



**AFF**  
**ANTI-DOPING  
REGULATIONS**

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## OBJECTIVE

International Federations such as the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (the “FIFA”), and the International Olympic Committee (the “IOC”) have played a pioneering role in the fight against doping in sports.

The Association of South-East Asian Nations (the “ASEAN”) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (the “MoU”) with the World Anti-Doping Agency (the “WADA”) at the 17<sup>th</sup> Asian/Oceania Region Intergovernmental Ministerial Meeting on Anti-Doping in Sport on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

The Australian Government established the Australian Sports Drug Agency to combat the use of prohibited drugs in Australian sport back in the year 1990 which as of 2022 is called Sport Integrity Australia.

As a result of the governmental actions of the Members of the ASEAN Football Federation (the “AFF”), these Anti-doping regulations (the “Regulations”) have been introduced, to ensure that the results of the Matches in Competitions organised by/ under the aegis of the AFF are a fair reflection of the strength of the contenders.

The fundamental aim of doping control is threefold:

- a) To uphold and preserve the ethics of sport;
- b) To safeguard the physical health and mental integrity of players;
- c) To ensure that all competitors have an equal chance.

In case of questions, the comments annotating various provisions of the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations (the “FIFA Regulations”), the WADA Code and the International Standards shall be used to construe these Regulations where applicable, all three (3) of which shall be considered integral parts of these Regulations and shall prevail in the event of any conflict.

### *General Notes*

*All capitalised words will have the meaning so ascribed to them as per the AFF Statutes, the WADA Anti-Doping Code and the FIFA Regulations.*

*These Regulations may be amended from time to time.*

## **1. Scope of Application**

- 1.1. These Regulations shall apply to the AFF, its Member Associations, to Players, Player Support Personnel, Match Officials, Officials and other Persons who participate in activities, Matches or Competitions organised by/under the aegis of the AFF.
- 1.2. Each of the above-mentioned Persons is deemed, as a condition of their participation or involvement in the sport, to have agreed to and be bound by these Regulations, and to have submitted to the authority of the AFF to enforce these Regulations, including any consequences for the breach thereof.

## **2. National Anti-Doping Organisations**

- 2.1. The AFF has, in its objective of keeping the sport of Football free of any doping, delegated the authority of initiation, implementation and execution of Doping Control and Results Management in Matches or Competitions organised by/ under the aegis of the AFF and anti-doping education to the respective Member Association's National Anti-Doping Organisation (the "NADO").
- 2.2. The respective Member Association's NADO shall undertake such initiation, implementation, and execution of Doping Control and Results Management in compliance with their respective NADO Rules (as amended from time to time) which are adopted and implemented in accordance with the NADO's responsibilities under the World Anti-Doping Agency's (the "WADA") Anti-Doping Code, and in furtherance of NADO's continuing efforts to eradicate doping in sports.
- 2.3. The respective Member Association's NADO Rules are deemed to be incorporated into these Regulations by reference.

## **3. Regional Anti-Doping Organisations**

- 3.1. The AFF shall endeavour to partner with the Southeast Asia Regional Anti-doping Organisation (the "SEARADO") and Sports Integrity Australia to ensure that the members of the AFF are educated about the various plans and programmes of their respective NADOs for the protection of players and the promotion of clean sport within the AFF.

## **4. Obligations: The AFF**

- 4.1. The AFF shall ensure that:

- 4.1.1.all its Member Associations acknowledge and agree to be bound by these Regulations and their respective NADO Rules;
- 4.1.2.it reports any information suggesting or related to a violation of the NADO Rules to the respective NADO;
- 4.1.3.it co-operates with FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation (the "AFC") in implementing anti-doping programs;
- 4.1.4.the autonomy of the respective NADO is always respected;
- 4.1.5.it does not interfere with the operational decisions and activities of the respective NADO;

- 4.1.6.it cooperates in doping investigations conducted by the respective NADO;
- 4.1.7.all competition regulations submit to the authority of the respective NADOs by reference to these Regulations;
- 4.1.8.take necessary action for the implementation of the decisions of the respective NADO in case of any anti-doping rule violation;
- 4.1.9.it promotes anti-doping education, in cooperation with the respective NADO, the SEARADO, Sports Integrity Australia, AFC and FIFA;
- 4.1.10. it maintains confidentiality as mandated by the respective NADO Rules.

## **5. Obligations: Persons other than the AFF**

### **5.1. The Member Associations shall ensure that:**

- 5.1.1.they comply with these Regulations and respective NADO Rules, by signing the “Doping Control Declaration”;
- 5.1.2.they incorporate these Regulations either directly or by reference into their Rules;
- 5.1.3.adhere to, comply with and take the necessary action as required per the decisions of the respective NADO in case of any Anti-doping rule violation.

### **5.2. The Players, Support Personnel, other individuals, organisations and entities, subject to these provisions shall ensure that:**

- 5.2.1.they familiarise themselves with these Regulations, the respective NADO Rules, the Prohibited List;
- 5.2.2.they know what constitutes an Anti-doping rule violation;
- 5.2.3.any medical treatment received by them does not violate these Regulations;
- 5.2.4.they are aware of what they ingest and use, in the context of anti-doping, and that they are solely responsible for the same;
- 5.2.5.they comply with the obligations to undergo doping tests as set forth in the respective NADO Rules;
- 5.2.6.they disclose to NADO, their Member Association and the AFF any decision by any organisation that is not a signatory to the WADA Code, that finds that they committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten years;
- 5.2.7.they fully cooperate with the respective NADO in their investigations in relation to any anti-doping rule violation;
- 5.2.8.they provide their whereabouts information, should they be liable to do so as being identified for inclusion in a national or international Registered Testing Pool;
- 5.2.9.they maintain confidentiality as mandated by their respective NADO Rules.

## **6. Sanctions and Results Management**

- 6.1. An Anti-Doping rule violation matter shall be resolved in a fair, expeditious and efficient manner by the respective NADO as per the provisions of the respective NADO's Rules (as amended from time to time).
- 6.2. Sanctions for each Anti-Doping rule violation have been provided in detail in the respective NADO's Rules and the appropriate NADO body shall impose any sanctions in accordance with the said NADO's Rules.

## **7. Appeals**

- 7.1. Decisions made by the appropriate NADO body may be appealed as per the provisions of the respective NADO Rules.

## **8. Official Languages and Publications**

- 8.1. These Regulations shall be published in English.
- 8.2. The AFF may, if deemed necessary, introduce translated versions of these regulations in vernacular languages. Such translated versions shall be merely for purposes of greater development of the game, and in the event of any doubt, omission or contradiction whatsoever between the vernacular version and the English version of the document, the latter shall prevail.

## **9. Enforcement**

- 9.1. These updated Regulations were ratified by the AFF Council on 22 July 2025 and entered into force with immediate effect. They supersede and replace all prior versions of the Regulations.