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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Throughout the history of FC Barcelona, its official supporters' clubs (penyes) have been fundamental and essential for spreading FC Barcelona fandom around the world.

In difficult times like today, the Club needs their support, backing and strength more than ever. This is absolutely essential to recover and maintain the values of our entity, not only from a sporting results perspective, but as a benchmark for ethical and social commitment.

The Club wants to ensure an even closer relationship with its official supporters' clubs and supporters' club members (penyistes) to ensure that the support and feeling of belonging and appreciation is mutual. It wants to make the relationship as direct and close as possible, thus promoting a more fluid, agile and direct form of communication that would strengthen and promote maximum involvement by both the Club and the supporters' clubs in the common project of FC Barcelona fandom.

This policy is intended to adapt the regulations to the current reality and how the Club wants to engage with its official supporters' clubs. It seeks to eliminate unnecessary intermediaries and obstacles and make communication between the Club and its supporters' clubs more straightforward and transparent going forward. We are seeking to improve our present, but especially our future.

TITLE I

SUPPORTERS' CLUBS

(PENYES)

CHAPTER I. NATURE AND FOUNDATION

Article 1. Nature and applicable regulations

FC Barcelona sanctioned supporters' clubs are sovereign and independent associations founded under Article 22 of the Spanish Constitution and governed by: their own bylaws; by Law 4/2008 of 24 April from the third book of the Civil Code of Catalonia, relating to the legal entities, or alternatively, by the law specific to each autonomous community; by Organic Law 1/2002 of 22 March, regulating the right of association; or by the specific standards from the country where they are established, in the case of associations abroad.

Article 2. Foundation

2.1. Official supporters' clubs must be founded as per Law 4/2008 of 24 April from the third book of the Civil Code of Catalonia, relating to the legal entities, or alternatively, as per the law specific to each autonomous community; as per Organic Law 1/2002 of 22 March, regulating the right of association; or under the specific standards from the country where they are domiciled, in the case of associations abroad.

2.2. Subject to and/or in addition to the rules established above, the supporters' club foundation agreement must be executed in writing and must include, at least the details stated below:

- a) The place and date of the founding charter
- b) Name, registered office, and number of FC Barcelona members that belong to the association and their membership numbers
- c) The willingness to found the official supporters' club
- d) Bylaws
- e) The appointment of individuals who will make up the Initial Board of Directors, with their membership numbers

All data must be certified with documentary evidence or feature a certificate of compliance.

2.3. Bylaws

The official supporters' club's bylaws must include the following data, at a minimum:

- Name
- Registered address
- Start date of activities, if it does not match the date of the founding charter
- Proposed purposes and activities to be carried out in its territory
- Requirements for supporters' club members
- Rights and duties of supporters' club members and disciplinary regime
- The rules on calls to meeting and the constitution of the ordinary and extraordinary general assembly
- Rules of the organisation, powers and functioning of the Board of Directors
- Regime for the deliberation and adoption of agreements and procedure for approving minutes
- Economic regime
- Disciplinary regime
- Procedure for amending the bylaws
- Dissolution

CHAPTER II. SANCTIONING BY FC BARCELONA

Article 3. Requirements to be official

3.1. The supporters' club must have a minimum number of supporters' club members, as per below, based on the number of inhabitants registered in the city or local entity where its founding is intended:

INHABITANTS	MINIMUM NO. OF MEMBERS	
	CATALONIA	REST OF SPAIN AND THE WORLD
Up to 2,000	40	25
2,001 to 5,000	60	45
5,001 to 25,000	75	60
More than 25,000	85	70

Municipalities with less than 25,000 inhabitants can only permitted one sanctioned supporters' club. In order to create a new sanctioned supporters' club in cities with more than 25,000 people, there must be a minimum distance of 1,000 meters between registered addresses. Outside of the Spanish territory ('World' zone), a priority will be to only permit one sanctioned supporters' club per municipality, city or metropolitan area.

3.2. The official supporters' club's Board of Directors must made up of the following persons, at a minimum: president, secretary and treasurer. Two-thirds of the board

of directors must be registered or reside in the same municipality as the supporters' club's registered address.

3.3. The president of the supporters' club must be a member of FC Barcelona and maintain this status through his/her mandate.

3.4. At the time of founding and during its existence, 25% of the members of the supporters' club must be FC Barcelona members, when registered in Catalonia. For the rest of Spain, it is a minimum of 10%. For the rest of the world, they must have a minimum of one FC Barcelona member.

3.5. The registered address appearing in the supporters' club's Bylaws may not, in any case, be a private residence and must be a commercial space or flat intended for use other than housing, and preferably for cultural or recreational use. Exceptionally, pub premises are permitted, as long as the members belonging to the sanctioned supporters' club gather there and the company owner is not a member of the Board of Directors. No changes are allowed to the group's registered address bringing it outside of the city or town where it was initially founded. Delegations and/or headquarters other than the registered address may not exist or be created.

3.6. The name of the sanctioned supporters' club must contain a reference to FC Barcelona (such as Barcelonista, Blaugrana, Barça, culer) and the territory where the activity is carried out. Names cannot be used that are the same or similar to other existing official supporters' club. Names or titles violating the values of FC Barcelona and its supporters' club system are not authorised. The demonym and an iconic element of the territory may be used. To accept the inclusion of the name of the country or state in the supporters' club's title, it must relate to the name of the municipality where it is located. If the names of people are used, the express consent of the individual or family members is required.

In all cases, FC Barcelona owns all rights to identity and brand elements related to the Club, for its sole use, and sanctioned supporters' clubs are not permitted to use the current or future identifiers that the Club may develop, including the emblem, logo, trademark, silhouette, typography, visual system or slogan.

Article 4. Sanctioning procedure

4.1. The Supporters' Clubs Department (Departament de Penyes) will be responsible for receiving documentation and reporting on the meeting of requirements and other issues that could affect the values or image of the system or any other sanctioned supporters' club, and will perform, for the Club, the formalities required to sanction the supporters' club.

4.2. In the event an official supporters' club splits and another is founded, a report is required from the split group.

4.3. The Supporters' Clubs Department will decide on the recognition and will only declare as official the supporters' clubs that meet the requirements established in Article 3, above, and/or those enforced by the Club's at all times.

Article 5. Registration in the Registry of FC Barcelona Official Supporters' clubs (Registre de Penyes Oficials)

Associations shall acquire the condition of officially sanctioned supporters' clubs when the FC Barcelona Board of Directors, after the Supporters' Clubs Department issues a favourable report, authorises their registration in the Club's Registry of Official Supporters' clubs (Registre de Penyes Oficials).

Article 6. Maintenance requirements

6.1. The following is required to maintain the condition of officially sanctioned supporters' club:

- a) Meet the conditions established in Article 3
- b) Annually update the data established in Article 8.2.d
- c) Comply with the provisions of this internal standard and/or any that replace it and the legal provisions of associations.

6.2. In the event that the above requirements are not met, the Supporters' Clubs Department will require the official supporters' club to correct or justify that it meets the requirements, and will give three months from receipt of the notice to do so.

6.3. If the supporters' club does not resolve or demonstrate compliance with the requirements within three months, it will be deactivated or forfeit its status as officially sanctioned supporters' club and will not be able to enforce its rights.

6.4. In the case that a supporters' club who lost its officially sanctioned status or was deactivated demonstrates that it fully meets the conditions and requirements needed to acquire and maintain the officially sanctioned status, the Supporters' Clubs Department will propose that it be activated again.

CHAPTER III. OFFICIAL SUPPORTERS' CLUB OPERATING REGIME

Article 7. Bodies of an official supporters' club: general assembly and Board of Directors

Subject to the current legislation in force at all times, the supporters' club must contain the following bodies:

- a) A general assembly, consisting of all supporters' club members, which as a sovereign body may deliberate on any topic of interest, adopt agreements under its power and control the governing body.
- b) A Board of Directors, which manages and represents the sanctioned supporters' club.

Article 8. Rights and duties of official supporters' clubs

8.1. Rights

- a) Attend, through the president or the person he/she delegates, the meetings in their Territorial Association.
- b) Choose or be chosen as the location for their Territorial Association by its president or the person he/she delegates.
- c) Intervene in the management, activities and services of its Territorial Association.
- d) Request and obtain explanations about the administration and management of its Territorial Association.
- e) Participate in the activities and events of FC Barcelona, its Territorial Association or other official supporters' clubs.
- f) Acquire FC Barcelona tickets, credentials and packages at the discretion of the FC Barcelona Supporters' Clubs Department.

8.2. Duties

- a) Meet the obligations resulting from legal provisions, the bylaws (those of the official supporters' club and FC Barcelona) and those resulting from this regulation
- b) Respect the values of the sanctioned supporters' club system and those embodied in the Club's bylaws: among others, civic behaviour, social integration, good sportsmanship, solidarity, respect, ethics, democracy and Catalan identity.
- c) If applicable, satisfy quotas or other financial contributions determined by the FC Barcelona Supporters' Clubs Department, upon agreement of the Board of Directors
- d) Annually update its data and, in particular, provide the following documentation:
 - Certificate signed by the secretary with conformity of the president of the sanctioned supporters' club regarding on the compulsory annual meeting
 - List of additions and removals in the census of supporters' club members
 - Modifications regarding members of the Board of Directors
 - Changes to contact details and the registered address of the official supporters' club
 - Report on activities
- e) Comply with agreements validly adopted by the governance bodies

The Club will have an FC Barcelona Registry of Official Supporters' clubs, as well as the Census of Supporters' club Members (Cens de Penyistes), whose data will include:

- a) Home address, telephone, email address and official website of the official supporters' club.
- b) Name, surname(s), ID, date of birth, address, email and contact phone number of the supporters' club members, stating who is an FC Barcelona member. In this case, the member code must also be provided in order to engage with the members of the official supporters' clubs and to share news and activities of interest related to FC Barcelona and his/her status as supporters' club member, by any means or channels. Each supporters' club will be responsible for obtaining

the appropriate consent of its supporters' club members to assign their data to the Club.

- c) Data from the sanctioned supporters' club's designated or contact person with FC Barcelona.
- d) Relationship of the persons or members comprising the Board of Directors and the positions they hold.
- e) The Territorial Association to which it belongs, if applicable.

CHAPTER IV. SUPPORTERS' CLUB MEMBERS

Article 9. Acquisition of supporters' club member status

A supporters' club member will be considered any individual affiliated with an FC Barcelona officially sanctioned supporters' club, given that they belong to the corresponding association, under its rules.

Official supporters' club membership is reflected in the member card issued by FC Barcelona, pursuant to the relevant data that the supporters' club transfers to FC Barcelona with the supporters' club member's consent, for the Club's legitimate interest, to be able to inform him/her about the activities that the Club or the sanctioned supporters' club system is organising, to allocate tickets or allow access to Club facilities and to participate in or attend the sporting or social activities that are organised.

Article 10. Rights and duties of supporters' club members

10.1. The status as supporters' club member is personal and non-transferable.

10.2. The rights and duties of the supporters' club members shall be those recognised in the Bylaws of each sanctioned supporters' club and/or the applicable regulations.

10.3. In addition, FC Barcelona may grant the supporters' club members certain rights and obligations to maintain a better relationship with the support groups, always at the discretion of the Club.

TITLE II

ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB SYSTEM

Article 11. Administrative bodies: Supporters' Clubs Department (Departament de Penyes). Social Commission

The Social Area of FC Barcelona, through the Club's Supporters' Clubs Department, is responsible for managing, coordinating and developing the relationship with FC Barcelona Official Supporters' clubs, as well as serving, notifying and advising them.

In the course of performing its duties, the Supporters' Clubs Department will be supported and assisted by the Social Commission.

The Social Commission will be presided by the representative that the FC Barcelona Board of Directors appoints and its members will be appointed by the Board of Directors under the powers assigned to it under Article 31, section e) of the Club Bylaws, and shall have the powers and functions that the Board of Directors assigns to it. These will include, among others, seeking to maintain, promote and develop relationships between the Club and the official supporters' clubs of FC Barcelona.

Article 12. Supporters' Clubs Advisory Board

12.1. The Supporters' Clubs Advisory Board will be made up of as many delegates as Territorial Associations (zones) throughout the different geographic areas. The Advisory Board will meet at the FC Barcelona offices or remotely at least two (2) times per year. The meetings will be presided over by the president of FC Barcelona and/or the vice president of the Social Area or delegate. On the other hand, meetings may be called with the Advisory Board to discuss specific topics with the regularity considered appropriate.

12.2. The delegates forming the Supporters' Clubs Advisory Board will be chosen in each of the Territorial Associations (zones) designated herein or as newly established, and according to the procedure established in these Regulations.

12.3. The Advisory Board is responsible for:

- a) Drafting and preparing proposals relating to the management of the contents of the activities within the supporters' club, working with the Club in implementing projects aimed at improving the representation and public projection of FC Barcelona around the world. In all cases, the suitability and feasibility of the proposals presented must be validated by the Club's Supporters' Clubs Department.
- b) Foster relationships between the sanctioned supporters' clubs, attend to their suggestions and report on issues that they raise.
- c) Communicate and send information, recommendations and proposals made by FC Barcelona to the official supporters' clubs.

12.4. Accordingly, the Advisory Board delegates will be informed of all acts and/or events taking place in their Territorial Association and will attempt attending them.

12.5. Supporters' Clubs Advisory Board elections will be held every four years, unless the Club judges that they should justifiably be held in a shorter period of time. Delegates may exercise their positions for two four-year mandates, whether consecutive or alternatively.

Article 13. Territorial Associations

13.1. A Territorial Association is defined as the territorial area or scope grouping multiple Official Supporters' Clubs for reasons of geographic proximity or natural connection.

13.2. The Official Supporters' Clubs in **area 1** will be distributed into the following Territorial Groupings or geographic areas:

1. Barcelonès East
2. Barcelonès West
3. El Vallès
4. Maresme
5. Baix Llobregat
6. L'Anoia, l'Alt Penedès and el Garraf
7. El Bages, el Berguedà and la Cerdanya
8. Osona and el Ripollès
9. L'Empordà and Catalunya Nord
10. El Gironès, la Selva, la Garrotxa and el Pla de l'Estany
11. Les Terres de l'Ebre (el Baix Ebre, el Montsià, la Terra Alta, la Ribera d'Ebre and el Baix Maestrà)
12. Tarragona North (l'Alt Camp, el Baix Camp, la Conca de Barberà, el Priorat, el Tarragonès and el Baix Penedès)

13. Ponent Nord (l'Alt Urgell, l'Alta Ribagorça, la Noguera, el Pallars Jussà, el Pallars Sobirà, el Solsonès and la Vall d'Aran), la Franja Nord and Andorra
14. Lleida South (les Garrigues, el Pla d'Urgell, la Segarra, el Segrià and l'Urgell) and la Franja Central
15. Comarques de Castelló
16. Comarques de Valencia and la Marina Alta
17. Comarques d'Alacant
18. Balearic Islands

13.3. The Official Supporters' Clubs in **area 2** will be distributed into the following Territorial Groupings or geographic areas:

19. Andalusia, Ceuta and Melilla
20. Murcia
21. Castilla La Mancha
22. Extremadura
23. Madrid
24. Castilla and León
25. Galicia
26. Asturias and Cantabria
27. Basque Country / Greater Basque Region
28. Aragon, La Rioja and Navarra
29. Canary Islands

13.4. Area 3, "World", will be made up of Official Supporters' Clubs abroad in a single zone (zone 30) and will be represented by a single delegate. This area may have sub-delegates on each of the five continents to maintain a more efficient and close relationship.

13.5. In the same way, upon the express written request of an Official Supporters' Club, FC Barcelona may, if deemed appropriate, authorise a change from one applicable area to another geographic distribution, provided that this change is justified by geographic or transportation proximity criteria and the Club receives a favourable report from the Advisory Board delegates involved.

13.6. The distribution and designation of the different geographic domains and territorial groupings may be reviewed at any time by FC Barcelona, at its discretion or as necessary, to accommodate administrative changes in the territory.

Article 14. Advisory Board Elections Electoral Procedure

14.1. Delegate positions in the Supporters' Clubs Advisory Board shall be decided through free, direct, equal and secret voting by the presidents of the official supporters' clubs in each territorial association (zone), subject to a majority vote and to the prior submission and acceptance of applications.

14.2. The following requirements must be met to be a candidate for a delegate:

- a) Be the President or Vice President of any of the supporters' clubs in his/her area and for the group to maintain the status as officially sanctioned by FC Barcelona.
- b) Be of legal age and in use of his/her full civil rights.
- c) Be a member of FC Barcelona

FC Barcelona will issue the call to elections for Delegates of the Supporters' Clubs Advisory Board. The call to elections must include the proposed procedure to follow for the election and election schedule.

A minimum of 30 calendar days and a maximum of 45 calendar days must take place between the day of the call to elections and election day.

14.3. The election process shall be directed and controlled by an Electoral Board which will be made up of three persons appointed by the FC Barcelona Board of Directors.

The Electoral Board shall have the following powers:

- a) Hear and resolve any complaints presented
- b) Admit or reject candidatures and announce them
- c) Decide, at the request of any supporters' club or candidates, or on its own initiative, on any incidents arising throughout the course of the election process that could constitute a violation of or deviation from electoral regulations or which could affect the principles of publishing, equal opportunity, freedom, non-discrimination and secrecy of voting, which must be present throughout the election process.
- d) Publish election results and conduct carry out legally established communications
- e) And, in general, hear and resolve complaints that the sanctioned supporters' clubs or candidates make at any stage of the election process.

All claims filed with the Electoral Board must be made within three days after the dispute has occurred. The Electoral Board's resolution, which will be an executive decision, must be made within three days.

Electoral Board agreements are the final step to an administrative appeal.

The candidature must be supported by a number of supporters' clubs representing at least 20% of the groups in the territorial association (zone). The supporters' clubs supporting the candidatures must include the name and surname(s) of the supporters' club's president, his/her ID, the entity they represent and the position under which they act.

No sanctioned supporters' club may present or endorse more than one candidatures. In case of duplicate signature, they will both be considered void.

The voting must be monitored by the person the Electoral Board designates and the intervenors that each candidate designates.

The voting may be done personally or electronically. Votes may not be delegated.

In the event of electronic voting, the remote voting system must be provided to the supporters' club requesting it with sufficient time in advance.

If a voter appears in person to cast his/her vote after already doing so electronically, he/she will not be able to exercise the in-person vote.

On election day, the party responsible for each of the tables will verify compliance with the requirements and will have the corresponding electronic votes ratio from each area.

The candidate obtaining the most valid votes will be considered the winner.

The Electoral Board must inform the candidates running of the winning candidate, through certified means, within three days of the election.

If only one candidature is presented or the Electoral Board only accepts a single application, the election will not be performed and the Election Board will appoint the new delegate. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the delegate from the oldest supporters' club will be designated, as appears registered in the FC Barcelona Registry of Official Supporters' clubs.

If nobody submits a candidature or none were valid, the Electoral Board shall designate a manager to perform the representative functions in his/her area.

CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Article 15. Organising meetings and events

15.1. Supporters' club, individually or collectively, will hold the meetings, acts or events (hereinafter referred to as events) that they deem appropriate, always respecting the purposes defined in their bylaws and the Club's values. For representation purposes, FC Barcelona will prioritise events of a collective nature, i.e., involving more than one supporters' club ("Supporters' Clubs Meetings").

15.2. Supporters' clubs interested in holding events and who request the participation of FC Barcelona representatives must submit their proposal and schedule in writing to the Official Supporters' Clubs Department at least one month in advance. In the case of supporters' clubs founded outside of Catalonia, any events organised and for which the presence of FC Barcelona is requested must coincide with a match of one of the Club's teams.

15.3. The proposal must contain:

- a) Type of event
- b) Day, month, time and place it would be held
- c) Event schedule
- d) Authorities invited on a local, municipal, regional, provincial level, etc., and the expected attendance.
- e) Approximate number of expected attendees

15.4. The Club will analyse all participation proposals and define the calendar of the events in which it will participate.

Article 16. Club participation

In all cases where the participation of the Club's representatives is requested, this must be done through the Official Supporters' Clubs Department, which is responsible for processing it.

Institutional representation at events and activities from supporters' clubs will be established at the discretion of the Club's Official Supporters' Clubs Department.

PARTNER ADMINISTRATIONS

Article 17. Disciplinary Committee

The FC Barcelona Disciplinary Committee is a registered body whose function is exercising and applying, by delegation of the Board of Directors, the powers of disciplinary action applicable under Chapter 7 of the FC Barcelona Bylaws.

In this regard and in addition to the responsibilities that each supporters' club member has in his/her association, the FC Barcelona Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to discipline the FC Barcelona Official Supporters' club and the supporters' club members who are Club's member(s) for actions and/or omissions that violate this regulation and/or the Club's associated rules, as contained in the FC Barcelona Bylaws.

The aforementioned violations shall be sanctioned under the disciplinary procedure referred to in Chapter 7 of the Club Bylaws and may entail the temporary or permanent removal of a supporters' club or group member from the FC Barcelona Official Registry of Supporters' Clubs or the Census of Supporters' club Members and the loss of rights and obligations granted thereto.

MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS

Article 18. Procedure for modification

18.1. All matters and/or issues raised by the application of these Regulations must be resolved by the Social Area of FC Barcelona.

These Regulations will be interpreted and applied by FC Barcelona.

18.2. The Board of Directors has the power to establish the policy for the relationship between the supporters' clubs and supporters' club members. Therefore, it shall be the Board of Directors, at all times, who have the legitimacy to fully or partially modify this regulation when operational and/or functional needs require an update.

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

The official supporters' clubs founded prior to the effective date of these regulations have a period of one year to adapt, if necessary.

The positions on the Advisory Board established in Article 12 shall be renewed within six months from when these Regulations are published. Any delegates of the Advisory Board, the Supporters' Clubs Council or the Supporters' Clubs World Confederation Council who hold or have held this position for eight or more years may not present their candidature for elections convened within this timeframe.

Sanctioning procedures initiated prior to the effective of these Regulations shall be governed by the former ones.

FINAL PROVISION

The FC Barcelona Board of Directors approved these regulations in the session held on the 26th of January 2022.



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