its affiliated teams, including competition registration, player management, and compliance with relevant regulations when participating in football activities at VGF.

Article 21 Changes to Club and Team Structure

1. VGF acknowledges that during the development process, Clubs may change in scale, the number of teams, or internal organization. Therefore, the addition, reduction, or adjustment of affiliated teams is entirely appropriate and encouraged when necessary.
2. However, to ensure the consistency of the system, all changes must be reported for VGF to update and manage. This helps prevent confusion in competitions and ensures data continuity.
3. Cases of renaming, splitting, or merging teams must be executed transparently and in accordance with timing regulations, without the intent to circumvent rules or create an unfair advantage. This principle is particularly important in maintaining the credibility of the entire system.

Article 22 Termination of Membership

1. Membership status may be terminated in natural circumstances such as ceasing operations or voluntarily withdrawing from the VGF ecosystem. In certain cases, termination may result from violations of general principles and regulations. However, VGF's objective is not elimination, but to maintain stability and fairness; therefore, decisions are always considered in a reasonable and practical spirit.

2. The confirmation of Membership termination is executed and verified by VGF to ensure consistency in management.
3. VGF Members have the right to proactively withdraw from the Vietnam Grassroots Football (VGF) ecosystem on a voluntary basis, provided that they fully fulfill their notification obligations and complete all related responsibilities arising during their period as a VGF Member.
4. Withdrawal from the ecosystem must be notified in writing to VGF at least 60 days prior to the expected date of termination, or the termination date may be mutually agreed upon earlier by both parties, in order to ensure no disruption to the competitive activities, operations, or committed obligations of the Member.
5. Prior to the termination of Membership status taking effect, the Member has the responsibility to:

a) Settle all financial obligations, including but not limited to fees, deposits, fines (if any), and other arising obligations;

b) Fulfill all commitments related to tournaments, matches, or activities in which the Member is participating;

c) Coordinate with VGF to handle issues related to data, rankings, competition records, and outstanding rights and obligations.

6. Upon the termination of VGF Membership status:

a) The Club no longer retains the right to participate in tournaments, activities, or ranking systems affiliated with VGF;

b) All privileges associated with Membership status are terminated, except for rights legally accrued prior to the time of termination;

c) Names, designations, or affiliation with the VGF ecosystem may not continue to be used without the approval of VGF.

7. Withdrawal from the ecosystem does not give rise to the right to request a refund for fees already paid, unless otherwise stipulated by VGF or specifically agreed upon between the parties.
8. In the event that the withdrawal of a Member Club adversely affects competitive integrity, the credibility of the system, or the interests of relevant stakeholders, VGF reserves the right to apply appropriate measures in accordance with current regulations.
9. A Club that has withdrawn from the VGF ecosystem may still be considered for readmission in the future, on the basis of fulfilling all conditions and regulations at the time of re-registration. However, the date of readmission to VGF must be at least 90 days after the time of their previous Membership termination.

Article 23 Principles of Member Operations

1. Within the VGF ecosystem, the VGF Member Club is the central entity responsible for organization and management, while the teams are the units directly participating in competitions. This model helps strike a balance between flexibility at the team level and stability at the Club level, thereby creating a foundation for the sustainable expansion of the system.
2. VGF serves the role of overall coordination and direction, ensuring a fair and transparent competitive environment that aligns with the developmental goals of grassroots football.
3. All issues arising during operations are handled in a collaborative and flexible spirit, oriented towards the long-term interests of the entire ecosystem.

Article 24 Principles of Independence, Control and Technical Personnel in Competitions

Within the football competition system of Vietnam Grassroots Football (VGF), the fairness and integrity of competition are established on the basis that participating teams must be independent of one another in terms of control and professional operations. Any relationships capable of influencing match results must be identified and controlled in order to protect the core values of the system.

In the event that two (02) or more teams belong to one (01) or different Clubs, but are under the control of a single entity or a group of related entities; or if there is an overlap in personnel impacting professional operations; these teams shall be deemed by VGF to have a common interest or a direct professional connection.

To ensure the integrity of the system, teams falling under the aforementioned circumstances shall not be permitted to participate in the same tournament or the same specific competition structure, and shall not be allowed to face each other directly in any match within the VGF ecosystem. These teams may still co-exist within a common ranking system of a discipline, provided that no possibility of direct competition between them arises.

Member Clubs and teams are obligated to fully and truthfully declare relationships regarding control and professional personnel upon registration for participation. VGF reserves the right to evaluate the actual nature of these relationships and make the final decision regarding the application of this provision, in order to ensure the fairness and transparency of the system.

VI - VGF PLAYERS AND THE “NON-PRO PLAYING” PRINCIPLES

Article 25 Definition of VGF Players

1. A “VGF Player” refers to any individual competing in teams within the VGF ecosystem, through registration on the official personnel roster of a team affiliated with a VGF Member Club.
2. A VGF Player shall not be deemed an independent Member of the VGF; rather, they are subject to the management of, and participate in the system through, their respective team, with accountability borne by their governing Club.
3. A VGF Player refers to an individual who has never engaged in the "football profession," or who has ceased engaging in said profession for a minimum period of 12 months as of the date of their officially confirmed participation within the VGF ecosystem.
4. Each VGF Player shall be recorded within the system as a unique individual, linked to their playing history and relevant data.



Article 26 Principles of Player Participation

1. The participation of players within the VGF ecosystem shall be founded upon the principles of voluntary engagement, transparency, and respect for sportsmanship.
2. At any given time, a VGF Player may be listed on the personnel rosters of multiple teams, whether within the same or across different Member Clubs; provided, however, that they shall be permitted to be registered on the personnel roster of only 01 (one) single team within the same sporting discipline governed by a specific competition format or set of playing rules.

3. The registration, amendment, or transfer of team affiliation must be executed through the Member Club and within the timeframe stipulated by the specific regulations of the VGF. Such information must be truthfully declared to the VGF for recording and updating on the public database, in order to ensure clarity and transparency in administration.

Article 27 The "Non-Professional Playing" Principle

1. The VGF ecosystem is founded upon the principles of grassroots football—driven by the pure enjoyment of the game—wherein participation in competitive play shall not be intended to generate direct income for individual players.
2. VGF Players shall participate in the spirit of sportsmanship, camaraderie, personal development, and the advancement of community football, rather than pursuing competitive play in a professional capacity.
3. This principle constitutes a core element in safeguarding the fairness of the VGF ecosystem, while ensuring its openness and broad accessibility.

Article 28 Regulations on Benefits and Payments

1. Member Clubs shall not establish any employment relationship with VGF Players based on their participation in competitive play.
2. No wages, salaries, or any recurring income in the form of financial assets shall be paid to players for the purpose of competitive play.
3. However, within reasonable limits, certain forms of assistance may be provided to sustain team operations—such as coverage for facility fees, travel expenses, playing kits, or community-based support—provided that such provisions do not alter the fundamental nature of the "not practicing football as a profession" principle.
4. Any form of benefit that undermines the fairness of competition or creates an undue advantage shall be subject to review and corrective measures determined by the VGF.

Article 29 Responsibilities of Clubs Towards Players

1. Member Clubs shall be responsible for managing the registration, organization, and utilization of VGF Players within their affiliated teams.
2. Clubs shall ensure that VGF Players comprehend and adhere to the principles of the ecosystem, in particular the "not practicing football as a profession" principle and the core competitive spirit of grassroots football as set forth in this Statute.
3. Any matters arising in connection with players shall be handled by the VGF through the Club as the principal point of contact, in order to ensure administrative consistency.

Article 30 Transparency and Player Information Management

1. The registration of players shall ensure clarity of identity and basic information, to facilitate organizational work, competition management, and media support within the VGF ecosystem.
2. The VGF may establish and maintain a VGF Player data system for the purposes of tracking and promoting the players' participation, competitive activities, and progress; however, it shall not exploit personal data for any purposes outside the ecosystem without obtaining the explicit consent of the individual player concerned.
3. Transparency in information serves as the foundation for ensuring fairness and mitigating the occurrence of disputes.

Article 31 Principles of Fair Play in Competitions

1. All players participating within the system shall strictly adhere to the principles of fair play, refrain from any fraudulent practices, and must not create any undue advantage.
2. Any actions that distort competitive integrity, whether directly or indirectly, contravene the guiding principles of the VGF and may be subject to disciplinary measures in accordance with the regulations.
3. The principle of fairness shall apply not only to competitive play, but also to the organization, registration of information, and operation of teams.

Article 32 Principles of VGF Player Operations

1. The VGF Player constitutes the focal point of competitive play, whereas the Club acts as the organizing and administrative entity. This relationship serves to maintain a balance between the individual's freedom of participation and the stability of the system.
2. The VGF assumes a guiding and coordinating role, ensuring that all activities pertaining to players are conducted within a transparent and equitable framework, in alignment with the objectives of developing grassroots football.

VII - GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

Article 33 General Principles of Governance

The VGF assumes a guiding and coordinating role, ensuring that all activities pertaining to players are conducted within a transparent and equitable framework, in alignment with the objectives of developing grassroots football.

The VGF acts as the central coordinating entity, bearing the responsibility for establishing the strategic direction, promulgating regulations, and overseeing their implementation throughout the entire system.

Article 34 Scope of Management

The VGF administers all activities within the ecosystem, including, but not limited to:

1. *The organization and operation of matches, tournaments, sporting disciplines, and competition formats;*
2. *The ranking systems and the recording of results;*
3. *The registration, recognition, and administration of players and teams via Member Clubs;*
4. *The promulgation and enforcement of technical, disciplinary, and financial regulations;*
5. *Activities relating to the development of the grassroots football community.*

Article 35 Operational Structure

Subject to the practical requirements of each phase, the VGF may establish departments or appoint individuals to oversee various specialized areas in order to ensure efficient operations.

These units shall operate on the basis of assigned duties and delegated authority, and shall be subject to the direct supervision of the VGF.

Article 36 Decision-Making Authority

The VGF shall have the authority to make necessary decisions during the operation of the system, including those concerning matters not explicitly stipulated in this Statute or related documents.

Such decisions shall be made on the basis of ensuring equity and transparency, and in alignment with the overall developmental objectives of the system.

Article 37 Coordination Mechanism

Clubs, teams, and individuals participating in the VGF ecosystem shall be responsible for cooperating with the VGF throughout the organizational and operational processes, including the provision of information, adherence to guidelines, and the fulfillment of associated obligations.

Such coordination serves as a crucial element in ensuring the consistency and effectiveness of the entire ecosystem across various dimensions.

Article 38 Principles of Operational Flexibility

Due to the relatively non-binding nature of grassroots football, the VGF adopts a principle of flexibility in the governance and operation of the ecosystem, allowing for adaptations to suit practical realities, provided that such adjustments do not compromise the core principles of the system.

Article 39 Responsibilities for Maintaining the System

The VGF and participating parties bear a joint responsibility in maintaining a stable and transparent competitive environment conducive to long-term development.

The operation of the system relies not solely upon regulations, but also on the cooperation and shared sense of responsibility of the entire community within the ecosystem.

Article 40 Partners and Related Entities

1. In the course of the operation and development of the ecosystem, Vietnam Grassroots Football (VGF) may collaborate with partners, sponsors, and other relevant stakeholders to support the organization, administration, and advancement of grassroots football activities.
2. Partners and relevant stakeholders are not VGF Members, but shall possess rights and obligations in accordance with agreements and contracts mutually agreed upon by the parties, or specific regulations promulgated by the VGF.
3. All collaborative activities shall ensure they do not compromise the independence, equity, and competitive integrity of the ecosystem.
4. The VGF reserves the right to establish specific regulations for each category of partner, including, but not limited to, commercial exploitation, media, and sponsorship rights, as well as related activities.
5. In the event of a conflict between the interests of partners and the core principles of the system, the VGF's principles of integrity, equity, and sustainable development shall prevail.

VIII - FINANCE

Article 41 Financial Principles

As the VGF ecosystem is founded on a non-profit basis, its financial operations shall ensure transparency and reasonableness, and must directly serve the maintenance and development of the ecosystem.

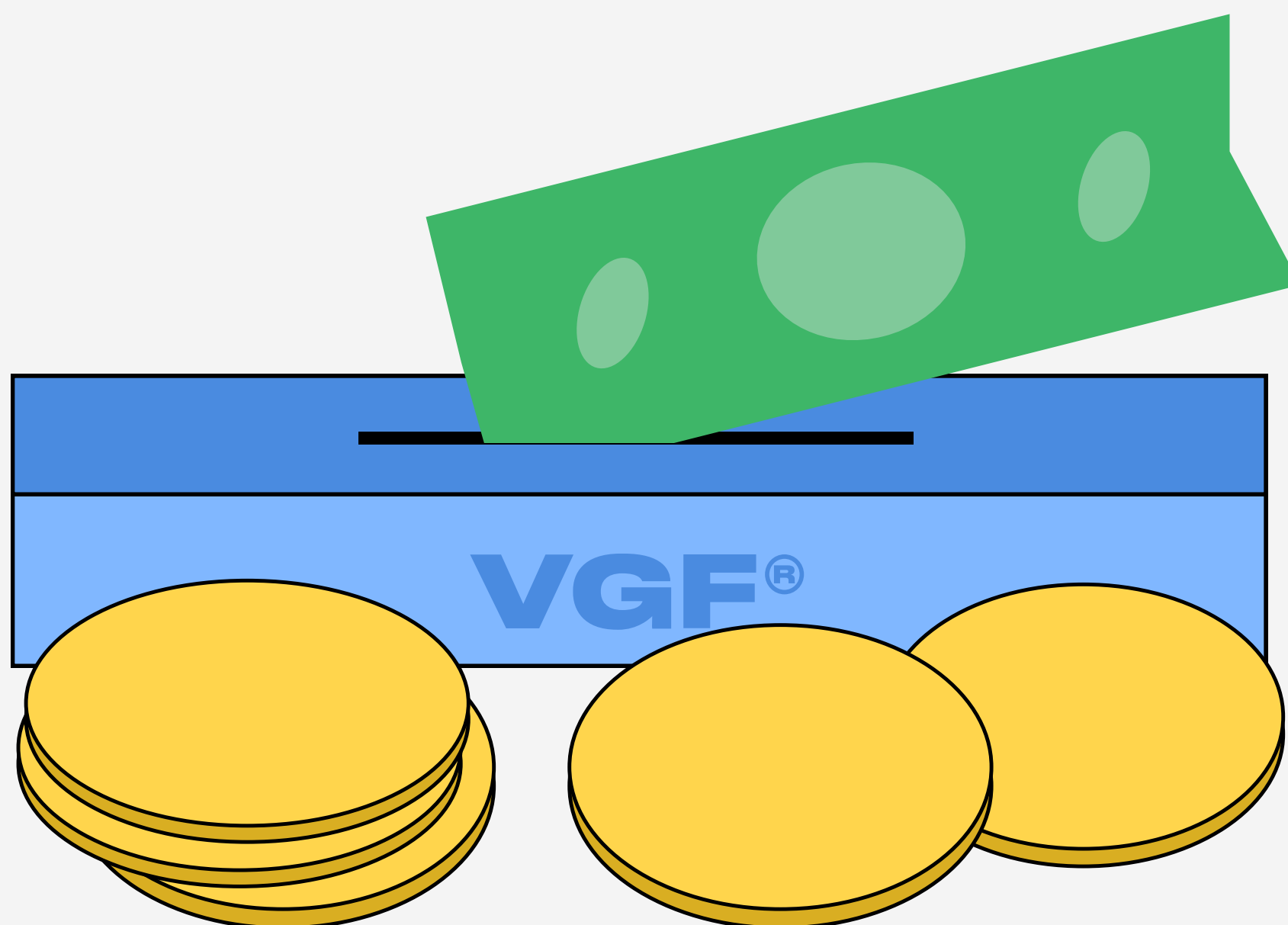
All revenues and expenditures shall be directed towards supporting the organization of competitions, the operation of the system, and the overall development of the ecosystem's community, and shall not be intended for the generation of profit for any individual or participating entity.

Article 42 Source of Revenue

The revenue sources of the VGF may include:

1. Fees from Members for tournament participation or the maintenance of Member status within the ecosystem;
2. Sponsorships and commercial partnerships;
3. Voluntary contributions from the community;
4. Other lawful sources in alignment with the strategic direction of the system.

The receipt and utilization of revenue shall ensure that they do not compromise the fairness of competition or any other organized football activities.



Article 43 Principles of Expenditure

The expenditures of the VGF shall be allocated to serve the following activities:

1. The organization, operation, and development of grassroots and youth football programs, as well as competition systems and tournaments organized or co-organized by the VGF;
2. Support for other social activities and community initiatives through football;
3. Other necessary administrative expenses incurred in the course of operations.

All expenditures shall be executed in a reasonable and transparent manner, and shall be subject to accountability when necessary.

Article 44 Financial Transparency

The VGF shall be responsible for ensuring transparency in financial management through:

1. Recording and archiving all revenues and expenditures;
2. Providing financial information to relevant stakeholders at an appropriate level when necessary;
3. Maintaining the community's trust in the ecosystem.

Article 45**Security Deposits for Participation in Highly Organized Competition Systems or Tournaments**

1. In order to ensure compliance with participation obligations, disciplinary rules, and competitive integrity, Vietnam Grassroots Football (VGF) may require Member Clubs to submit a security deposit when their affiliated teams participate in a competition system or tournament with a specific format, typically for highly organized competitions.
2. The security deposit amount, submission timeline, management mechanisms, refunds, and deductions shall be stipulated by the VGF within the financial regulations or the respective participation statutes.
3. The security deposit serves as an instrument to guarantee the fulfillment of obligations, including, but not limited to, full participation, compliance with organizational and disciplinary regulations, and adherence to the principles of competitive integrity.
4. In the event of a violation, the VGF reserves the right to deduct a portion or the entirety of the security deposit, while concurrently imposing other disciplinary measures in accordance with relevant regulations.
5. The provision of a security deposit shall neither supersede nor restrict the legal obligations, disciplinary liabilities, or other sanctions applicable to Member Clubs.
6. Any matters not specifically addressed regarding the security deposit shall be reviewed and decided by the VGF on the basis of ensuring the fairness, transparency, and stability of the system.
7. The security deposit shall be fully refunded to Member Clubs no later than 7 days from the date of concluding their participation in a specific competition system, tournament, or competition format, provided that the Club has fulfilled all financial and sporting obligations associated with said competition system, tournament, or competition format.

IX - DISCIPLINE AND ENFORCEMENT**Article 46****General Approach to Discipline**

Unlike the professional competitive environment, discipline within the VGF does not serve solely as a deterrent, but also aims to foster a positive, honest, and responsible competitive culture within the grassroots football community.

Article 47 Scope of Application

The disciplinary regulations shall apply to:



All conduct arising within the framework of competition, organization, or directly related to the operation of the VGF ecosystem shall be subject to disciplinary review.

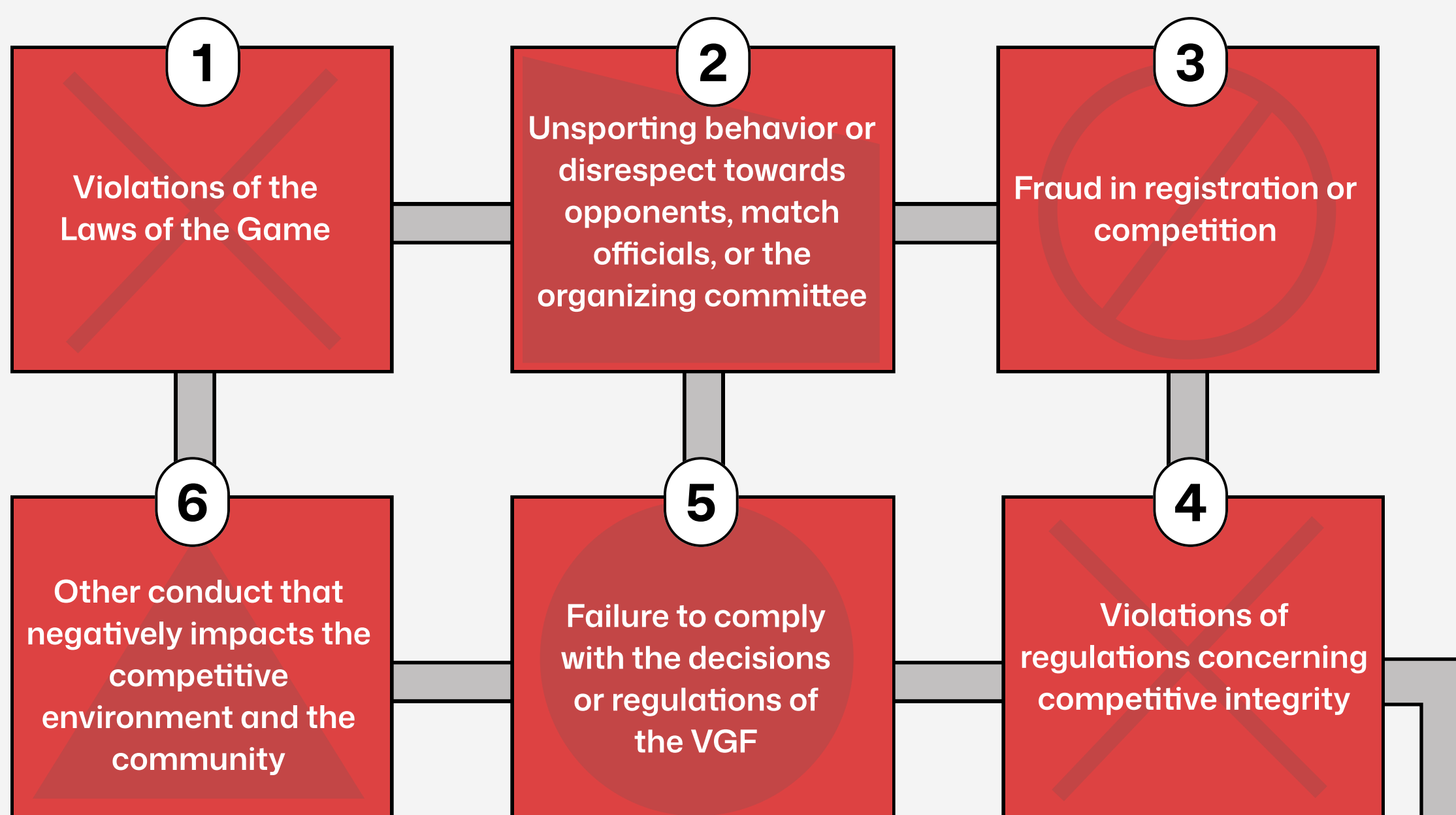
Article 48 Principles of Disciplinary Sanctions

The review and application of disciplinary measures within the VGF system shall adhere to the following principles:

1. Fairness and consistency;
2. Transparency and accountability;
3. Proportionality to the nature and severity of the violation;
4. Prioritization of education and prevention over punitive measures;
5. Protection of the overall integrity and reputation of the system.

Article 49 Disciplinary Offenses

Disciplinary violations shall include, but are not limited to:



Article 50 Sanctions Framework

Details regarding disciplinary measures, including the severity of violations and corresponding sanctions, are specifically stipulated in other issued documents:

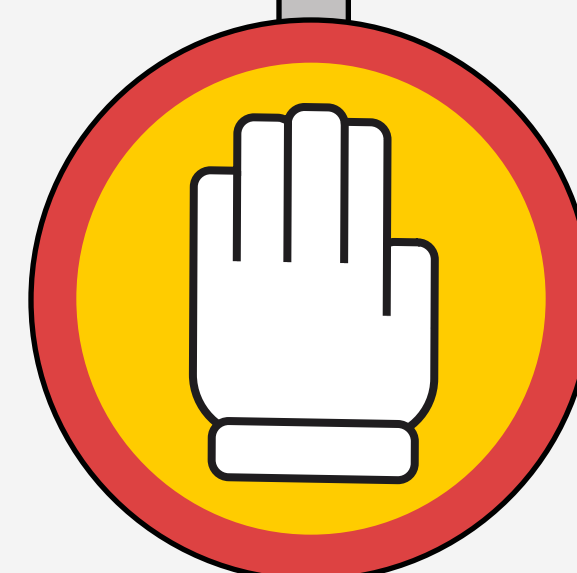
1. The VGF Disciplinary and Sanctioning System (VGF Disciplinary);
2. Specific operational regulations or match/tournament rules;
3. The rules and regulations of specific matches, tournaments, or programs.

These documents constitute an integral part of and shall have concurrent effect with these Statutes.

Article 51 Disciplinary Jurisdiction

The VGF is the competent authority to review, evaluate, and issue decisions regarding disciplinary matters within the system.

Depending on the nature of specific activities, the VGF may delegate the execution of disciplinary actions to independent organizations or designated individuals, but retains oversight and final decision-making authority.



Article 52 Effectiveness and System Integration

Disciplinary decisions may be applied within the scope of a specific tournament, competition format, ranking system, or the entire VGF ecosystem, depending on the extent of the impact caused by the violation.

The disciplinary system is designed to be interconnected to ensure that serious violations are not confined to a narrow scope of enforcement, but are reviewed across the entire system when necessary.

Article 53 Spirit of Compliance

Every individual, VGF player, team, and Member Club participating in the VGF ecosystem shall have the responsibility to proactively comply with disciplinary regulations, while simultaneously contributing to the fostering of a healthy, respectful, and sustainable competitive environment.

Discipline serves not merely as a management tool, but also as the foundational pillar for cultivating the shared culture and values of the system.

X - AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

Article 54 Principles of Amendment

These Statutes may be amended or supplemented to align with operational practices and to foster the development of the Vietnam Grassroots Football (VGF) ecosystem and Vietnamese football.

Any amendments shall ensure that they do not alter the core principles of fairness, transparency, and competitive integrity, as well as the core spirit of grassroots football, as defined in these Statutes.

Article 55 Authority to Amend

The VGF is the competent authority to review and decide upon the amendment or supplementation of these Statutes.

During the amendment process, the VGF may consult with Member Clubs or relevant stakeholders to ensure the suitability and feasibility of the regulations.

Article 56 Form of Amendment

The amendment of these Statutes may be executed in the following forms:

1. Issuing a new version of the Statutes;
2. Issuing addenda or supplementary documents;
3. Modifying specific sections of the content.

Amending and supplementary documents shall take effect as an integral part of the latest version of these Statutes.

Article 57 Entry into Force of Amendments

Amendments and supplements shall take effect upon their publication by the VGF, unless otherwise specified.

Member Clubs and partners within the VGF ecosystem shall be responsible for staying updated on and complying with the amended provisions.

Article 58 Transitional Provisions

In the event of changes affecting existing rights and obligations, the VGF may apply transitional provisions to ensure stability and prevent sudden disruptions within the system.

XI - FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 59 Binding Force

These Statutes shall be binding upon all Member Clubs, teams, VGF players, and all participating parties within the VGF ecosystem.

Participation in the VGF ecosystem constitutes full acceptance of and compliance with the entire content of these Statutes.

Article 60 Related Documents

These Statutes shall be applied in conjunction with the operational regulations, competition rules, disciplinary codes, and other relevant documents issued by the VGF.

In the event of any discrepancies, specialized documents shall prevail regarding specific matters.

Article 61 Interpretation of the Charter

The VGF shall have the authority and responsibility to interpret the provisions of these Statutes in the event of differing interpretations.

Such interpretation shall be conducted on the basis of ensuring alignment with the overarching objectives, principles, and spirit of the VGF ecosystem.

Article 62 Principles of Final Application

In any matters not explicitly stipulated, the VGF reserves the right to make the final decision based on ensuring fairness, transparency, and the sustainable development of the ecosystem. Such decisions shall be applicable throughout the entire ecosystem.

Article 63 Dissolution

1. Vietnam Grassroots Football (VGF) may terminate its operations where necessary, upon a decision by the VGF or in accordance with applicable legal regulations.
2. In the event of dissolution, the VGF shall be responsible for the settlement of existing financial obligations, contracts, and commitments in accordance with applicable laws and relevant agreements.
3. Upon the fulfillment of all financial and legal obligations, all remaining assets of the system, including, but not limited to, financial assets, data, operational rights, and other accumulated values, shall be utilized for purposes that serve the development of the grassroots football community or related social activities, in alignment with the non-profit orientation of the VGF.
4. The allocation and handling of assets following dissolution shall be determined by the VGF, on the basis of ensuring transparency, accountability, and alignment with community development objectives.
5. Under no circumstances shall the assets of the system be distributed to participating individuals or organizations in any form contrary to the established non-profit objectives.
6. Any matters not explicitly stipulated concerning the dissolution shall be reviewed and decided by the VGF on the basis of ensuring legal compliance and maintaining the integrity of the system.

Article 64 Entry into Force

These **VGF Statutes** were preliminarily agreed upon by Vietnam Grassroots Football (VGF) during a meeting of the relevant departments at the VGF headquarters on May 30, 2025, and were subsequently revised and internally issued on April 25, 2026.

VGF Statutes - 2026 Edition shall officially take effect across the entire VGF ecosystem upon their widespread publication on mass media platforms on July 15, 2026.



