



# TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS



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## **DEFINITIONS**

In these Regulations, capitalised terms shall have the following meanings, unless the specifically indicates otherwise:

Accreditation Card	Any physical item which is issued by the AFF and/or Host MA which provides the recipient the right to access a Controlled Access Area (or part thereof) where the Controlled Access Area is under the control of the AFF or the Host MA.
Advertising Rights	The right to promote brands and/or corporate names and/or products and/or services at and/or in relation to the Competition by whatever means available, whether existing now or to be developed in the future, whether at the Stadiums or Facility Areas or within the Controlled Access Areas, by in-stadium/out-stadium perimeter signage and other advertising, digital signage and screens, closed circuit television, equipment usage or other methods and through printed matter (including digitally delivered printed matter) such as programmes, posters, letterheads, press releases, newsletters and Tickets, and subject to any AFF regulations, the right to display such advertising on the clothing or footwear worn, or on any equipment used, carried or transported by officials (including for the avoidance of doubt by Match Officials), medical and security staff, ball crew, player escorts, flag bearers and/or photographers. The display of the name and/or logo of the bona fide supplier of clothing on the uniform strip of officials is also included. For the avoidance of doubt, advertising on the strip of Players is excluded, other than where it is the trademark of the bona fide manufacturer and is in accordance with any FIFA and/or AFF regulations. Similarly, branding on any equipment, goods and/or services used in connection with the Competition, save where supplied by a Commercial Affiliate, may only include customary branding of the bona fide manufacturer.
AFC	Asian Football Confederation
AFF	ASEAN Football Federation
AFF Commercial Rights Partner	The entity appointed by the AFF for the sale of Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) and the provision of services in relation thereto.

AFF Delegation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) AFF staff members;</li> <li>(ii) Match Officials;</li> <li>(iii) other officials appointed by the AFF;</li> <li>(iv) AFF committee members; and</li> <li>(v) AFF guests.</li> </ul>
AFF Marks	All design marks, slogans, designations, names, logos, insignia, emblems or devices (in any application) owned and/or controlled by the AFF (in any language) relating to the AFF itself but excluding the Competition Marks.
Broadcast Partner	Any entity, including the Host Broadcast, which has been granted the Media Rights (or any part thereof) to the Competition.
Champion	The Participating Team that wins the Competition, at the end of all the Matches.
Commercial Affiliate(s)	Any entity which has been granted the right to exercise and exploit the Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) as defined in these Regulations, in respect to the Competition.
Commercial Rights	Advertising Rights, Concession Rights, Hospitality Rights, Image Rights, Media Rights, Merchandise Rights, Promotional Rights, Sponsorship Rights, Travel and Tour Rights and any other rights of a commercial nature relating to the Competition.
Competition	The ASEAN Championship Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024, which includes without limitation, all Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, all qualifying Matches, all activities on the Field of Play (other than Matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or Official Functions connected therewith.
Competition Data	Any and all information related to the Competition, including fixture lists, Image Rights, information and/or statistics about the Teams, information and/or statistics about the Players' and/or Participating Officials' participation and/or performance in the Competition, Match analysis, Referee decisions and any other information in relation to the Competition.
Competition Marks	All designs marks, slogans, designations, names, logos, insignia, emblems, mascots or devices (in any application) owned and/or

	controlled by the AFF (in any language) relating to the Competition.
Competition Website	The official website of the Competition (if any) with a dedicated URL including without limitation all other domains or official media accounts and channels of the Competition created and/or owned by the AFF (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, X, etc.).
Complimentary Tickets	Tickets which are supplied without charge.
Concession Rights	Sampling, vending, display and other distribution methods and payment methods and payment methods connected therewith for and of products or services, including pourage rights at the Stadiums and Facility Areas.
Controlled Access Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any Stadium;</li> <li>(ii) any Official Training Site;</li> <li>(iii) any official hotel (public areas being excepted), subject to and to the extent agreed in any executed hotel agreement;</li> <li>(iv) any official exclusion zone encircling a Stadium on a Match day;</li> <li>(v) any official parking area, accreditation centre, international broadcast compound, and/or hospitality area;</li> <li>(vi) the venue of any Official Function;</li> <li>(vii) any official AFF fan park;</li> <li>(viii) Facility Areas; and/or</li> <li>(ix) any other location and/or facility designated by the AFF as a Controlled Access Area, associated to the Competition to which access is permitted only to those in possession of an Accreditation Card, Ticket, and/or other officially-sanctioned entry permit.</li> </ul>
Extra Time	Two (2) equal periods of additional time which shall be played in accordance with these Regulations should there be no winner at the conclusion of a Match.
Facility Areas	The location of Official Functions, ceremonies, press centres, Ticket offices, Competition hotels, media areas (including without limitation areas used for viewing of any public exhibition), sponsor village areas (including without limitation “AFF fan park” areas, and

	areas used for the activation of the Commercial Rights), official hospitality areas (including without limitation areas used for the exploitation of the Hospitality Rights), and information centres controlled by or on behalf of the AFF and used in connection with the Competition whether at the Stadium or elsewhere at the Venues.
FIFA	The Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
Field of Play	The area described in Law 1 of the Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board (“IFAB”) and administered by FIFA.
Hospitality Rights	The opportunity to offer and sell hospitality and entertainment services at the Venues or within the Controlled Access Areas in combination with the Tickets whether such facilities are in boxes, marquees or otherwise, but excluding those non-commercial functions and facilities reserved for the AFF and/or Host MA officials and its guests not forming part of the Commercial Rights.
Host Broadcaster	The party appointed to ensure and provide the production of broadcast signals of the Matches and other events of the Competition, and the provision of all related services in accordance with the Media Rights granted to it.
Host Member Association/Host MA	A Member Association which is approved by the AFF to organise, host and stage Matches in the Competition.
Image Rights	The right to use still and/or moving images and/or representations of Teams, Players, Participating Officials, Match Officials and other officials and persons forming part of the Competition.
Kicks from the Penalty Mark	‘Kicks from the Penalty Mark’ as described in the Laws of the Game.
Laws of the Game	The laws of association football issued by the IFAB.
Match	A football match in its entirety (including a replayed and/or deferred football match, Extra Time and Kicks from the Penalty Mark) which takes place as part of the Competition in

	<p>accordance with the Match Schedule. For the avoidance of doubt, a match formally commences when the Stadium is officially opened to spectators and formally concludes when the Stadium is officially closed to spectators, if spectators are allowed for such matches.</p> <p>Should spectators not be allowed for any match(es) then a match formally commences when the Stadium would have otherwise been officially opened to spectators and formally concludes when the Stadium would have otherwise been officially closed to spectators.</p>
Match Official	Any individual appointed to officiate a Match in the Competition in the role of the Referee, Assistant Referee, Fourth Official, Video Assistant Referee (VAR), Assistant Video Assistant Referee (AVAR), and any other match official stipulated in the Laws of the Game.
Match Schedule	The official schedule which sets out, without limitation, the dates and times on which Matches will be played, the Stadiums at which the Matches will be played, and the names of the Teams.
Media Rights	The right and license to produce, edit, and/or transmit, for intelligible reception throughout the world in any language and in any format, and on any platform including film, fixed media, digital media, games, internet, public exhibition, radio, mobile, and television, a visual, audio-visual, and/or audio signal and/or image or recording (including without limitation the basic feed, multi feeds, additional feeds, audio feeds, a feed incorporating Competition Data, world feed and unilateral feeds) of the Competition, and all interview activities and action during and forming part of the Competition including Official Functions and the Image Rights by any and all means of transmission distribution, exhibition and reception, now existing or hereinafter developed including but not limited to analogue, digital, satellite cable and interactive communication systems, on a live, delayed, and unlimited repeat basis, in full or in part (including without limitation by way of clips and/or highlights and/or support programmes and/or magazine shows and/or news access), and all rights to exploit any and all commercial opportunities (including for example broadcast sponsorship)

	and commercial airtime opportunities) arising from and/or in connection with such rights.
Member Association	A football association which is a member of the AFF.  The term “MA” is the abbreviation of this term and shall be construed accordingly.
Merchandise Rights	The right granted to the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, if any, for the use and exploitation of the Competition Marks and/or official designation in the manufacture, packaging, distribution in the manufacture, packaging, distribution and sale of goods and services of all kinds, including items of equipment (e.g., football balls), clothing, coins, medals, games (electronic or otherwise), other collectibles and Premiums related to the Competition.
Official Function	Any event which is officially organized or sanctioned by the AFF in connection with the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, this expressly includes, without limitation, all Matches and/or events held at Official Training Sites, the opening ceremony, the closing ceremony, any AFF gala dinner, lunch, or banquet, cultural events, official press conferences, official draws, workshops and launch events.
Official Training Site	Any site designated by the Host MA and approved by the AFF for use by the Teams throughout the Competition for training purposes.
Participating Member Association/Participating MA	A Member Association whose representative team participates in the Competition.
Participating Official	Any official who is registered to participate in the Competition.
Participating Team / Team	Any representative team affiliated to a Participating Member Association.
Player	Any player who is registered to participate in the Competition.
Premiums	Any promotional items (including packaging, labelling and/or containers thereof) which incorporate a mark and/or logo of the AFF

	and/or the Competition, and which may only be distributed free of charge or as prizes.
Promotional Rights	Any advertising and/or promotions which are carried out in connection with the Competition, Competition Marks, or other rights/opportunities granted by the AFF.
Proprietary Interests	Without limitation, intellectual property, copyright and analogous rights, trademark rights, moral rights, performing rights, personality rights, and all remedies available under the applicable laws of unfair competition comprised in the Commercial Rights, which is in the name of and owned by the AFF.
Regulations	These ASEAN Championship Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 Tournament Regulations.
Sponsorship Rights	<p>The right, in any and all media, throughout the world, and in all languages, to promote an association between the Competition and certain products, services, and/or brands, and shall include (by way of illustration only) the exclusive right to exercise rights of association with the Competition, including without limitation the right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) use an official designation;</li> <li>(ii) use the AFF Marks and/or applicable Competition Marks on branded products and/or product packaging (including Premiums, and in relation to the Competition Marks only on items for retail sale) and/or advertising;</li> <li>(iii) receive commercial programme Tickets; and</li> <li>(iv) receive broadcast sponsorship opportunities in connection with broadcasts of a Match or Official Function.</li> </ul>
SPORTFIVE	Shall refer to the company SPORTFIVE Asia Pte Ltd, which the AFF has granted an exclusive licence to utilise and exploit the Commercial Rights.
Stadium	<p>Any Stadium at which a Match is played. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the entire premises (to the extent that a valid Accreditation Card or Ticket is required in order to gain access) of a stadium facility inside the</li> </ul>

	<p>stadium perimeter fence and (on Match days and any day on which any official training takes place within the stadium), the aerial space above such stadium premises;</p> <p>(ii) parking facilities;</p> <p>(iii) VIP and hospitality areas (including any hospitality village);</p> <p>(iv) concession areas;</p> <p>(v) commercial display areas;</p> <p>(vi) buildings;</p> <p>(vii) the Field of Play;</p> <p>(viii) the Media tribune;</p> <p>(ix) any broadcast compound;</p> <p>(x) the stadium media centre;</p> <p>(xi) the press conference room;</p> <p>(xii) the mixed zone;</p> <p>(xiii) any stands; and</p> <p>(xiv) any areas beneath the stands.</p>
Team Official Delegation	The final registered delegation of a Team for the duration of the relevant stage of the Competition subject to the limits set out in these Regulations.
Ticket	A pass providing access to a venue for the purpose of attending either a Match, official training, or Official Function.
Ticketing	All operational measures to provide Tickets to all spectators of every Match and for Official Functions of the Competition allowing them to enter the Stadium or a Venue. Ticketing shall include the management of the operation necessary for the production, sale, distribution, delivery and payment of the Tickets of the Competition.
Travel and Tour Rights	The right to organize and/or sub-license official travel and tour activities in relation to the Competition, which travel and tour activities shall, for the avoidance of doubt, include the provision of Tickets to a Match and/or Official Function of the Competition.
Venue(s)	The geographical city within the Host MA's jurisdiction including immediate surrounding area in which a Stadium is located.

For purposes of these Regulations, and provided the context so permits:

- (i) the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa;
- (ii) the masculine gender shall include the feminine and vice-versa;
- (iii) references to natural persons shall include any legal person or corporation;
- (iv) references to the AFF shall include its successors and permitted assigns, and where the context requires, the AFF Committees;
- (v) references to the AFF Commercial Rights Partner or commercial affiliates shall include, where advised by the AFF, their successors and permitted assigns; and
- (vi) all defined terms, unless otherwise stated herein shall bear the same meaning as ascribed in the AFF Statutes, unless the context indicates otherwise.

## **SECTION 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The ASEAN Championship which is currently known as ASEAN Championship Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ (the “Competition”) is organised by the AFF for its Participating Member Associations (the “PMAs”) to mandatorily participate and field their best and strongest teams. This tournament is organised once every two (2) years.
- 1.2 These Regulations govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of the AFF, Host Member Association (the “Host MA”), Member Associations, Participating Teams, Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials taking part in the 2024 edition of the Competition.
- 1.3 These Regulations and all related directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by the AFF shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting the Competition.
- 1.4 The AFF Hosting Obligations form an integral part and shall be read in conjunction with these Regulations. The AFF Hosting Obligations shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation, and hosting of the Competition. Failure to adhere to any matter set out in the Hosting Obligations may lead to the imposition of sanctions as set out in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code. In the event of any discrepancy between these Regulations or the Hosting Obligations, these Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency, subject to any emergent decisions taken by the AFF keeping the safety and welfare of all stakeholders as top priority.
- 1.5 Any rights and Proprietary Interests associated with the Competition that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to any Host Member Association (the “Host MA”) or Member Associations shall vest in the AFF.
- 1.6 Any reference to the AFF Statutes and to AFF, AFC and FIFA regulations refer to those valid at the time of application.
- 1.7 All capitalised terms used in these Regulations shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the relevant AFF/AFC/FIFA regulations and/or the AFF Statutes.

## **SECTION 2: ADMINISTRATION**

### **2. Management**

2.1 The Competition shall be organised and managed by the relevant qualified Host MA(s), in collaboration with and under the aegis of the AFF.

### **3. Participants**

3.1 The Competition's participants shall be those MAs which are duly affiliated to the Federation Internationale de Football Association (the "FIFA"). For the avoidance of any doubts, Football Australia, though a Member Association, shall not be deemed as a Participating Member Association.

3.2 Upon confirmation of their participation, the MAs cannot withdraw the same without the prior written approval of the AFF Competitions Committee, with consent of the AFF. Except in the case of Force Majeure (as defined in Article 8 of these Regulations), in case any MA withdraws itself from the Competition without such prior written approval, a fine to the tune of a maximum of USD1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million) shall be imposed by the AFF Council. Such decision shall be final, binding and not appealable. Further, such MA shall automatically **not** be invited to participate in the subsequent edition of the Competition, by whichever name called.

3.3 Upon confirmation of their hosting, Host MA(s) cannot refuse to host the Competition without the prior written approval of the AFF Tournament Committee. Except in the case of Force Majeure (as defined in Article 8 of these Regulations), in case any MA refuses to host the Competition without such prior written approval, a fine to the tune of a maximum of USD1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million) shall be imposed by the AFF Council. Such decision shall be final, binding and not appealable. Further, such MA shall automatically **not** be invited to participate in the subsequent edition of the Competition, by whichever name called.

### **4. Committees**

#### **4.1 Tournament Committee**

4.1.1 The Competition shall have a tournament committee named the ASEAN Championship Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 Tournament Committee (the "Tournament Committee"), who shall ensure that the Competition is compliant with the Laws of the Game, these Regulations, and all other relevant rules and regulations of the AFF and/or FIFA/AFC, as applicable.

4.1.2 The Tournament Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and at least four (4) other Members to be nominated by the AFF Competitions Committee as follows:

4.1.2.1. AFF President;

4.1.2.2. Chairperson of AFF Competitions Committee;

4.1.2.3. Deputy Chairperson of AFF Competitions Committee;

- 4.1.2.4. Two (2) selected AFF Council members.
- 4.1.3 It shall be a requirement that any member of this Tournament Committee who has an interest (personal and/or otherwise) and/or conflict in any way or form, in any matter under discussion, recuses him/herself from the discussion/decision forthwith by informing the other members of the Tournament Committee.
- 4.1.4 The Tournament Committee shall have overall authority for the Competition, the AFF Competitions Committee and/or the AFF Secretariat and shall have responsibility for all major decisions required in connection with the staging of the Competition. This shall include:
  - 4.1.4.1. The Competition format;
  - 4.1.4.2. Match scheduling, including dates, kick off times and venues;
  - 4.1.4.3. Decisions in cases of force majeure.
- 4.1.5 The appointment of any further committee(s) (or sub-committees) which shall be responsible for any specific element of the Competition organisation including but not limited to the committees mentioned in paragraphs 4.2, 4.3 or 4.4 below, or the appointment of any member of any such Committee (or sub-committees).
- 4.1.6 For the avoidance of doubt:
  - 4.1.6.1. decisions about the inclusion or exclusion from the Competition of any Participating Team, Player or Participating Official; and
  - 4.1.6.2. decisions about the possibility of a Participating MA or any related Participating Official(s) or Player(s) being fined or suspended from the Competition or from any other AFF competition to be held in future;

shall be made by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- 4.1.7 For the avoidance of doubt, the Tournament Committee shall be entitled to make recommendations to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee regarding the severity of any relevant misconduct, and the sanctions which might be appropriate.
- 4.1.8 Decisions taken by the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all parties involved in the Competition.

## 4.2 Local Organising Committee

- 4.2.1 The Host MA is required to appoint a Local Organising Committee (the “LOC”).
- 4.2.2 The LOC shall be responsible for ensuring that all logistical arrangements are made for the staging of the Matches and that the

Matches are staged in compliance with the local laws and with all applicable protocols and regulations. This shall include making all appropriate arrangements for all Match participants, including Teams and Match Officials, including all airport arrangements for arrival into and travel out of the country, and all arrangements for local transport, accommodation, training venues and Match venues.

- 4.2.3 All decisions of the LOC for matters under its jurisdiction shall be final and binding upon all participants.

#### 4.3 Match Committee

- 4.3.1 A Match Committee will be appointed for each Match day.
- 4.3.2 Each Match Committee shall consist of the Match Commissioner for the relevant Matches, Referee Assessor and one (1) member from the LOC.
- 4.3.3 The Match Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that all Matches are played in compliance with the rules of the game.
- 4.3.4 All decisions of the Match Committee on matters under its jurisdiction shall be final and binding upon all participants.

#### 4.4 Security Committee

- 4.4.1 The Host MA shall form a Security Committee whose Chairperson shall be a security officer holding a high position in the Police Force of the relevant country.
- 4.4.2 Each Team shall include a high-ranking police officer to accompany the Team and he/she shall be a member of the Security Committee. Such provision shall be the responsibility of the Host MA.
- 4.4.3 The Security Committee shall follow all guidelines, rules and regulations and measures recommended by FIFA to ensure there is security both on and off the field at all times.
- 4.4.4 The Host MA shall be responsible for providing security arrangements to all participants, including but not limited to Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials, to prevent violent incidents. Such security arrangements shall cover the Match Stadium and its vicinity, the training grounds, all participants' hotels, etc.

### 5. **Interpretation of Rules and Matters not Provided For**

- 5.1 The interpretation of these Regulations and all matters not provided for shall be dealt with by the Tournament Committee in consultation with the AFF, whose decision shall be final.
- 5.2 In the event of any disagreement in the interpretation of these Regulations, AFF will be the final authority on deciding any such disagreement.

## **6. General Jurisdiction**

6.1 The AFF is authorised to deal with, in the manner it deems fit, any aspect of the Competition which does not come under the jurisdiction of and/or is not the responsibility of any other body.

## **7. AFC Competition Operations Manual**

7.1 In the event that these Regulations are silent on any matter relating to the Competition, including without limitation on Competition system, official countdowns, friendly matches, official trainings, warming up and cool down, drinking procedure during the matches, equipment, safety and security, medical provisions, taxes and duties, the AFF reserves its right to refer to the AFC Competition Operations Manual, which shall apply to all the Participating Teams, Players and Participating Officials of this Competition.

7.2 Only the AFF has the authority to refer the AFC Competition Operations Manual for any matter relating to the Competition, at its own discretion. All decisions made in this regard, i.e., on whether to refer to the AFC Competition Operations Manual or not, shall be final, binding and not appealable.

## **8. Force Majeure**

8.1 The Articles 13.2.1 to 13.2.6 will not be applicable in cases of Force Majeure as defined in Article 8.3 below.

8.2 The AFF shall take whatever action it deems necessary in cases of Force Majeure.

8.3 "Force Majeure" shall be any event, or threatened event, affecting or which may affect the performance of any provision of these Regulations, arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, epidemic, pandemic or other natural disaster(s), failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion, governmental directives, including those from the relevant sporting authorities.

8.4 The AFF Competitions Committee or AMEC Tournament Committee are the only bodies capable of declaring a Force Majeure event.

## **SECTION 3: OBLIGATION**

### **9. General Obligations: The AFF**

9.1 The responsibilities of the AFF shall include, but are not limited to:

- 9.1.1 supervising general preparations and deciding on the Competition format, the draws, and the entries to the Competition;
- 9.1.2 determining the Match Schedule (cf. Article 20);
- 9.1.3 approving Stadiums for the Competition after consultation with the Teams and their Member Associations (cf. Article 15.1);
- 9.1.4 appointing Match Officials and AFF Delegation for each Match;
- 9.1.5 choosing and/or approving the official football and stipulated technical material;
- 9.1.6 approving the choice of WADA-accredited laboratories that will carry out the doping analysis;
- 9.1.7 reporting cases where appropriate to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee;
- 9.1.8 replacing Teams that have withdrawn from the Competition (cf. Article 13);
- 9.1.9 dealing with cases of cancelled Matches or abandoned Matches (cf. Articles 21 and 22);
- 9.1.10 dealing with cases of Force Majeure;
- 9.1.11 dealing with any other aspect of the Competition that is not the responsibility of any other body pursuant to these Regulations or the AFF Statutes (cf. Article 6).

9.2 All decisions made by the AFF Competitions Committee and/or AFF General Secretariat in relation to the Competition are final and binding and not appealable.

9.3 All decisions made by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee in relation to the Competition are subject to the operation of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

### **10. General Obligations: Host Member Association**

10.1 The principal obligations and responsibilities of the Host MA are stipulated in the AFF Hosting Obligations, Hosting Member Agreement (the “HMA”), if any, these Regulations, the AFF Statutes, and all other AFF regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars.

- 10.1.1 Each Host MA must submit the signed AFF Hosting Obligations to AFF.
- 10.1.2 Failure to submit signed AFF Hosting Obligations as mentioned in

Article 10.1.1 hereinabove, shall result in the such Host MA being deemed as withdrawn as per Article 13 of these Regulations.

10.2 Host MA shall undertake, at their own cost, to:

- 10.2.1 observe all obligations set out in the AFF Hosting Obligations, these Regulations, the AFF Statutes and all other AFF regulations, directives, guidelines and circular and all applicable national and supra-national laws;
- 10.2.2 perform each of its obligations and exercise each of the rights granted to it as host, in connection with the hosting, staging and organizing of the Competition in accordance with professional standards;
- 10.2.3 assist and coordinate with all necessary stakeholders on all arrangements relating to the Competition in agreement with the AFF;
- 10.2.4 negotiate with and/or lobby the appropriate government bodies and/or local authorities to assist for the successful hosting, staging and organizing of the Competition;
- 10.2.5 obtain all applicable and relevant license, permits, grants and authorisations as may be required to fulfil its obligation in relation to the hosting, staging and organising of the Competition;
- 10.2.6 comply with the AFF's instructions on the provision of key services, facilities, equipment and infrastructure at each Stadium;
- 10.2.7 provide the necessary assistance and support to the AFF, SPORTFIVE and its commercial affiliates, if any, in relation to the use and exploitation of the Commercial Rights and all Proprietary Interests of the AFF and the protection and enforcement of rights in relation thereto;
- 10.2.8 procure all necessary insurance policies which shall provide coverage for all risks relating to the hosting, staging and organising of the Competition and name the AFF as a co-insured;
- 10.2.9 make the appropriate arrangements for the staging of Matches in conjunction with the AFF General Secretariat in accordance with these Regulations, the Hosting Obligations and any instructions from the AFF;
- 10.2.10 Ensure the provision of awards as per Article 70.7 of these Regulations;
- 10.2.11 obtain all clearances and execute all required documentation to enable the free and unfettered exercise and exploitation of Commercial Rights and clearances of all products, equipment or materials relating to the exploitation of the Commercial Rights of the Competition; and
- 10.2.12 guarantee safety and security at the Stadium.

10.3 Each Host MA shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the AFF, SPORTFIVE or its commercial affiliates, if any, as well as their officers, members, agents, auxiliary persons, representatives, and employees from and against all liabilities, obligations, damages, losses, claims, demands, recoveries, deficiencies, costs or expenses (including without limitation all costs and expenses for finding and contracting with another Host MA able and willing to stage the Competition and/or all attorneys' fees and expenses) which such parties may suffer or incur in connection with, resulting from, or arising out of any breach by the Host MA (including its officers, directors, representatives, auxiliary persons, employees or agents) in connection with the performance of its obligations under these Regulations.

10.4 The Host MA is responsible for nominating a Local General Coordinator, a Local Media Officer and a Local Safety and Security Officer for each Match that is played within its territory and shall submit the nomination to the AFF for the AFF's approval (together with the Venue information) in accordance with the deadline(s) notified by the AFF. Should a Match be played at a Neutral Venue, the Host MA shall still be held accountable for the relevant nomination, and this must be done in collaboration with the Member Association on whose territory the Match is played.

## 11. **General Obligations: Participating Member Association**

11.1 The principal obligations and responsibilities of each Participating Member Association (the "PMA") are stipulated in the Participating Team Obligation (the "PTO") as per ANNEXURE A: PARTICIPATING TEAM OBLIGATIONS of these Regulations, these Regulations, the AFF Statutes, and all other AFF regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars.

11.2 Each PMA shall ensure as a condition of its participation in the Competition that every member of its Team Official Delegation for each Match is aware of and agrees to comply with the PTO, annexed hereto as ANNEXURE A: PARTICIPATING TEAM OBLIGATIONS.

11.2.1 Each PMA must submit the signed PTO to AFF, acknowledging that every member of its Team Official Delegation for each Match is aware of and agrees to comply with the PTO.

11.2.2 Failure to submit signed PTO in Article 11.2.1 hereinabove, shall result in the non-participation of the relevant PMA.

11.3 Each PMA shall undertake that they and their Team shall:

11.3.1 observe all obligations set out in the PTO, these Regulations, the AFF Statutes, and all other AFF regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars, and applicable national and supra-national laws;

11.3.2 comply with the Laws of the Game;

11.3.3 accept that all administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Competition shall be settled by the AFF in compliance with these Regulations and any other Applicable Regulations, as defined in the PTO;

- 11.3.4 field its strongest team throughout the Competition;
- 11.3.5 observe the principles of fair play;
- 11.3.6 ensure the good conduct of its Team Official Delegation and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition, which includes but is not limited to from their arrival on the territory of any Host MA until their departure;
- 11.3.7 accept all arrangements made by any Host Team and/or Host MA in agreement with the AFF;
- 11.3.8 ensure that all its Players and Participating Officials attend and participate in all official activities and events, including without limitation any team arrival meeting, match coordination meeting, press conference, and other media and marketing activities in accordance with the instructions issued by the AFF;
  - 4.1.6.3. failure to attend and/or fully participate in any official activity or event shall result in the Team being fined at least USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand); and
  - 4.1.6.4. the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue further sanctions at its discretion.
- 11.3.9 provide to the AFF, free of charge, prior to the Competition, any photographs, audio/visual materials and/or information regarding the Team, Players and/or Participating Officials including without limitation statistics and historical information and any further information as requested by the AFF;
- 11.3.10 link the official URL for the Competition, if any, on its official website and official digital and social media channels; and
- 11.3.11 not establish any digital, media or social media platform in connection with the Competition without the involvement and express written approval of the AFF.

11.4 Each Participating Team and its Member Association shall, at their own expense, be solely responsible throughout the Competition for:

- 11.4.1 the procurement of insurance coverage of its Team Official Delegation which shall include without limitation hospital and surgical insurance, travel insurance, and/or sports equipment insurance for all Matches;
- 11.4.2 all other necessary insurance policies, which must provide an appropriate guaranteed sum for injury and damage to persons, objects, and property, and correspond with the specific circumstances of the PMA's participation in the Competition. Such policies must cover all risks connected with participation to the Matches in the Competition, exempt the AFF from all claims and liabilities, and name the AFF as a co-insured. The AFF must be notified of all insurance policies and may request copies of any and all policies at its discretion;

- 11.4.3 payment of incidental expenses and for any costs incurred by its Team Official Delegation (cf. Appendix 7: Logistical Arrangements, Clause 3.1.2);
- 11.4.4 payment of any costs of extending the stay of any member of its Team Official Delegation in any Host MA;
- 11.4.5 obtaining visas to enter the territory of any Host MA. This includes all costs related to the visa application process; and
- 11.4.6 payment of all taxes, fees, duties and any other costs related to the importation and/or exportation of equipment, merchandise and/or goods to be used for the Competition.
- 11.4.7 Guaranteeing safety and security at its Stadium.

11.5 Each Participating Team and/or its Member Association shall indemnify, defend, and hold the AFF and all of its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, subsidiaries, local organising committees, Commercial Rights Partners or commercial affiliates, if any, and all other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines, and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to, any non-compliance with these Regulations by the Team and/or its Member Association, its Team Official Delegation, its affiliates and any third-parties contracted to the Team and/or its Member Association.

11.6 It is acknowledged that one or more Participating Teams may qualify directly for one or more International Competitions as a result of their performance in the Competition. Where applicable, each such Team undertakes to participate in the relevant International Competition(s).

11.7 Participating Teams are not authorised to represent the AFF or the Competition without the prior written approval of the AFF.

11.8 Each Participating Team and its Member Association shall ensure that any decision made by the AFF relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

## 12. **Entry**

- 12.1 The AFF shall determine the Member Associations who are eligible to participate in the Competition.
- 12.2 Eligible Member Associations must complete a PTO and submit it to AFF in accordance with Article 11.1 to confirm their entry into the Competition.
- 12.3 All decisions by the AFF regarding entry to the Competition are final and binding and not appealable.

## 13. **Withdrawal Prior to or After the Commencement of the Competition**

- 13.1 All MAs who are invited by AFF shall participate in the Competition, so long as they are qualified for the Match.

13.2 Any MA that:

- 13.2.1 does not participate in the Competition after having been officially confirmed with AFF; or
- 13.2.2 withdraws from the Competition after it has commenced; or
- 13.2.3 does not report for a Match; or
- 13.2.4 refuses to continue a Match; or
- 13.2.5 leaves the Stadium prior to the completion of a Match;
- 13.2.6 is excluded, suspended or banned by any competent body from participating in the Competition (or any stage of the Competition) at any time after the draw of the Competition (or stage, as appropriate); or
- 13.2.7 is excluded, suspended or banned by any competent body from participating in any Match in the Competition at any time after the relevant Match has been scheduled; or
- 13.2.8 withdraws from the hosting/refuses to host the Competition after being deputed as the Host MA;

shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition.

13.3 Any MA that withdraws (or shall be considered to have withdrawn) from the Competition other than with the recommendation and approval of the Tournament Committee, shall:

13.3.1 If done so prior to the commencement of the Competition:

13.3.1.1. in addition to a fine of up to maximum of USD 500,000 (United States Dollars Five Hundred Thousand), be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Teams, the AFF, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, and the MAs. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFF Council and such decision shall be final, binding and not appealable;

13.3.1.2. return to the AFF any subsidies and grants, including but not limited to the MA Development Programme Fund grants that had been paid in support of the relevant MA during the relevant cycle;

13.3.1.3. become ineligible for future grants including, but not limited to, the MA Development Programme Fund grants; and

13.3.1.4. be referred to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion including but not limited to disqualification from participating in next edition of the Competition and ineligibility to receive all future grants from the AFF;

13.3.2 If done so during the Competition:

13.3.2.1. subject to the provisions of Article 21 (Cancellation of Matches) of these Regulations, have all its Matches cancelled and considered null and void and, for the avoidance of doubt, all points and goals in those Matches shall not be taken into consideration when determining the final rankings in the Final Rounds Group Competition pursuant to Article 16.3.4 of these Regulations;

13.3.2.2. in addition to a fine of up to maximum of USD 1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million), be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Teams, the AFF, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, and the MAs. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFF Council and such decision shall be final, binding and not appealable;

13.3.2.3 return to the AFF any subsidies and grants, including but not limited to the MA Development Programme Fund grants that had been paid in support of the relevant MA during the relevant cycle;

13.3.2.4. return to AFF any subsidies that had been paid in support of their participation in the Competition or if not yet paid, forfeit their right to that subsidy and the yearly grant;

13.3.2.5. be referred to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion including but not limited to disqualification from participating in next edition of the Competition and/or other AFF Competitions and ineligibility to receive all future grants from the AFF.

13.3.3 be subject to a fine up to a maximum of USD 1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million); and

13.3.4 be referred to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion.

13.4 Any Host MA that withdraws (or shall be considered to have withdrawn) from the Competition other than with the recommendation and approval of the Tournament Committee, shall:

13.4.1 If done so prior to the commencement of the Competition:

13.3.1.1. in addition to a fine of up to maximum of USD 500,000 (United States Dollars Five Hundred Thousand), be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Teams, the AFF, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, and the MAs. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFF Council and such decision shall be final, binding and not appealable;

13.3.1.2. return to the AFF any subsidies and grants, including but not limited to the MA Development Programme

Fund grants that had been paid in support of the relevant MA during the relevant cycle;

13.3.1.1.3. become ineligible for future grants including, but not limited to, the MA Development Programme Fund grants; and

13.3.1.4. be referred to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion including but not limited to disqualification from participating in next edition of the Competition and ineligibility to receive all future grants from the AFF;

13.4.2 If done so during the Competition:

13.3.2.1. subject to the provisions of Article 21 (Cancellation of Matches) of these Regulations, have all its Matches cancelled and considered null and void and, for the avoidance of doubt, all points and goals in those Matches shall not be taken into consideration when determining the final rankings in the Final Rounds Group Competition pursuant to Article 16.3.4 of these Regulations;

13.3.2.2. in addition to a fine of up to maximum of USD 1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million), be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Teams, the AFF, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, and the MAs. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFF Council and such decision shall be final, binding and not appealable;

13.3.2.3 return to the AFF any subsidies and grants, including but not limited to the MA Development Programme Fund grants that had been paid in support of the relevant MA during the relevant cycle;

13.3.2.4. return to AFF any subsidies that had been paid in support of their participation in the Competition or if not yet paid, forfeit their right to that subsidy and the yearly grant;

13.3.2.5. be referred to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion including but not limited to disqualification from participating in next edition of the Competition and/or other AFF Competitions and ineligibility to receive all future grants from the AFF.

13.4.3 be subject to a fine up to a maximum of USD 1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million); and

13.4.4 be referred to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion.

13.5 If through the fault of any Team, a Match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the Tournament Committee shall declare the Match to be forfeited, awarding victory and resultant three (3) points to the opposing team unless the opposing team has already scored a higher score as well as

the score 5-0, or more.

- 13.6 All cases related to withdrawals, walkovers and/or abandoned Matches will be dealt with by the Tournament Committee. The decisions of the Tournament Committee regarding these matters are final, binding and not appealable and include without limitation replacing the Team that has withdrawn or is deemed to have withdrawn.
- 13.7 All decisions made under Article 13.2 to 13.6 shall be final, binding and not appealable.

#### **14. Official Report**

- 14.1 The Host MA shall submit the Match Report Form (for Tier 1 category), List of Players Form (for Tier 1 category), Match Summary and Referee's Report (for Tier 1 category) to AFC within forty-eight (48) hours after the completion of each Match.
- 14.2 A detailed statement of accounts showing the gross receipt and the amount deducted for government or municipal taxes must be sent to the FIFA, AFC and/or AFF General Secretariat duly completed, within thirty (30) days of the Competition. Levy is payable to FIFA and AFC in accordance with their regulations.
- 14.3 The Host MA shall also send a report of the Competition to the General Secretaries of AFC and AFF within thirty (30) days of the completion of the Competition. The report may be brief but shall be as complete as possible and shall contain necessary items such as names of competing countries, names of Referees and Assistant Referees, the difficulties met with and the recommendations offered for the benefit of future Competitions.
- 14.4 The AFF Referees Assessment Form(s) must be completed by the member-in-charge of Referees after each Match and sent to the AFF Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours.
- 14.5 The Match Commissioner's Report Form as well as the Match Data Sheet including results and cases of cautions, expulsion and serious incidents (if any) shall be completed and transmitted to the AFF General Secretariat immediately after the Match. The originals must be handed over to the designated AFF staff immediately thereafter.

#### **15. Stadium Obligation**

- 15.1 The Stadium(s) to be utilised shall be nominated by the Host MA and are subject to inspection and confirmation by the AFF. The AFF General Secretariat makes the final decision to approve any Stadium to host Matches in the Competition and may carry out inspections at any time before and during the Competition to check whether the requirements are met. All costs related to the inspection shall be borne by the relevant PMA.
  - 15.1.1 The AFF reserves the right to refuse the nomination of a Stadium and require the Host MA to nominate an alternate stadium, within the same Venue or the Host MA's territory.
- 15.2 All Matches must be played in a Stadium which meets the minimum requirements as per the AFF Hosting Obligations.

- 15.3 Each Stadium must also meet the minimum requirements of the AFC Stadium Regulations, the AFC Safety and Security Regulations and/or any other safety and security standards issued by or contained within relevant FIFA/AFC/AFF guidelines, directives or circulars.
- 15.4 If at any time during the Competition the AFF General Secretariat deems that, for whatever reason, a Stadium is not fit to host a Match, it shall consult with the Host MA and propose an alternate Stadium.
- 15.5 Smoking is strictly prohibited within any section of any Stadium and in particular, in the technical area, the vicinity of the Field of Play, the spectator stands, or within competition areas which includes, without limitation, the Team dressing rooms.
- 15.6 The Host MA shall ensure that no matches and/or any other events or activities are held at the Stadium(s) during the period starting at least 21 days prior to the first Match in the Stadium(s) until twenty-four (24) hours after the last Match in the Stadium(s), unless prior written permission has been obtained from the AFF. The Stadium(s) shall be delivered to the AFF for its exclusive use during this period.
- 15.7 Unless otherwise specified or directed by the AFF, the Stadium(s) shall be made available to the AFF for its exclusive use during the period starting at least five (5) days prior to the date on which the Stadium(s) will first be used in connection with the Competition (such as the first Match or training sessions to be held in the Stadium(s), or any other Competition-related event to be held in the Stadium(s) prior to such Match or training session) until twenty-four (24) hours after the last use of the Stadium(s) in connection with the Competition.
- 15.8 Any Host MA that fails to comply with Articles 15.4 to 15.7 hereinabove, shall be:
  - 15.8.1 fined at least USD25,000 (United States Dollars Twenty-Five Thousand) for each breach; and
  - 15.8.2 the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

## **SECTION 4: COMPETITION SYSTEM AND MATCH SCHEDULE**

### **16. Mode of Competition**

- 16.1 Subject to Articles 16.5 and 16.6 and to any directive issued by the Tournament Committee, the Competition shall consist of three (3) stages as follows:
  - 16.1.1 Qualification Round (Playoff)
  - 16.1.2 Final Rounds Group Competition
  - 16.1.3 Semi-Finals and Final
- 16.2 Home and Away Qualification Round (Playoff)
  - 16.2.1 There shall be two (2) matches played according to a knockout system.
  - 16.2.2 Each Participating Team shall play its opponent twice, once at home and once away.
  - 16.2.3 The Participating Team which scores the higher aggregate of goals over the two (2) legs shall be declared the winner.
  - 16.2.4 If no decisive results are obtained at the end of second leg, there shall be an Extra Time.
  - 16.2.5 If no decisive results are obtained after the end of the Extra Time, the winner shall be determined by taking Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Laws of the Game.
  - 16.2.6 The winner of this round will qualify for the Final Rounds Group Competition.
- 16.3 Final Rounds Group Competition
  - 16.3.1 Ten (10) Participating Teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups and will play one (1) round league competition.
  - 16.3.2 At the conclusion of each Match:
    - 16.3.2.1. Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win;
    - 16.3.2.2. One (1) point for a draw; and
    - 16.3.2.3. none (0) for a defeat.
  - 16.3.3 The top two (2) Teams coming first and second in each group shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

16.3.4 Ranking in each group shall be determined in descending order as follows:

16.3.4.1. Greater number of points obtained in the group Matches;

16.3.4.2. If two (2) or more Teams are equal on points, the following criteria are applied to determine the ranking (in descending order):

Head-to-Head Criteria

16.3.4.3. Higher number of points obtained in the group Matches played among the Participating Teams in question;

16.3.4.4. Superior goal difference from the group Matches played among the Participating Teams in question;

16.3.4.5. Higher number of goals scored in the group Matches played among the Participating Teams in question;

Tiebreaker

16.3.4.6. if, after having applied the Head-to-Head criteria, two (2) or more Participating Teams still have an equal ranking, the Head-to-Head criteria shall be reapplied exclusively to the Matches between the Participating Teams in question to determine their final rankings.

16.3.4.7. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, the Group Results criteria shall apply;

Group Results Criteria

16.3.4.8. superior goal difference from all group Matches played;

16.3.4.9. higher number of goals scored from all group Matches played;

16.3.4.10. Kicks from the Penalty Mark if only two (2) Participating Teams still have an equal ranking and have played their last group Match against each other;

16.3.4.11. the lower score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches (Appendix 1); or

16.3.4.12. the drawing of lots.

16.4 Semi-Finals and Final

16.4.1 After the completion of the Final Rounds Group Competition, the first and second placed Teams of each group will play two (2) legged Semi-Final Matches as follows:

1st Leg	Runners-up A vs. Winners B (SF1) Runners-up B vs. Winners A (SF2)
2nd Leg	Winners B vs. Runners-up A (SF1) Winners A vs. Runners-up B (SF2)

16.4.2 The Participating Team which scores the higher aggregate of goals over the two (2) legs shall be declared the winners.

16.4.2.1. If no decisive results are obtained at the end of second leg, there shall be an Extra Time.

16.4.2.2. If no decisive results are obtained after the end of the Extra Time, the winner shall be determined by taking Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Laws of the Game.

16.4.3 After the completion of the Semi-Final Matches, the winners of the Semi-Final Matches shall meet in two (2) legged Final Matches as follows:

1st Leg      Winners SF1 vs. Winners SF2

2nd Leg      Winners SF2 vs. Winners SF1

16.4.4 The Participating Team which scores the higher aggregate of goals over the two (2) legs shall be declared the winners.

16.4.5 If the winners cannot be determined at the end of the second leg, there shall be an Extra Time.

16.4.6 If no decisive results are obtained after the end of the Extra Time, the winner shall be determined by taking Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Laws of the Game.

16.5 The Tournament Committee has the right to reschedule the final Matches of any group/groups if such Matches are deemed to affect the result of the other Matches concerned. Such matches may be rescheduled to be played simultaneously in two (2) different venues.

16.6 The Tournament Committee has the right at any time to reschedule any Matches, including changing the format of the Competition in order to meet requirements imposed by national governments or other relevant authorities. Potential changes include:

16.6.1 Eliminating the Qualification Round in the event that any single Team is not able to participate in the Competition, or reducing the Qualification Round to one Match to be played at a neutral venue;

16.6.2 Reducing the number of Teams in one or more of the Final Rounds Group Competition in the event that more than one Team is not able to participate in the Competition.

**17. Duration of Play**

- 17.1 Each Match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising of two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes (normal playing time) each. Matches shall start at the time set out in the Match Schedule.
- 17.2 There shall be an interval of fifteen (15) minutes between the periods in normal time, commencing from the whistle ending the first period and ending upon the whistle starting the second period.

**18. Interval Between Matches**

- 18.1 Each Participating Team is entitled to at least two (2) full calendar days of rest between Matches.

**19. Extra Time and Kicks from the Penalty Mark**

- 19.1 If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time at the end of the second leg of the Qualification Round, Semi-Finals and Final Stage, there shall be an Extra Time.
- 19.2 In case that Extra Time is applied, it shall consist of two (2) periods of fifteen (15) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, as well as a short drink break, not exceeding one (1) minute, at the end of half-time in Extra Time.
- 19.3 One (1) additional substitute and one (1) additional opportunity may be used when a Match goes into Extra Time (whether or not the Participating Team has already used the full number of permitted substitutes).
- 19.4 Where the Regulations provide, if a Match is level after Extra Time, Kicks from the Penalty Mark shall be taken to determine the winners, in accordance with the procedures described in the Laws of the Game.
- 19.5 If Kicks from the Penalty Mark cannot be completed because of weather conditions or for any Force Majeure reason, the result shall be decided by the drawing of lots by the Referee in the presence of the Match Commissioner and the captains of the two (2) Participating Teams.
- 19.6 If through the fault of a Team, the Kicks from the Penalty Mark cannot be completed, Article 13 of these Regulations shall apply.

**20. Match Schedule and Delay of Kick-off**

- 20.1 All Matches shall be played in accordance with the AFF Competitions Calendar. The dates are final and binding and not appealable.
- 20.2 The Match Schedule shall be determined following the official draw for the Competition.
- 20.3 The AFF General Secretariat retains final discretion to amend the Match Schedule at any time.

20.4 Any Participating Team that causes a delay of any scheduled kick-off of a Match (as determined by the Official Countdown) may be sanctioned by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee in its discretion.

20.5 For the avoidance of doubt, this includes the kick-off to commence the first period and second period of a Match, and if applicable, the kick-off to commence the first period and second period of Extra Time.

## 21. **Cancellation of Matches**

21.1 Where any Participating Team has withdrawn (or shall be considered to have withdrawn) from the Competition, all its future Matches in the Competition shall be cancelled and considered null and void and, for the avoidance of doubt, all points and goals in the Matches that have taken place shall not be taken into consideration when determining the final rankings in the Final Rounds Group Competition pursuant to Article 17.3.4 of these Regulations;

21.2 For any Match which is cancelled as a result of Force Majeure, the AFF shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

21.3 Decisions pursuant the Article 21.2 hereinabove are final, binding and not appealable.

21.4 Any Match which is cancelled, except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AFF, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee against the relevant party that has caused the cancellation in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

21.5 If not already cancelled prior to the Match day, the following procedure shall be followed, if a Match cannot commence for any reason:

21.5.1 The Match must be delayed for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. During this delay, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the delay;

21.5.2 Following the first delay, either:

21.5.2.1. An additional delay of thirty (30) minutes shall occur if in the discretion of the Referee this second delay may allow the Match to commence; or

21.5.2.2. The Match is declared cancelled by the Referee.

21.5.2.3. Following two (2) delays of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match cancelled.

## 22. **Abandonment of Matches**

22.1 For any Match which is abandoned as a result of Force Majeure, the AFF Competitions Committee, in consultation with the Tournament Committee and the AFF General Secretariat shall decide on the matter at its sole

discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.

22.2 Decisions made pursuant to Article 22.1 are final and binding and not appealable.

22.3 Any Match which is abandoned, except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AFF, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee against the relevant party that caused the abandonment in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

22.4 If a Match is stopped by the Referee for any other reason except for that set out in Article 8 of these Regulations, the following procedure shall be followed:

- 22.4.1 The Match is stopped for thirty (30) minutes. During this stoppage, the Referee may decide that the Match can commence prior to the completion of the stoppage;
- 22.4.2 Subsequent to the first stoppage, either:
  - 22.4.2.1. An additional stoppage of thirty (30) minutes shall occur if in the discretion of the Referee this second stoppage may allow the Match to be resumed; or
  - 22.4.2.2. The Match is declared abandoned by the Referee.
- 22.4.3 Following two (2) stoppages of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match abandoned.

22.5 Should it be determined that an abandoned Match should be rescheduled and completed, the following principles shall apply:

- 22.5.1 The Match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full;
- 22.5.2 The Match shall recommence with the same Players on the Field of Play and same substitutes at the time it was initially abandoned;
- 22.5.3 No additional substitutes may be added to the Player Selection List or Match Starting List;
- 22.5.4 The Participating Teams may only make the number of substitutions within the remaining substitution opportunities to which they were still entitled when the Match was abandoned;
- 22.5.5 Any Participating Player sent off during the abandoned Match cannot be replaced;
- 22.5.6 Any sanction imposed before the Match was abandoned remains valid for the remainder of the rescheduled Match;
- 22.5.7 The kick-off time, date and Stadium of the re-scheduled Match shall be decided by the Tournament Committee in consultation with the AFF; and

22.5.8 Any other matters not set out above shall be decided by the Tournament Committee in its sole discretion.

22.6 If a Match is stopped by the Referee before the end of normal playing time as a result of a Participating Team being able to only field fewer than seven (7) Players, the Match shall be declared abandoned and the Participating Team who is able to field more than seven (7) Players shall be declared the winner by the score 3-0, or the score at the time of abandonment, whichever is higher.

### 23. **Match Interruption**

23.1 The Referee can interrupt a Match if the Field of Play is not fit for play or for any other issues which are not in line with the Laws of the Game.

23.2 The Match Commissioner may, after consulting with the LOC responsible and/or Security Officer, advise the Referee to suspend the Match in the event that safety and security is not guaranteed in the Stadium and/or there exists potential danger to the Teams and/or spectators.

23.3 If a Match is suspended before the completion of normal playing time, it shall restart at the same minute when it was suspended, in the following manner, subject to the nature of incident:

- 23.3.1 Suspended for up to 15 (fifteen) minutes: The Participating Teams should stay on the Field of Play subject to the nature of the suspension;
- 23.3.2 Suspension for 15 - 30 (fifteen to thirty) minutes: The Participating Teams should go to the Team dressing rooms. They should be allowed to have ten (10) minutes warm up before the restart of the Match. A ten (10) minute warning shall be given to all the parties involved (e.g., Participating Teams, Match Officials, spectators, Broadcast Licensees, Media).
- 23.3.3 Suspension for more than 30 (thirty) minutes: The Participating Teams should go to the Team dressing rooms. They should be allowed to have twenty (20) minutes warm up before restart of the Match. A twenty (20) minute warning shall be given to all the parties involved (e.g., Participating Teams, Match Officials, spectators, Broadcast partners/licensees, Media).
- 23.3.4 Suspension for more than 60 (sixty) minutes: The Match may be considered appropriate to be abandoned, subject to the situation. After the final decision is made, the Match Commissioner and General Coordinator should inform the Participating Teams prior to any other parties.

## **SECTION 5: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

### **24. Laws of the Game**

- 24.1 All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail.
- 24.2 Each Match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes each, with a half-time interval of fifteen (15) minutes.
- 24.3 To reduce disruption to the Match, each Team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game, substitutions may also be made at half-time. These five (5) substitutes must be listed on the 'Match Start List' to take part in the Match. Any Player who has been substituted may take no further part in that Match.
- 24.4 If both Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three opportunities for each Team.
- 24.5 At any stage of a Match, if a Team is only able to field fewer than seven (7) Players, the Match shall be abandoned, and Article 22 of these Regulations shall apply.
- 24.6 The AFF may, at its discretion, decide to use football technologies in any Match or Matches in the Competition or in the Competition as a whole (including Goal-Line Technology [GLT], a Video Assistant Referee [VAR] system or Electronic Performance and Tracking Systems [EPTS]) in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 24.7 A Video Assistant Referee (VAR) may, at the sole discretion of the AFF, be implemented during the Competition to assist the Referee to make a decision using replay footage in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Laws of the Game in force at the time of the Competition.

### **25. Field of Play**

- 25.1 The Host MA shall ensure that the Field of Play is in playable condition.
- 25.2 The Match Commissioner together with the General Coordinator will inspect each Stadium prior to the Match and ensure that all arrangements are in accordance with the Laws of the Game. If the conditions of the Field of Play including the dimension of the goal and field are not in accordance with the Laws of the Game, the Match Commissioner shall issue instructions for the Host MA to ensure rectification.
- 25.3 All Matches shall be played on a Field of Play in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 25.4 If there is any doubt regarding the condition of the Field of Play prior to the Match, the Referee shall decide whether the Field of Play is playable. If the Referee declares that the Match cannot commence on time, Article 21, Cancellation of Matches, shall apply.

### **26. Team Bench and Technical Area**

- 26.1 Up to a maximum of eleven (11) registered Team Officials and a maximum of

twelve (12) Players are allowed to sit on the team bench during the Match, provided they are in possession of the appropriate Accreditation Card.

26.2 The Head Coach, Team Manager and Team Doctor must form part of these eleven (11) designated Participating Team Officials who are sitting on the bench.

26.3 All the eleven (11) Participating Team Officials on the team bench must possess valid Accreditation Card which shall always be worn during the Match.

26.4 Any additional Participating Officials registered in accordance with Article 32.5 and non-playing players are permitted to sit on the Team Technical Seats, provided they are in possession of the appropriate Accreditation Card.

26.5 Participating Officials must always wear their Accreditation Card. Players should be able to show their Accreditation Card when they enter to the Field of Play area, on the Team bench and shall always be available for inspection whenever requested by Match Officials/AFF Officials. The Accreditation Cards shall also be available for inspection prior the start of the Match.

26.6 All individuals on the Team bench must wear kit that contrasts with the kit of the Players and Match Officials present on the Field of Play. This kit must comply with the Equipment Regulations as mentioned in Appendix of these Regulations.

26.7 Team A' shall occupy the Team bench on the left when facing the Field of Play from the Fourth Official's bench.

26.8 Players (including substitutes/substituted and sent off Players) are not permitted to wear or use any form of electronic or communication equipment (except where EPTS is allowed). The use of any form of electronic communication by Team Officials is permitted where it directly relates to Player welfare or safety or for tactical/coaching reasons but only small, mobile, hand-held equipment (e.g., microphone, headphone, earpiece, mobile phone/smartphone, smartwatch, tablet, laptop) may be used. A Team Official who uses unauthorised equipment or who behaves in an inappropriate manner as a result of the use of electronic or communication equipment will be dismissed from the technical area. The use of Electronic Performance and Tracking Systems (EPTS) must be in line with equipment regulations and bear the IMS (International Match Standard) mark.

26.9 Individuals serving suspension, non-selected Players and Team Officials part of a Team Official Delegation but not listed in 'Officials on the Team Bench List' are not permitted to enter the Field of Play and/or sit on the Team bench. They may sit at the designated area in the stand for Team Official Delegations.

26.10 Appendix 2 of these Regulations sets out the restrictions that apply inside the Controlled Access Areas for Players and Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension.

## 27. **Warming Up and Cooling Down**

27.1 Each Team shall be entitled to warming up and cooling down on the Field

of Play in accordance with Appendix 3 of these Regulations.

27.2 The AFF shall, at its own discretion, sanction any Players and/or Participating Teams who fail to abide by Appendix 3 of these Regulations.

**28. Official Training Site**

28.1 Official Training Sites shall contain a fully equipped training Pitch prepared to Match Condition and in accordance with Appendix 3 of these Regulations.

28.1.1 The Host MA that fails to comply with Article 28.1 hereinabove shall be fined at least USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand).

28.1.2 The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

28.2 Official Training Sites shall be made available at least five (5) days prior to the first Match in the Venue until twenty-four (24) hours after the last Match in the Venue. They shall not be used for any other purpose during this period, unless written permission has been obtained from the AFF.

28.2.1 Any Host MA that fails to comply with Article 28.2 hereinabove, shall be fined at least USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand).

28.2.2 The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

28.3 The Participating Teams must solely utilise Official Training Sites for any official training from two (2) days prior to their first Match until their last Match of the Competition.

28.4 The Host MA and the Participating Teams must comply with the provisions in Appendix 3: Technical Aspects of these Regulations.

**29. Ball Person**

29.1 The use of a multiple football system is mandatory in all Competitions to limit the time the ball is out of play.

29.2 Ten (10) to twelve (12) ball persons shall be appointed and be:

29.2.1 dressed in neutral clothing that are different in colours from the Teams and Match Officials;

29.2.2 of an age capable of performing their duties; and

29.2.3 Instructed beforehand of their duties and capable of performing them to satisfaction.

29.3 Stools/low chairs shall be provided for ball persons during Matches.

29.4 Any sponsor advertising on kits (shirt, shorts, and socks) worn by ball person is prohibited, unless approved in writing by the AFF.

**30. Footballs**

30.1 The footballs chosen for the Competition shall conform to the Laws of the Game and bear one of the following marks:

30.1.1 “FIFA Quality PRO”; or

30.1.2 “FIFA Quality”; or

30.1.3 FIFA Basic [previously known as International Match Standard (IMS)].

30.2 Teams shall solely utilise the footballs provided by the AFF for training and warming-up purposes for all their home or away matches.

30.3 Each PMA is responsible for any taxes and/or fees pertaining to the customs clearance of footballs delivered to it by the AFF.

**31. Equipment**

31.1 The AFF has the sole authority to approve the equipment (including kit) in accordance with the Equipment Regulations as provided in Appendix 9 of these Regulations and/or the AFC Equipment Regulations.

31.2 Each PMA shall indemnify the AFF and hold the AFF harmless from any and all damages in the event that a conflict arises as a result of any endorsement deal existing between itself and its sponsor(s) which contravenes the Equipment Regulations provided in Appendix 9 of these Regulations and/or the AFC Equipment Regulations.

31.3 The application of AFC Equipment Regulations shall be at the sole discretion of the AFF and such decision shall be final, binding and not appealable.

## **SECTION 6: TEAM DELEGATION**

### **32. Team Official Delegation**

- 32.1 Each Participating Team shall ensure that no person in its Team Official Delegation or otherwise affiliated to it enters into or is present in the Team dressing room, Field of Play, team bus, or any other Controlled Access Area without being in physical possession of the necessary Accreditation Card which has been validly issued to such person.
- 32.2 A Team shall register a maximum of eleven (11) Officials no later than twenty-one (21) days before the commencement of the Competition.
- 32.3 A Head Coach, Team Manager, Team Doctor, Team Security Officer and an English-speaking Team Media Officer must form part of these designated eleven (11) Officials.
- 32.4 Registered Participating Team Officials shall be granted full access to all official Competition areas, including the Field of Play and other necessary Controlled Accessed Areas, as determined by the Tournament Committee.
- 32.5 At their own cost, each Team can nominate up to an additional nine (9) Officials, who will receive the same access to all Competition areas. However, the total number of Officials who will sit on the Team bench must not exceed eleven (11) Officials as confirmed by the 'Officials on the Team Bench' form submitted prior to the start of the Match.
- 32.6 Each Team is entitled to register up to two (2) "Video Analysts" who shall be the only members of a Team Official Delegation entitled to record Matches in the relevant stage of the Competition using only one (1) lightweight amateur camera each. This recording shall be strictly for technical purposes and should not interfere with Match operations or be utilised by any Broadcast Partner or otherwise distributed and/or used for any commercial purposes.
- 32.7 Each Participating Team shall appoint a designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer to act as a focal point for all matters related to the safeguarding and well-being of the players and team delegation. This role does not have to be exclusive and can be assigned to the medical doctor or other trained member of the team delegation. It is a mandatory requirement that the designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer complete the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essentials online course (<https://safeguardinginsport.fifa.com/>). The role of the Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer is to:
  - Act as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the team delegation during the competition;
  - Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' mental and physical well-being is prioritised;
  - Liaise with AFF and LOC should a concern or an allegation of harassment or abuse (be it psychological, physical or sexual, or neglect) arise, and
  - Know the specific safeguarding measures for the competition and the avenues available for reporting concerns.
- 32.8 Each Team Manager and Team Media Officer shall be responsible for Team

coordination and media-related matters with AFF and SPORTFIVE. They shall participate in all Official Functions related to the Matches in the Competition, including without limitation the Match Coordination Meeting and all Press Conferences.

32.9 Once the Final Registration has been received by the AFF, Teams may replace any of the registered Officials at any stage with twenty-four (24) hours' notice to the AFF General Secretariat by submitting the official documents, subject to the below conditions:

32.9.1 To replace an Official, a Team must provide his or her Accreditation Card to the AFF and shall receive the Accreditation Card of the replacement Official in exchange; and

32.9.2 Replacement Official shall only be eligible to participate in the Competition after receiving their Accreditation Card.

32.10 Should the AFF not receive all required documents by the stipulated deadline, the PMA concerned shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition prior to its commencement and subject to Article 11 of these Regulations.

### **33. Eligibility of Players**

33.1 Each PMA shall ensure that prior to registering as Players, such individuals:

33.1.1 are duly registered with the AFF pursuant to these Regulations;

33.1.2 hold the nationality of its country and are subject to its jurisdiction; and

33.1.3 are eligible to participate for the PMA in this Competition in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes.

33.2 In cases of registration of Players who have acquired a new nationality (cf. Article 8 - Acquisition of a new nationality of the FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the documents set out in Appendix 4 of these Regulations must also be submitted.

33.3 In cases of registration of Players who hold a passport entitling them to represent more than one (1) MA (cf. Article 7 - Nationality entitling players to represent more than one association of the FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the documents set out in Appendix 5 of these Regulations must also be submitted.

33.4 Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Article 33.1 are eligible to participate in the Competition, subject to the provisions of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

33.5 The approval of the registration of a Player by the AFF General Secretariat does not automatically provide for the eligibility of the Participating Player. Each PMA is responsible for fielding only eligible players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

33.6 A Participating Player shall be deemed ineligible, without limitation, if:

- 33.6.1 there is a violation of Article 33.1; and/or
- 33.6.2 he participates in a Match contrary to a decision of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, these Regulations, or the operation of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code;
- 33.6.3 the AFF determines that any document submitted during the registration is falsified or forged.

34. **Registration of Players**

34.1 There are three (3) stages of registration of players in the Competition:

- 34.1.1 Preliminary Registration - Qualification Round (Playoff): Each Team shall register a Preliminary Registration List of minimum eighteen (18) and maximum fifty (50) players, which shall include a minimum of four (4) goalkeepers, with a copy of the registration documents as stated in Article 34.3, no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the first match of the Qualification Round (Playoff). There is no allocation of jersey numbers during the Preliminary Registration.
- 34.1.2 Preliminary Registration - Final Rounds Group Competition, Semi-Finals and Final: Each Participating Team shall register a Preliminary Registration List of minimum eighteen (18) and maximum fifty (50) players, which shall include a minimum of four (4) goalkeepers, with a copy of the registration documents as stated in Article 34.3, no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the first match of the Final Rounds Group Competition. There is no allocation of jersey numbers during the Preliminary Registration.
- 34.1.3 Final Registration - Qualification Round (Playoff): Each Participating Team shall register a Final Registration List of minimum eighteen (18) and maximum twenty-three (23) Players, which shall include a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers, from the Preliminary Registration List at the Match Coordination Meeting, which shall be held one (1) day before the commencement of the Qualification Round (Playoff).
- 34.1.4 Final Registration - Final Rounds Group Competition, Semi-Finals and Final: Each Participating Team shall register a Final Registration List of minimum eighteen (18) and maximum **twenty-six (26)** Players, which shall include a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers, from the Preliminary Registration List at the Match Coordination Meeting, which shall be held one (1) day before the commencement of the Final Rounds Group Competition.
- 34.1.5 Player Selection List: Each Participating Team shall submit a 'Player Selection List' prior to each Match which identifies the starting eleven (11) and up to twelve (12) substitutes comprising Players registered in the Final Registration.

34.2 Jersey numbers 1 – **26** shall be allocated for the Competition. Jersey number 1 shall be reserved for a goalkeeper. Each Player shall wear the same number allocated in the Final Registration during all Matches in the Competition. Players' names must appear on the back of the shirt used as

Playing Equipment in all Competitions as specified in Clause 4.2 of Appendix 9 of these Regulations.

34.3 Documentations for the registration of players include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 34.3.1 Colour copy of valid passport of the country the Participating Player wishes to represent, containing full name, photograph, passport number, date of birth, place of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality of the relevant individual. Group passports are not accepted;
- 34.3.2 Colour copy of national identification card (where applicable);
- 34.3.3 Copy of birth certificate (where requested by AFF);
- 34.3.4 Passport-size coloured photo [taken within (three) 3 months prior to the submission of the registration];
- 34.3.5 Where original documents are not in English, the original and an accredited translation shall be provided.
- 34.3.6 AFF reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

34.4 Once the Final Registration List has been received by the AFF, Participating Teams may replace any of the Players up to six (6) hours prior to their first Match in the Competition, in the event of serious injury or illness, subject to the below conditions:

- 34.4.1 Any replacement Player(s) must have been registered in the Preliminary Registration;
- 34.4.2 Replacement Players shall only be allocated the number allocated to the Player they are replacing;
- 34.4.3 To replace a Participating Player, a Participating Team must provide his Accreditation Card to the AFF and shall receive the Accreditation Card of the replacement Player in exchange;

34.5 Replacement Players shall only be eligible to participate in the Competition after receiving their Accreditation Card.

## 35. **Registration of Officials**

35.1 Documentations for the registration of Team Officials include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 35.1.1 Colour copy of valid passport of the country the Participating Player wishes to represent, containing full name, photograph, passport number, date of birth, place of birth, date of issue, date of expiry and nationality of the relevant individual. Group passports are not accepted;
- 35.1.2 Colour copy of a national identification card (where applicable);

- 35.1.3 Passport-size coloured photo [taken within three (3) months prior to the submission of the registration];
- 35.1.4 Evidence of their qualification based upon their function:
  - 35.1.4.1. Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Fitness Coach, and Goalkeeper Coach: minimum coaching requirements as set out for National “A” Teams (Men’s and Women’s) in Appendix 15 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual Edition 2023; and
  - 35.1.4.2. Medical Officer: relevant medical qualification.
- 35.1.5 Where original documents are not in English, the original and an accredited translation shall be provided.
- 35.1.6 AFF reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

## **36. Failure to Submit**

- 36.1 Failure to submit the duly completed Team’s Registration (Players and Team Officials) by the stipulated deadline may be subjected to:
  - 36.1.1 Sanction by the AFF with a fine of USD10,000 (United States Dollar Ten Thousand);
  - 36.1.2 Disqualification from the Competition; and/or
  - 36.1.3 Referral to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for further sanctions.

## **37. Accreditation Card**

- 37.1 Players and Participating Officials listed on the Final Registration List will be issued with Accreditation Cards bearing a photograph and personal details, authorised by AFF, to participate in the Competition.
- 37.2 The Accreditation Card remains the property of the AFF at all times. The AFF General Secretariat may revoke, cancel, and/or confiscate an Accreditation Card at any time for any reason, including without limitation, misuse or abuse.
- 37.3 The Team Official Delegation shall be granted full access to all official Competition areas, including the Field of Play and other necessary Controlled Accessed Areas, as determined by the AFF.
- 37.4 Should a card be misplaced, the relevant PMA shall be required to pay USD1,000 (United States Dollars One Thousand) as a replacement production fee.

## **SECTION 7: LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS**

### **38. Arrival and Departure**

- 38.1 Each Participating Team may arrive at the Venue no later than the evening of two (2) days (MD-2) before the commencement of the Competition and must depart from the Venue one (1) day after their last Match.
- 38.2 The official arrival date shall be determined by the AFF, which will be communicated to all the Teams appropriately.
- 38.3 Teams shall bear all costs as a result of arriving early or departing late from a Venue.
- 38.4 Where members of the Team Official Delegation arrive at the Venue of the Match by different flights, such Participating Team shall notify the AFF as well as the Host MA of the arrival of the main delegation as their official arrival time and all other arrivals (including airport pick up and other arrangements) shall be at the cost of the team. The same shall apply to departure.

### **39. Host MA's Responsibilities**

- 39.1 The Host MA shall provide for the following arrangements in accordance with Appendix 7 of these Regulations:
  - 39.1.1 Accommodation for the AFF Delegation and Match Officials;
  - 39.1.2 Local Transportation for the Participating Team, AFF Delegation and Match Officials;
  - 39.1.3 Visas for the AFF Delegation and Match Officials;
  - 39.1.4 Allowances and airfare reimbursement for the AFF Delegation and Match Officials;
  - 39.1.5 Airport Reception; and,
  - 39.1.6 Liaison Officers.

### **40. Team's Responsibilities**

- 40.1 Each Participating Team shall be responsible for certain logistical arrangement as mentioned in Appendix 7 of these Regulations.

### **41. Failure to adhere**

- 41.1 The failure to adhere to the provisions of this Section 7 and Appendix 7 of these Regulations, may result in sanctions including fines at the discretion of the AFF.
- 41.2 The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

## **SECTION 8: MEDIA OBLIGATIONS**

### **42. Media Access**

- 42.1 The AFF is the owner of all Media Rights emanating from the Competition as well as from any other related events coming under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. The AFF has granted to SPORTFIVE an exclusive license to utilise and exploit the Media Rights as per the written agreement duly executed between SPORTFIVE and AFF.
- 42.2 Each Host MA shall ensure that the AFF, SPORTFIVE, the Host Broadcaster, if any, and all Broadcast Partners have free access to each Stadium from ten (10) days prior to the first Match in the Stadium until twenty-four (24) hours after the final Match in the Stadium to allow for the resolution of any technical issues and for the assembly and/or disassembly of the relevant infrastructure required to execute the Media Rights.
- 42.3 The Host MA shall adhere to all instructions and circulars issued by the AFF in relation to the grant and exercise of all Media Rights relating to the Competition. Failure to do so may result in sanctions issued by the AFF on such Host MA, at the sole discretion of the AFF.

### **43. Press Conferences and Interviews**

- 43.1 The AFF reserves all rights in respect to the coordination of all public relations and communication activities relating to the Competition including without limitation the coordination of all press conferences, interviews and release of press statements and the selection of designated media areas for the conducting of all press conference and interview sessions.
- 43.2 The Participating Teams shall be responsible to ensure the provision of interpretation services where any of their Players or Participating Officials attending press conferences and interviews in languages other than English. For the avoidance of doubt, the interpretation services provided shall be for translation of dialogues from all other languages to the English language. Interpretation and translation into the local language (if applicable) shall be the responsibility of the Host MA.
- 43.3 Participating Teams shall assist the AFF and where applicable the AFF Commercial Rights Partner with the coordination of all press conference and/or interview sessions by ensuring that the members of their Team Delegation selected to conduct any such activities are available and brought to scheduled sessions in a timely manner. For the avoidance of any doubt, the Participating Team shall be responsible for ensuring that members of its Team Delegation that are selected to participate in any such media activity are explicitly requested to attend in accordance with the instructions of the AFF.
- 43.4 The Teams shall ensure that the selected members of their Team Delegation conducting any press conference or interview sessions refrain from making any statements or references which will or is likely to damage or bring into disrepute the good name, image and reputation of the AFF, Competition or sport of association football.

43.5 The Teams shall ensure, during any press conference or interview session, that:

43.5.1 The products or other identifiers of their affiliated MA, the Team Delegation, Players, Team Officials, or their commercial partners or any associated third parties do not appear or are not used in any manner.

43.5.2 Their Players and Team Officials do not make reference to any third-party products or entities.

43.6 Any individual who fails to attend an obligatory press conference shall be considered to have breached the media obligations and shall be fined in accordance with Article 54 of these Regulations. The relevant Participating Team shall also be held liable for any failure to attend a press conference. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

#### **44. Pre-Match Press Conference**

44.1 The attendance of the Head Coach and one (1) selected starting key Participating Player from each Participating Team in a Pre-Match Press Conference to be held one (1) day before the Match are compulsory.

44.2 The Team Media Officer must ensure the attendance of the Head Coach and one (1) selected starting key Participating Player.

44.3 The Participating Teams shall be responsible for ensuring the provision of interpretation and translation services for its Head Coach and selected starting key Players who conduct media sessions in languages other than English. For the avoidance of doubt, the interpretation and translation services provided shall be for translation of dialogues from all other languages to the English language. In case the interpretation into the local language of the host country is necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the Host MA to ensure the same.

#### **45. Post-Match Press Conference**

45.1 A post-Match press conference will be conducted at the Stadium and will commence no later than 15 minutes after the final whistle. Both Participating Teams are obligated to make their Head Coach and Participating Player of the Match available for the post-Match press conference.

45.2 In the event the Head Coach is suspended for the Match, the Participating Team shall request the individual replacing the Head Coach on the Team bench to attend any scheduled press conferences or interview sessions.

45.3 The Participating Teams shall be responsible for ensuring the provision of interpretation and translation services for its Head Coach and if requested, selected Players who conduct media sessions in languages other than English. For the avoidance of doubt, the interpretation and translation services provided shall be for translation of dialogues from all other languages to the English language. In case the interpretation into the local

language of the host country is necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the Host MA to ensure the same.

#### **46. Promotional Interviews and Flash Interviews**

46.1 In the event that any promotional and/or Flash interviews are required, the following must be adhered to:

- 46.1.1 If requested by the AFF, the Host MA and/or Host Broadcaster (HB), if any, Teams should have their Head Coach and one (1) selected Player, as requested, to be made available for a recorded interview.
- 46.1.2 For the 'Flash' interviews, if requested by the Host MA and/or the Host Broadcaster, if any, the Head Coach and at least one (1) key Player from both Teams must be available. All Players and the Head Coach of each Team must be briefed by their respective Team Media Officer prior to the Match, so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.
- 46.1.3 Any individual who fails to conduct an interview and/or flash interview when requested shall be fined at least USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand) for each failure. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

46.2 In the final minutes of the game, the HB or other broadcaster representatives shall inform the AFF Media Officer of the Players who are selected for the flash interview, who shall then inform the Team Media Officers.

46.3 It would be the duty of the respective Team Media Officer(s) to ensure that the selected Participating Player is made available for such flash interview(s). Any Team Media Officer who fails to ensure the availability of the selected Participating Player may be sanctioned by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

#### **47. Team Dressing Room**

47.1 Team dressing rooms are always strictly off-limits to any Media during the Competition. The Teams shall ensure that their respective media personnel observe and comply with these provisions.

47.2 Notwithstanding the above, the AFF reserves the right to grant the Host Broadcaster, official photographers, AFF digital crew and SPORTFIVE access to the Team dressing rooms prior to the arrival of a Team Delegation to record and film the Team's playing kit and equipment.

47.3 Only the Host Broadcaster and official photographers as approved by the AFF may in certain instances be allowed to film the winning celebrations inside the team dressing rooms.

#### **48. Field of Play**

48.1 Media and/or any unauthorised third parties are strictly prohibited from entering the Field of Play or any prohibited areas in the Stadium including technical zones and the area between the boundaries of the Field of Play

and spectator stands. The Host MA shall ensure that no such parties shall be allowed access or brought to the said areas unless otherwise expressly authorised by the AFF.

- 48.2 Notwithstanding the above, only accredited and authorised photographers, television crew and cameramen, the Host Broadcaster or any authorised broadcast licensee shall be allowed access to the Field of Play and the area between the boundaries of the Field of Play and spectator stand to enable the performance of obligations and exercise of rights relating to the Competition in accordance with the AFF's accreditation policy.
- 48.3 Any failure to adhere to the provisions of this Article 48 shall result in a fine of USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand) by the AFF, at its sole discretion.

49. **Drones**

- 49.1 The use of drones or any flying object in the vicinity of the Stadium during Matches or Official Training is strictly prohibited.
- 49.2 The use of drones shall include drones being flown inside or even above the perimeter of a Stadium or an Official Training Site.
- 49.3 The Host MA shall be liable and sanctioned for drones being flown by spectators, media and broadcasting representatives and/or any other individual regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight.

50. **Recording of Matches**

- 50.1 Immediately after each Match, the Host MA shall ensure that five (5) sets of Match recording (USB) to be made available immediately after the Match for distribution as follows:
  - 50.1.1 Referee Assessor/Match Officials;
  - 50.1.2 Match Commissioner;
  - 50.1.3 Two (2) playing Teams; and
  - 50.1.4 AFF Competitions/Secretariat.
- 50.2 Any Host MA that fails to comply with Article 50.1 hereinabove, shall be fined at least USD3,000 (United States Dollars Three Thousand Hundred).
- 50.3 The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.
- 50.4 The Participating Team shall ensure that no member of its Team Official Delegation or any third parties produce, exploit, and/or further distribute any film material relating to the Competition or the participation of a Participating Team in the Competition, for any commercial or non-commercial purposes without the prior written consent of the AFF.
- 50.5 Participating Team(s) shall be permitted to make their own recordings of Matches subject to the following:

- 50.5.1 Only members of the Team Official Delegation may make such recordings;
- 50.5.2 Only one (1) camera per PMA may be used;
- 50.5.3 Only lightweight, amateur equipment may be used, not the type of professional equipment used by professional broadcasters;
- 50.5.4 During filming, the Participating Official making the recording must wear the technical bib. Only one (1) such bib will be distributed to each Team. It must be returned when the Participating Team is eliminated from the Competition or after the conclusion of the Competition, as applicable;
- 50.5.5 The Participating Official must contact the AFF Media Officer before the Match to locate a suitable position;
- 50.5.6 No other recording is allowed, including without limitation, in the Team dressing rooms, at press conferences or any other location or for any reason other than those listed above;
- 50.5.7 Filming is permitted for technical football purposes only as opposed to any general documentation of the stay in the Host MA country and/or the Competition.
- 50.5.8 Under no circumstances shall recordings or images taken in the Stadium or other Controlled Access Area be publicly distributed or otherwise used for any type of commercial or non-commercial exploitation, either during or after the Competition. Any abuse of video footage constitutes a serious violation of the Media Rights and will be sanctioned by the AFF, at its own discretion.

## 51. **Mixed Zone**

- 51.1 The Host MA shall coordinate and correspond with the AFF in ensuring that a mixed zone, containing a sanctioned-off area reserved for the Broadcast Partners is set up and organised for the media after the Match and that the mixed zone is conducive and safe for the Participating Officials and Players to pass through from the team dressing room to the team transport area.
- 51.2 The PMA shall ensure that all of their Players pass through the Mixed Zone and are encouraged to conduct interviews with the Media giving priority to requests from Commercial Affiliates. The Head Coach shall only be required to pass through the Mixed Zone in the event that there is no post-Match press conference held after a Match.
- 51.3 Any individual who fails to pass through the Mixed Zone shall be fined at least USD2,500 (United States Dollars Two Thousand Five Hundred). The relevant Team may be held liable for any failure to pass through the mixed zone in accordance with these Regulations. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.
- 51.4 The Team Media Officer is responsible for briefing the Head Coach and all Players prior to the Match, so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

## 52. **Official Training Session**

- 52.1 Depending upon the weather and conditions of the Field of Play, each Participating Team is entitled to an official training of maximum ninety (90) minutes duration in the Stadium in which they are due to play, either one (1) or two (2) days proper to their first Match in the Stadium and Competition.
- 52.2 Each official training session shall be open to the media and any other individuals as approved by AFF at least the first fifteen (15) minutes. The fifteen (15) minutes shall commence from the scheduled start time of the session or the actual start time (in case it is later than the scheduled start time), to be determined by the AFF Match Commissioner.
- 52.3 If the official training session is held at any Stadium, the areas accessible by Media (if any) shall be the same as the areas accessible for them during the Match, provided that they are in possession of valid accreditation. Such areas shall be strictly controlled by the Host MA. All Media, without exception, shall leave the venue at the end of the first fifteen (15) minutes or at a later time if decided by the relevant Team.
- 52.4 Any official training session shall only commence at the time, run and place/venue/Stadium for the duration determined and approved in writing by the AFF. Players are prohibited from entering the Pitch prior to and/or at any other time other than the scheduled time for the official training.

## 53. **Media and Media Access Area**

- 53.1 The Host MA shall be responsible for the management and provision of support to all Media of the Competition through the implementation of accreditation procedures;
- 53.2 Procurement and setting up of Media Access Area(s); and
- 53.3 Coordination of all media-related activities at any Stadium and Official Training Sites.
- 53.4 The Host MA shall provide the AFF with all media accreditation requests together with details relating to the specific request including:
  - 53.4.1 The name and designation of the requesting persons;
  - 53.4.2 The media company they represent;
  - 53.4.3 Their nationality; and
  - 53.4.4 The type of media coverage they intend to cover for the Competition.
- 53.5 Upon receipt of approval by the AFF, the Host MA shall produce and issue Accreditation Cards to approved Media in a timely manner and shall be responsible for any delay resulting in the issuance or provision of such accreditation to the Media.
- 53.6 The Host MA shall ensure that designated media access area(s) may only be accessed by authorised Media with valid Accreditation Cards and that

no Media shall be allowed access to any parts of the Stadium or Official Training Sites other than as permitted under their respective accreditations.

- 53.7 The Teams shall ensure that any officials or media persons or third parties accompanying them possess valid Accreditation Cards to gain access into the relevant areas at any Stadium and/or Official Training Sites and shall comply with all applicable terms and instructions as issued by the AFF.
- 53.8 The Teams shall ensure that no media representatives accompany them in the Team bus to and from the Stadium or Official Training Sites.
- 53.9 All approved Media shall comply with the Photographer Operations Guidelines as set out in Appendix 8 and have access to and remain in the designated Media Access Areas as follows:
  - 53.9.1 Photographers shall adopt positions behind the advertising boards at the back of each goal posts or such other areas as advised by the AFF, subject to availability of space.

#### **54. Breach of Media Obligations**

- 54.1 Subject to the sanctions provided in Article 43.6 hereinabove, failure to attend any obligatory press conference(s), failure to attend and/or fully participate in any official activities/events including failure to comply with any obligations mentioned in this Section 8 about Media Obligations of these Regulations shall result in the PMA being fined at least USD10,000 (United States Dollars Ten Thousand).
- 54.2 Any breach of the rules regarding media obligations may also be subject to additional sanctions by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

## **SECTION 9: EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS**

### **55. Scope of Application**

- 55.1 This Section 9 of these Regulations govern the authorisation of all Equipment, Sponsor Advertising, and Manufacturer Identification used inside of any Control Access Area by the:
  - 55.1.1 Team Delegations;
  - 55.1.2 Match Officials; and
  - 55.1.3 Ball persons, Player escorts and flag bearers.
- 55.2 Where no provision of these Regulations is applicable, AFF Equipment Regulations as provided in Appendix 9 of these Regulations, the Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) and administered by FIFA (Laws of the Game), and the FIFA/AFC Equipment Regulations apply in descending order.
- 55.3 Participating MAs and/or Teams are solely responsible and liable for the conduct of their Team Delegations relating to the correct implementation of these Regulations.
- 55.4 For the avoidance of doubt, football boots are expressly excluded from the provisions of these Regulations.

### **56. General Principles**

- 56.1 The authorisation of any Kit is subject to the following provisions:
  - 56.1.1 Each MA or Team is responsible for compliance with these Regulations and any further applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and decisions issued by the AFF in relation to any Equipment.
  - 56.1.2 The wearing of any Kit on the Field of Play remains subject foremost to the authority of the referee as defined in the Laws of the Game.
  - 56.1.3 Any Kit that does not comply with these Regulations is strictly prohibited.
  - 56.1.4 The authorisation to wear Equipment for the Competition must be sought in writing from the AFF within the appropriate deadlines specified by the AFF from time to time.
- 56.2 Each Team, Player and PMA shall adhere to the provisions of the Equipment Regulations as detailed in Appendix 9 of these Regulation.

### **57. Breach of Equipment Regulations**

- 57.1 Any breach of the provisions relating to Equipment Regulations including those mentioned in Appendix 9 of these Regulations, will be subject to the following sanction by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee:

- 57.1.1 a fine amounting to USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand Dollars) (1st infringement);
- 57.1.2 a fine amounting to USD10,000 (United States Dollars Ten Thousand Dollars) (Repeated infringements);
- 57.1.3 Further infringement will result in more severe sanctions.

## **SECTION 10: COMMERCIAL MATTERS**

### **58. Ownership of Commercial Rights**

- 58.1 The AFF owns the Commercial Rights relating to the Competition and has granted SPORTFIVE an exclusive license to utilise and exploit the Commercial Rights in accordance with the written agreement duly executed between the AFF and SPORTFIVE.
- 58.2 The Host MA and Participating Teams acknowledge and agree that SPORTFIVE has been duly licensed and manages the Commercial Rights relating to the Competition in accordance with the written agreement duly executed between the AFF and SPORTFIVE.
- 58.3 The Host MA is required to ensure that their own sponsors and suppliers do not associate their name with the Competition or the Competition Marks in any way which might give rise to an association between those entities and the Competition. The Commercial Affiliates are the only companies and/or entities authorized to associate their names with the Competition or the Competition Marks.

### **59. Image and Video Rights**

- 59.1 Each Participating Team agrees that AFF, SPORTFIVE and the Commercial Affiliates shall have the right to use the records, names and images of the Participating Teams (including its marks), including still photographs and moving images which may be generated from the Participating Teams' participation in the Competition.

### **60. Exploitation of Commercial Rights**

- 60.1 Further to the terms of the duly executed agreement between the AFF and SPORTFIVE, SPORTFIVE shall retain the exclusive right to utilize, exploit and promote the Commercial Rights by any means, for any and all products and services within the territory as defined in such contractual agreement.
- 60.2 The Host MA and Participating Teams acknowledge and agree that SPORTFIVE can freely sublicense any Commercial Rights to any entity throughout the territory as defined in the duly executed agreement (including in the Host Country), and the Host Member Association and Participating Teams shall have no right to exploit directly and/or sublicense the exploitation of such Commercial Rights.
- 60.3 The Host MA and Participating Teams, including the Players, shall be fully responsible and liable for any breach of their obligations under these Regulations.
- 60.4 In its exploitation of the Commercial Rights, SPORTFIVE retains all Promotional Rights in connection with the Competition. The Host MA shall assist AFF, and SPORTFIVE, in the exploitation of the Promotional Rights, and the rights and promotions of authorized third parties, under the directives of AFF.

## 61. **Competition Marks**

61.1 **Ownership:** The Host MA and Participating Teams acknowledge that AFF is the owner of the Competition Marks and that all rights and goodwill in and in relation to the Competition Marks are vested in AFF. They further acknowledge that through the duly executed agreement between AFF and SPORTFIVE, the AFF has granted the license to use such Competition Marks to SPORTFIVE. The Host MAs will not grant, or purport to grant, any right or license to use the Competition Marks to any third party.

61.2 **Usage:** The Host MA and Participating Teams must use the following term ONLY when referring to their participation in the Competition, and each such use must be in an editorial context only:

- 61.2.1 ASEAN Championship Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024
- 61.2.2 ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024
- 61.2.3 Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024

(hereinafter, the “**Competition Title**”)

61.3 The Host MA, Participating Teams, Players and officials shall not use the Competition Title in a commercial context, or in any way which suggests or implies a commercial relationship and/or endorsement with any third party. Any translations must be authorised by AFF and SPORTFIVE.

## 62. **Clean Stadium**

62.1 The Host MA shall deliver all Stadia and Official Training Sites as Clean Stadium no less than five (5) days prior to each Match at each Stadium or official training at each official Training Site of the Competition, until 24 hours after such Match.

## 63. **Ambush Marketing**

63.1 The Host MA, Participating Teams, Participating MAs, Players and Participating Officials shall provide all assistance and support to the AFF and SPORTFIVE, authorities and/or any appointed parties in ensuring that the Commercial Rights are successfully enforced and implemented and shall notify the AFF and SPORTFIVE of any infringement, suspected infringement and/or ambush marketing related activities upon it becoming aware of such matters.

63.2 The Host MA, Participating MA, Players and Participating Officials shall ensure that their commercial partners and/or associated third-parties do not partake in any matters which are likely to be considered as an ambush marketing related activity or infringement of the rights of the AFF and/or the Competition.

## 64. **Other Provisions**

64.1 All the provisions of this Section 10 shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Hosting Obligations 2024 which shall have precedence.

## **SECTION 11: TICKETING**

### **65. General Requirements**

- 65.1 Tickets, electronic or hard copy, shall include seat numbering and serial numbering and only include AFF Marks, Competition Marks and/or marks of SPORTFIVE and/or commercial affiliates, as approved by AFF.
- 65.2 The AFF reserves the right as its sole discretion to substitute the seating area or the gate entrance identified on a Ticket with another, if deemed appropriate for security or technical purposes.
- 65.3 The Host MA must ensure that access to the Stadium is granted to the AFF Delegation, Team's Official Delegation, SPORTFIVE, commercial affiliates, if any, Media and travelling supporters without any discrimination.
- 65.4 The Host MA shall be responsible at its own cost for the design, production, distribution, and sales of all Tickets. Such matters are subject to the approval of the AFF.

### **66. Complimentary Tickets**

- 66.1 The Host MA shall provide complimentary tickets, invitation (VVIP) and car park pass to the AFF and SPORTFIVE for each Match in the competition as follows:
  - 66.1.1 AFF
    - 66.1.1.1 50 x VIP (Corporate Box)
    - 66.1.1.2 100 x 1st Best
    - 66.1.1.3 100 x 2nd Best Tickets
    - 66.1.1.4 10 x VIP Car Park stickers – Refer to AFF Hosting Obligations.
  - 66.1.2 SPORTFIVE
    - 66.1.2.1 50 x VIP (Corporate Box)
    - 66.1.2.2 450 x 1st Best
    - 66.1.2.3 500 x 2nd Best
    - 66.1.2.4 Car Park stickers – Refer to AFF Hosting Obligations.
- 66.2 The Host MA shall also provide complimentary tickets to Teams for each of their Match as follows:
  - 66.2.1 Two (2) Invitations or VVIP Tickets;
  - 66.2.2 Twenty (20) x 1<sup>st</sup> Best Tickets;
  - 66.2.3 Gallery Tickets – 5 tickets for each Team Player and Official; and
  - 66.2.4 Car Park stickers – 3 pieces.

## 67. **Purchasable Tickets**

- 67.1 The Host MA must make available at least eight percent (8%) of the net saleable capacity of a Stadium available exclusively to the supporters of each Participating MA (visiting Team), in a segregated, safe area to be determined by the AFF and the Host MA.
- 67.2 The Host MA must make available at least 2,000 or at least 8% (1<sup>st</sup> Best or 2<sup>nd</sup> Best tickets) of the net saleable capacity of a Stadium available exclusively to SPORTFIVE in a segregated, safe area to be determined by the Tournament Committee and the Host MA.
- 67.3 Each Participating MA (visiting Team) must declare and confirm the number of Tickets to be purchased five (5) days prior to the kick-off of each relevant Match in the Final Rounds Group Competition, and 48 hours prior to the kick-off of each relevant Match in the Semi-Finals and Final.
- 67.4 Each Participating MA (visiting Team) is responsible for all Tickets purchased, even if not utilised. The price of the Tickets shall not exceed the price of comparable Tickets that are sold to the general public in the Host MA.

## 68. **Ticket Terms and Conditions**

- 68.1 The Ticket Terms and Conditions shall set forth the rules applicable to all holders of Tickets for Matches and Official Functions relating to the sale, purchase and use of the Tickets as well as access to the Stadia and other Controlled Access Areas. The Host MA shall provide to AFF any specific Stadia provisions that are to be included in the Ticket Terms & Conditions at least 30 days prior to final approval of the Ticket Terms and Conditions.
- 68.2 The AFF shall, in collaboration with the Host MA, issue special Ticketing terms and conditions which are applicable to all Ticket holders.
- 68.3 The AFF may change the terms and conditions and shall advise the Host MA on any requirements relating to Ticket production, distribution and/or sales.
- 68.4 The Ticket Terms and Conditions shall, at a minimum, contain statements that reflect the following:
  - 68.4.1 Tickets cannot be used for promotional and/or commercial purposes;
  - 68.4.2 The holder of the Ticket may not take any dangerous, commercial, political or religious item into the Stadia;
  - 68.4.3 AFF and the Host MA reserve the right to refuse entry to the Stadia or to eject from the Stadia anyone attempting to breach or breaching any and all Ticket Terms and Conditions; and
  - 68.4.4 The sales restrictions of the Ticket Policy.
- 68.5 AFF and the Host MA shall take all measures and ensure that the Ticket Terms and Conditions are brought to the attention of every holder of a Ticket prior to purchase and/or receipt of said Ticket.

68.6 AFF and the Host MA shall collaborate to enforce the Ticket Terms and Conditions on any Ticket holder. For avoidance of doubt, any measures with regard to Stadia access, especially refusal and access control, shall be the responsibility of the Host MA.

## **SECTION 12: SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **69. Safety and Security**

- 69.1 All matters relating to safety and security shall be undertaken in compliance with the AFC Stadium Regulations and AFC Safety and Security Regulations (as applicable).
- 69.2 The Host MA shall, in conjunction with the relevant government authorities and/or Stadium owners, devise, plan, and implement adequate security and safety measures for the Competition at all Controlled Access Areas within the Venue and other relevant locations to protect all relevant persons, including without limitation the AFF Delegation, Team Delegations, SPORTFIVE and its commercial affiliates, Media, spectators, and all goods brought in by the AFF Delegation, Team Delegations, SPORTFIVE and its commercial affiliates.
- 69.3 The Host MA is also responsible for providing the following facilities/services to all participants, officials and referees to prevent incidents, subject to any measures as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities:
  - 69.3.1 Accommodation shall be on a dedicated floor or level;
  - 69.3.2 Security shall be deployed at each dedicated floor and lobby area of the hotel;
  - 69.3.3 Security arrangements shall also cover the Match Stadium and its vicinity, the training grounds as well as all other official areas identified; and
  - 69.3.4 Security facilities to be provided shall also include police outriders on match days.
- 69.4 The Host MA shall issue a detailed security plan in the form of a binding agreement with, without limitation, the management of all Stadia, Official Training Sites, and the accommodation of the AFF Delegation and the Team Official Delegation. This security plan shall be based upon the principles set out in the AFC Stadium Regulations and AFC Safety and Security Regulations.
- 69.5 The Host MA shall discharge the AFF and hold it harmless from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against the AFF and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation of the Competition to the exclusion of damages caused by the AFF or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.
- 69.6 Public Address System
  - 69.6.1 The Host MA shall ensure that to avoid any panic and injuries among the spectators, it is essential to provide vital information concerning the nature of any emergency, hazard or risk. In such an unlikely event, the Host MA shall ensure that the standard protocol recommended in the AFC Competition Operations Manual is followed.

## **SECTION 13: AWARDS**

### **70. Trophy, Medals and Prize Money**

- 70.1 A trophy called the “ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024” shall be awarded to the Team winning the Competition.
- 70.2 The original trophy of the Competition shall be presented as a formality to the Champion during the prize presentation ceremony after the final. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, the original trophy shall be returned to the AFF and remain in the possession of the AFF at all times. The Champion shall subsequently be awarded a replica by the AFF for its permanent possession.
- 70.3 The replica trophy awarded to the Champion must remain within its control at all times and must not leave its region or territory of its Member Association without the prior written consent of the AFF. The Champion must not permit the replica trophy to be used in any context (including without limitation, the involvement of the Champion’s sponsors, commercial partners and/or any third parties) is granted visibility or in any other way which could lead to an association between any third party, the trophy and/or the Competition.
- 70.4 The AFF may issue additional trophy guidelines which the Champion must comply with from time to time.
- 70.5 Furthermore, prize money will be awarded as follows:
  - 70.5.1 Winners: USD300,000 (United States Dollars Three Hundred Thousand)
  - 70.5.2 Runners-up: USD100,000 (United States Dollars One Hundred Thousand)
  - 70.5.3 Losing Semi-finalists: USD50,000 (United States Dollars Fifty Thousand) each
- 70.6 The AFF shall award the following medals:
  - 70.6.1 **Thirty-seven (37)** medals will be presented to the Champions, runners-up and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Team, each at the presentation ceremony **[Twenty-six (26)** for Players and eleven (11) for Team Officials].
  - 70.6.2 Upon request of any of these Teams for additional medals, a minimum of five (5) medals must be ordered with corresponding payment, including but not limited to delivery charges.
  - 70.6.3 Commemorative medals for the Match Officials of the Final.
- 70.7 The following awards of the Competition shall be presented:
  - 70.7.1 Most Valuable Player;
  - 70.7.2 Top Goal Scorer; and

70.7.3 Best Goalkeeper.

70.8 The AFF Competitions Committee may decide to introduce further awards.

71. **Fair Play**

71.1 In every Match of this Competition, fair play should be actively promoted through the Fair Play flags, cards, posters etc.

## **SECTION 14: MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING**

### **72. Pre-Competition Medical Assessment**

72.1 Each Participating Team shall ensure that each Participating Player undergoes a Pre-Competition Medical Assessment (the “PCMA”) at least thirty (30) days prior to the first Match of the Final Round.

72.1.1 Players that have undertaken a PCMA for a FIFA and/or AFC competition may provide the AFF with the physician and Player’s declaration form originally provided to FIFA/AFC, provided that the PCMA was conducted within one (1) year of the Finals.

72.1.2 The AFF shall provide all Participating Teams with the PCMA form setting out the necessary matters to be tested, which shall include testing to prevent Players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during any Match.

72.1.3 Each PMA must submit to the AFF by latest ten (10) days prior to the first Match of the Competition the following signed documents:

72.1.3.1. ‘Member Association Declaration of Agreement to the PCMA’; and

72.1.3.2. for each Player, the ‘Player and Examining Physician Declaration for PCMA’.

72.2 Any player for whom the required documents are not provided is not eligible to be registered in the Final Registration for a Participating Team.

72.3 The AFF Ad-Hoc Medical Committee, if any or any other relevant authority as deemed fit by the AFF, may, in its sole discretion, order any further medical evaluation of a Player that it deems necessary. The cost of such further testing shall be borne by the AFF.

### **73. Ambulances and Medical Services at the Stadium**

73.1 Two (2) ambulances to be stationed ninety (90) minutes before the commencement of each Match at the designated tunnel near the Medical Room and the Field of Play.

73.2 One (1) ambulance to be stationed for the care of Team Officials, VIPs and AFF Delegation.

73.3 The following logistical requirements for medical services are recommended for the Spectators in the Stadium:

<b>Medical Service</b>	<b>Spectators</b>	<b>Minimum Number Required</b>
Ambulance with a minimum of 2 staff each	Up to 15,000	2 on site
	15,000 – 25,000	3 on site + 1 off site*
	25,000 or more	4 on site + 2 off site*

Fixed Medical Post with a minimum of 2 BLS staff each	Up to 15,000	2
	15,000 – 25,000	3
	25,000 – 50,000	4
	50,000 or more	6
Mobile Medical Teams** with a minimum of 2 BLS staff each	Up to 15,000	4
	15,000 – 25,000	8
	25,000 – 50,000	16
	50,000 or more	20
Advanced Life Support (EM doctor, EM nurse, paramedic)	Up to 15,000	1
	15,000 – 25,000	2
	25,000 – 50,000	3
	50,000 – 75,000	4

(BLS: Basic Life Support; EM: Emergency-Medicine Trained)

\*Off Site: The ambulance(s) must be designated before the event and should be in close proximity to the Stadium. They should report to the rendezvous point and the staff should be fully briefed on their role at the event, should they be called to assist.

\*\*Mobile Medical Teams: The number and designation of these teams will depend on the structure of the Stadium (number of levels, spectators, movement limitation measures, etc.) and the accreditation limitations of the event.

73.4 Ambulances are to leave stadium only after both the Teams have left the stadium.

#### 74. **Medical Rooms at Stadium**

74.1 The Host MA shall provide two (2) fully equipped and fully operational medical rooms for medical care of the Team Official Delegations and AFF Delegation, at each Stadium.

74.1.1 The first medical room shall be located in the tunnel close to the Field of Play and Team dressing rooms for emergency treatment of seriously injured Players.

74.1.2 A second medical room shall be located in the vicinity of the VVIP/VIP tribunes to provide emergency and related medical services. Alternatively, a mobile paramedic can be allocated to cover the VVIP/VIP tribunes.

74.2 Medics with AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and other life-saving equipment shall be positioned behind the 4th Official's bench, or a suitable position as indicated by the Match Commissioner.

74.3 The Host MA must provide the fully operational emergency equipment listed under Medical and Anti-Doping (Section 11) of the AFC Competition Operations Manual Edition 2023.

75. **Medical Treatment of Players on the Field of Play**

75.1 The Referee may authorise one (1), at the most two (2) Team Medical Officers to enter the Field of Play to assess the injury and arrange the Player's safe and swift removal from the Field of Play.

75.2 Stretcher-bearers should only enter the Field of Play with a stretcher following a signal from Referee. This shall be the responsibility of the Host MA.

75.3 A Participating Player is not allowed to receive treatment on the Field of Play.

75.4 Exception:

75.4.1 A goalkeeper who is injured;

75.4.2 A goalkeeper and outfield Player who have collided and need immediate attention;

75.4.3 Players from the same Participating Team who have collided and need immediate attention;

75.4.4 A severe injury has occurred, e.g., swallowed tongue, concussion, broken leg; or

75.4.5 A Participating Player is injured as the result of a physical offence (reckless or serious foul play). However, the assessment/treatment needs to be completed quickly.

75.5 Procedure:

75.5.1 Two (2) teams of stretcher bearers will be seated on a bench close to the touch line on each side of the pitch.

75.5.2 If a Participating Player needs medical treatment on the Field of Play during a Match, the following procedure must be observed:

75.5.2.1. At a signal from the referee, the Team doctor and his assistant leave the bench and run towards the injured Participating Player; and

75.5.2.2. At the same time, the stretcher bearers closest to the injured Participating Player move closer to the touchline on standby, to wait for the Referee's signal for the stretcher bearers to run onto the Field of Play to assist in taking off the injured Participating Player. If the Participating Player recovers and the referee does not signal, the stretcher bearers return to their position.

## 76. **Medical Provisions for Extreme Environment Conditions: Heat and Haze**

76.1 The Host MA at its own cost, shall set-up the following provisions in case of extreme environment conditions.

76.2 Hot Environment Equipment

76.2.1 Once the decision to introduce cooling breaks has been established, the Host MA shall provide the following:

- 76.2.1.1. two (2) cooler boxes (one (1) per Team) with adequate quantities of ice during each half of the Match for cooling breaks (i.e., 30th and 75th min.). Teams may use their own cooling items, if they so require;
- 76.2.1.2. face towels soaked in ice cold water for Players and Match Officials (i.e.,  $11 \times 2 = 22 + 4 = 26$ ) for each cooling break;
- 76.2.1.3. additional cold bottled water for Players and Match Officials for each cooling break;
- 76.2.1.4. emergency medical services: heat stroke diagnostic equipment and treatment logistics (rectal temperature thermometer, medications for anti-convulsion, tub and tepid water spray, etc.);
- 76.2.1.5. a medical team conversant with treatment of heat related injuries.

### 76.3 Haze (Air Pollution)

76.3.1 The Host MA shall provide the following in the event there is haze and air pollution:

- 76.3.1.1. an emergency medical team/trained in such emergencies, including, if possible, access to a Respiratory Physician (an expert in dealing with such emergencies);
- 76.3.1.2. additional medical personnel; and
- 76.3.1.3. adequate medical supplies and equipment.

## 77. **Official Training**

77.1 Official Training locations to be equipped with basic emergency medical equipment, massage tables and supply of ice, and staffed with paramedic/medical personnel. An Ambulance must be stationed at each official training location equipped with advance life support equipment and trained emergency medical personnel.

## 78. **Accommodation**

78.1 Medical services and facilities to be set-up at hotels for the Participating Teams and the AFF Delegation.

78.2 The Host MA to provide contact details of the designated doctor(s) that will be on-call twenty-four (24) hours for the duration of the Match and/or Competition.

**79. Hospital**

79.1 One (1) to two (2) hospitals per Stadium to be identified to provide, as a minimum, twenty-four (24) hour accident and emergency department services, including without limitation the ability to manage major trauma.

79.2 All designated hospitals to be located within the proximity of a Stadium and Accommodation as to minimise any response time for emergency incidents and/or the transfer of a patient to hospital.

79.3 The transfer by road of any officially escorted medical emergency vehicle should not exceed fifteen (15) minutes, and in the event that this cannot be guaranteed due to logistical, geographical or other challenges, helicopter evacuation and transfer should be comprehensively catered for.

79.4 The obligation as per this Article 79 is that of the Host MA and failure to provide the same shall be appropriately sanctioned by the AFF.

**80. Obligations for Medical Treatment**

80.1 The respective PMA must conclude the necessary general insurance policies for their Players and Participating Officials whilst the Host MA will provide insurance cover for the duration of the Competition including repatriates.

80.2 The Host MA shall provide free medical treatment, including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies incurred and sustained during the Competition as follows:

80.2.1 out-patient treatment (non-admission to hospital);

80.2.2 minor surgeries (e.g., suturing);

80.2.3 radiological investigations (x-rays); and

80.2.4 emergency treatment.

80.3 However, the Participating Teams shall be responsible for the cost of the following treatments:

80.3.1 hospitalisation (admission to hospital);

80.3.2 surgical operations not provided for in Article 80.2; and

80.3.3 specialised investigative procedures (e.g., MRI, C-Scan).

80.4 The Host MA will provide insurance cover for AFF Delegation and Match Officials for the duration of the Competition including repatriates.

80.5 The Host MA shall also be responsible for the costs of the medical treatments for all members of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials from their arrival until their departure.

80.6 Subject to the sanctions explicitly provided for in this Section 14, any failure to comply with the provisions herein shall be sanctioned by the AFF, at its own discretion.

## 81. **Facilities and Personnel**

81.1 Each Host MA shall provide a medical room and a doping control room equipped with all items stipulated by the AFF and in accordance with AFC Anti-Doping Regulations and related manuals.

81.2 A Host MA shall be fined:

81.2.1 At least USD20,000 (United States Dollars Twenty Thousand) for failing to fully equip the medical room; or

81.2.2 At least USD10,000 (United States Dollars Ten Thousand) for failing to fully equip the doping control room; or

81.2.3 At least USD40,000 (United States Dollars Forty Thousand) for failing to fully equip both rooms.

81.2.4 The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

81.3 Each Host MA shall provide all medical personnel and a doping control personnel stipulated by the AFF and in accordance with the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations and related manuals.

81.4 A Host MA shall be fined:

81.4.1 At least USD10,000 United States Dollars Ten Thousand) for failing to provide all doping control personnel (subject to Article 78.3 hereinabove); or

81.4.2 At least USD20,000 (United States Dollars Twenty Thousand) for failing to provide medical personnel.

81.4.3 The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

## 82. **Anti-Doping**

82.1 Doping is strictly prohibited. The AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code, and all relevant AFC and/or AFF directives in relation to anti-doping are applicable to the Competition.

82.2 Each Player may be subjected to in-competition testing and out-of-competition testing in accordance with the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.

82.3 The Doping Control Officer is responsible for the implementation of doping control in all Matches. The Host MA shall appoint at least three (3) local doping control officers (must be duly certified Medical Doctors) to provide assistance in doping control matters.

82.4 The Host MA shall ensure that all Stadiums have the required doping control facilities. It is recommended that the doping control room be within the vicinity of both Team dressing rooms. The waiting and sampling area must be air-conditioned, well ventilated, brightly lit and with easy washable and non-slippery floors.

### 83. **Concussions**

83.1 A Participating Player who experiences a suspected concussion during a Match must undergo an examination by the team doctor in accordance with the protocols established by the AFF Medical Committee and/or documented in the FIFA Football Emergency Medicine Manual. The Referee may temporarily suspend play up to three (3) minutes whenever an incident of suspected concussion occurs. The Referee may only allow the injured Participating Player to continue playing with the authorisation of the team doctor, who will have the final decision.

83.2 The team doctor may call upon the Host MA's medical personnel on the pitch and/or the Local Medical Officer to assist on the assessment and management (if deemed necessary).

83.3 The AFF, in line with AFC, recommends that Participating Teams follow the return to play protocol set out in the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool 5 (SCAT5) for any Participating Player who has suffered a concussion. SCAT5 recognises that the time frame for return to play may vary, including based on the player's age and history, and that doctors must use their clinical judgment in making decisions with respect to return to play.

83.4 Number of substitutes

81.4.1. Each Participating Team may use a maximum of one (1) 'concussion substitute' in a Match. Such a 'concussion substitute' may be made regardless of the number of substitutes already used.

81.4.2. If any Participating Team used a 'concussion substitute', the opposing team in the said Match then has the option to use an 'additional substitute' for any reason.

83.5 The concussion substitution procedure would be in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game and subject to the protocol listed under 'Notes and modifications'.

### 84. **Spectators**

84.1 The Host MA shall ensure that the mandatory emergency medical response(s) to be readily available to cater for spectators in Stadium as provided for in the AFC Competitions Operations Manual are mandatorily available in their Stadiums for all the Matches in the Competition.

### 85. **Accreditation of Foreign Medical Personnel**

85.1 Each Host MA shall provide the AFF and all the Participating Teams/MA's with the information on the guidelines and procedures issued by the local authorities regarding the accreditation of foreign medical personnel (e.g.,

temporary registration to practice medicine, approval of medicines, notification of scheduled substances and medical devices to be utilised).

## **SECTION 15: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### **86. Responsibilities**

- 86.1 Any financial payments to be made by the AFF in accordance with these Regulations shall be subject to all applicable laws, regulations, orders, by-laws and international sanctions.
- 86.2 The Participating MAs shall cover their international and domestic travel costs to the Venue or the nearest airport, as well as incidental expenses.
- 86.3 The AFF and the Host MA shall provide all other logistical arrangements. Such arrangements shall be communicated to the Participating Teams by circular prior to the Competition.
- 86.4 Host MAs and Participating MAs are responsible for the payment of all taxes, duties and other charges payable in relation to the implementation of any matter set out in these Regulations and/or any further circulars, notices, rules or documents issued and circulated by the AFF relating to the Competition, from time-to-time.

## **SECTION 16: DISCIPLINARY**

### **87. Disciplinary Measures**

- 87.1 All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AFF Statutes, AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code, and any relevant AFF circulars.
- 87.2 The AFF may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the PMAs at least thirty (30) days before the first Match of the Final Rounds Group Competition of the Competition.
- 87.3 All Players agree to:
  - 87.3.1 Respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
  - 87.3.2 Behave accordingly; and
  - 87.3.3 Refrain from doping.

### **88. Good Conduct**

- 88.1 PMAs are liable for the improper conduct of:
  - 88.1.1 any member of its Team Delegation; and/or
  - 88.1.2 Any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competitions.
- 88.2 For any violation of Article 88.1 hereinabove, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue any sanction listed in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

### **89. Administrative Procedures**

- 89.1 Subject to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code, for any offence set out in these Regulations with a listed minimum fine, where it is the first such offence committed by a party:
  - 89.1.1 The AFF, after completing its investigation but prior to opening disciplinary proceedings, may write to the party and make an offer to compound the offence and reduce the listed fine by twenty percent (20%) should the party admit to the offence;
  - 89.1.2 If the offence is admitted, the AFF shall submit the compounded offence to the Chairperson of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for approval;
    - 91.1.2.1. Should the party deny the offence, the AFF shall open disciplinary proceedings;
  - 89.1.3 Upon approval of the Chairperson of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, the sanction shall be notified and applied administratively by the AFF;

91.1.3.1. should the Chairperson of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee not approve the compounded offence, the AFF shall open disciplinary proceedings;

89.1.4 By agreeing to compound the offence, the party waives its right to request a motivated decision or appeal the sanction issued; and

89.2 Any sanction issued administratively comes into force immediately upon notification in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

**90. Cautions and Expulsions**

90.1 All matters relating to cautions and/or expulsions, including the carrying forward of cautions between stages of the Competition, shall be undertaken in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code except where expressly set out below and pursuant to any disciplinary circulars issued therein.

90.2 The rules pertaining to cautions (yellow cards) and expulsions (red cards) imposed during the Competition shall be as follows:

90.2.1 Any Participating Player or Participating Official who receives two (2) cautions during any stage in the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the Match following the Match in which he or she received the second caution.

90.2.2 If a Participating Player or Participating Official receives a second caution during his Team's final Match in the Qualification Round, the automatic suspension shall be carried forward to the Final Rounds Group Competition of the Competition.

90.2.3 If a Participating Player or Participating Official receives a second caution during his Team's final Match in the Final Rounds Group Competition, the automatic suspension shall be carried forward to the Semi-Final Stage of the Competition.

90.2.4 Any Participating Player or Participating Official who completes Qualification Round having only received one (1) caution shall not carry-over that caution to the Final Rounds Group Competition.

90.2.5 Any Participating Player or Participating Official who completes Final Rounds Group Competition having only received one (1) caution shall not carry-over that caution to the Semi Final Stage.

90.2.6 Any Participating Player or Participating Official who completes Semi-Finals Matches having only received one (1) caution shall not carry-over that caution to the Final Match.

90.2.7 A Participating Player or Participating Official who is expelled during a Match in the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the Match following the Match in which they were expelled. If the Participating Player or Participating Official was expelled in their Team's final Match in the Competition, the suspension shall be carried forward as provided in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

90.2.8 Each PMA shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and/or suspensions received by its Participating Player/s and Participating Official/s and to ensure that all Players and Participating Officials registered and/or fielded during the Competition are eligible to play.

## 91. **Protest**

91.1 A protest is an objection of any kind to any matter that has a direct effect on Matches and any matters related to breach of these Regulations of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

91.2 Unless otherwise stipulated, to be considered valid, protest shall be:

- 91.2.1 Submitted in writing to the Match Commissioner within two (2) hours of the end of the Match in question;
- 91.2.2 Followed up with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, sent to the Secretariat of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee at [aff.legal@aseanfootball.org](mailto:aff.legal@aseanfootball.org) within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the Match;
- 91.2.3 Accompanied by non-refundable fee of USD500 (United States Dollars Five Hundred) submitted to the AFF bank account within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the Match.

91.3 No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected to play. Such decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal, unless expressly otherwise stipulated in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

91.4 Any protest which relates to the eligibility of a player to participate in the Competition must be submitted to the AFF General Secretariat with a copy to [aff.legal@aseanfootball.org](mailto:aff.legal@aseanfootball.org) no later than five (5) days before the day on which the opening Match of the Competition is scheduled to take place. To be considered valid, such a protest must be:

- 91.4.1 submitted in writing (in the form of a full written report); and
- 91.4.2 accompanied by a non-refundable fee of USD500 (United States Dollars Five Hundred) (non-inclusive of any bank charges) which must be transmitted to the bank account nominated by the AFF General Secretariat before the expiry of the aforementioned deadline.

91.5 If any of the formal requirements set out in Articles 91.2 and/or 91.4 are not met, the relevant protest shall be disregarded. The AFF General Secretariat decides whether or not such formal requirements have been met. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.

91.6 Subject to any exceptions set out in these Regulations, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code, the AFF Statutes and/or any other applicable AFF regulation, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall make decisions on protests.

91.7 Should the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee determine that a protest is unfounded or irresponsible, it may impose a fine.

91.8 The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall make decisions on protests. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may transfer a protest to the Competition Committee for its decision if it is deemed to be purely operational in nature.

## 92. **Anti-Match Fixing**

92.1 Match fixing is forbidden and is a punishable offence.

92.2 In case of a violation of Article 85.1 hereinabove, the AFF shall initiate disciplinary proceedings, and may impose provisional measures, in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

92.3 PMAs are responsible for ensuring that all Players and Participating Officials have received robust anti-match fixing education prior to the first match of the Competition. The provision and receipt of such anti-match fixing education to all Players and Participating Officials must be confirmed by the respective Member Associations, in writing to the AFF General Secretariat along with necessary evidences, if any, to [richard.jsonon@aseanfootball.org](mailto:richard.jsonon@aseanfootball.org) at least two (2) days prior to their first Match in the Competition.

92.4 Failure to provide the confirmation as stipulated in Article 82.3 hereinabove, may result in sanctions to the tune of USD1,000 (United States Dollars One Thousand Only) and any other sanctions as deemed fit, at the discretion of the AFF.

## 93. **Reporting Concerns**

93.1 During the Competition, all individuals, including, but not limited to Players, Team Officials and/or other staff from each Participating Team (“Individuals”), AFF Delegation and members of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) have the mandatory obligation to report all concerns relating to any:

93.1.1 Integrity matters including without limitation Match-Fixing, Doping, Betting, Gambling, Bribing;

93.1.2 Safeguarding matters including without limitation abuse, assault, harassment (physical, mental, sexual, emotional), neglect; and

93.1.3 Any other similar matters gravely affecting the Individuals, the game of Football, the Competition and/or the AFF.

93.2 It is mandatory for the Individuals to report any integrity matter to the designated Integrity Officer of their respective PMA with relevant information and documents.

93.2.1 It is mandatory for the PMA Integrity Officer to report the concerns to the AFF Integrity Office/Integrity Point of Contact, with at least the following:

93.2.1.1. A copy of the report received by the PMA Integrity Officer;

- 93.2.1.2. The preliminary investigation conducted by the PMA Integrity Officer including, without limitation a) a copy of the investigation report by the PMA Integrity Officer including but not limited to the details of the alleged violation as well as the relevant rules, regulations and policies of the respective MA and/or the AFF in relation to the alleged violation and the applicable sanctions for the same, and b) a copy of the reporting done to the relevant authorities, if required by AFF and/or local authorities as well as the subsequent actions taken by said local authorities, for the same;
- 93.2.1.3. The next steps/plan of action of the relevant PMA relating to the concern(s) raised.
- 93.2.2 The relevant PMA as well as the Host MA may be required to carry out further investigation and/or report to the local authorities by the AFF, AFC and/or FIFA.
- 93.3 It is mandatory for the Individuals to report a safeguarding concern to the designated PMA Safeguarding Officer with relevant information and documents.
  - 93.3.1 It is mandatory for the PMA Safeguarding Officer to report the concerns to the AFF Safeguarding Point of Contact for the Competition with at least the following:
    - 93.3.1.1. A copy of the report received by the PMA Safeguarding Officer;
    - 93.3.1.2. The preliminary investigation conducted by the PMA Safeguarding Officer including, without limitation a) a copy of the investigation report by the PMA Safeguarding Officer including, but not limited to the details of the alleged violation as well as the relevant rules, regulations and policies of the respective MA and/or the AFF in relation to the alleged violation and the applicable sanctions for the same, and b) a copy of the reporting done to the relevant authorities, if required by AFF and/or local authorities as well as the subsequent actions taken by said local authorities, if any;
    - 93.3.1.3. The next steps/plan of action of the relevant PMA relating to the concern(s) raised.
  - 93.3.2 The relevant PMA and the Host MA may be required to carry out further investigation and/or report to the local authorities by the AFF, AFC and/or FIFA.
- 93.4 It is mandatory to report any other similar matters gravely affecting the Individuals and/or the game of Football, the Competition and/or the AFF to their Head of Team Delegation.
  - 93.4.1 It is mandatory for the PMA Head of Team Delegation to report the concerns to the AFF Competitions Officer/Secretariat with at least the following:

- 93.4.1.1. A copy of the report received by the PMA Head of Team Delegation;
- 93.4.1.2. The preliminary investigation conducted by the PMA Head of Team Delegation including without limitation a) a copy of the investigation report by the PMA Head of Team Delegation including but not limited to the details of the alleged violation as well as the relevant rules, regulations and policies of the respective MA and/or the AFF in relation to the alleged violation and the applicable sanctions for the same, and b) a copy of the reporting done to the relevant authorities, if required by AFF and/or local authorities as well as the subsequent actions taken by said local authorities, if any;
- 93.4.1.3. The next steps/plan of action of the PMA relating to the concern(s) raised.

- 93.4.2. The relevant PMA as well as the Host MA may be required to carry out further investigation and/or report to the local authorities by the AFF, AFC and/or FIFA.

- 93.5. In case where any Individual has an Integrity/Safeguarding or any other similar matters as provided in Article 93.1 related to another Participating Team (other than their own) to report, then such reporting must be mandatorily done to the relevant AFF authority i.e., AFF Integrity Office/Integrity Point of Contact, AFF Safeguarding Point of Contact, AFF Competitions Officer/Secretariat directly with the relevant information as provided in Articles 93.2.1.1 to 93.2.1.3, 93.3.1.1 to 93.3.1.3, and/or 93.4.1.1 to 93.4.1.3 as relevant.
- 93.6. The AFF may conduct its own investigation into the concerns raised, including without limitation informing the AFC and/or the FIFA regarding such concerns.
- 93.7. The AFF may further initiate a disciplinary proceeding in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

#### 94. **Arbitration**

- 94.1. Any dispute in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.
- 94.2. In compliance with the AFF Statutes, PMAs, Players, and Participating Officials are prohibited from initiating disputes in an ordinary court of law and must submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the AFF.
- 94.3. PMAs, Players, and Officials acknowledge and accept that, once all internal channels have been exhausted at the AFF, their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The Code of Sports related Arbitration shall be applicable. The language of arbitration shall be English. Any hearing, if required, shall take place at the CAS Alternate Hearing Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

## **SECTION 17: MATCH ORGANISATION**

### **95. Official Countdown**

- 95.1 The official countdown established for each Match is informed to all Participating Teams and persons responsible for organising the Match. Its purpose is to ensure consistency in all pre-Match operations. It shall be distributed at the Match Coordination Meeting held one (1) day before the commencement of the Competition.
- 95.2 The Participating Teams shall observe the official countdown, and all other Match related protocol notified by the AFF, from time to time.
- 95.3 A Participating Team that causes a delay of any scheduled kick-off of a Match (as determined by the official countdown) may be sanctioned by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee as its discretion.
- 95.4 These instructions are intended to act as a guideline to facilitate and coordinate the work of all the persons involved in organising Matches at the different Stadia.
- 95.5 AFF attaches particular importance to the following points:
  - 95.5.1 Preparation of the Field of Play and the enclosure
  - 95.5.2 Care of the Teams at the Stadium
  - 95.5.3 Loudspeakers, scoreboard, floodlights
  - 95.5.4 Safety and security services
  - 95.5.5 First-aid services
  - 95.5.6 Protocol (VIP box, flags, FIFA anthem)
  - 95.5.7 Media facilities and services
  - 95.5.8 Doping control (if any)
  - 95.5.9 Official reports

### **96. Controlled Access Areas (CAA)**

- 96.1 In order to ensure orderly Match procedure, only persons with special accreditation and entrusted with specific responsibilities will be permitted access to the Controlled Access Areas.
- 96.2 The Host MA shall be responsible for the operation and management of all CAA in cooperation with venue operators and, where appropriate, the relevant local and national government authorities.
- 96.3 The Host MA shall produce, install and remove all the look and feel elements in the CAA in accordance with the specific directions of the AFF and shall only use the look and feel artwork provided by the AFF.

96.4 The Host MA shall bear all costs associated to the provision and use of the CAA.

96.1 The Host MA shall ensure the immediate concealment or removal of any or all unauthorised or third-party advertising, marketing or promotion from the Stadium or Official Training Site and that the Stadium including the CAA and Official Training Sites shall be free from any third-party agreements relating to the use of and operation of the Stadium or any part thereof.

**97. Orders in the Enclosure and Surroundings**

97.1 Apart from the Players in each Team, the refereeing group (MOs and VMOs), the ball persons and the flag bearers, only the following people will be given access to the inner enclosure:

AFF Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFF Head of Delegation</li> <li>• AFF Representatives</li> <li>• AFF Match Commissioner</li> <li>• AFF Referee Assessor</li> <li>• AFF VAR Technology Officer (if any)</li> <li>• AFF Media Officer</li> <li>• AFF General Coordinator</li> <li>• AFF Secretariat/Competitions</li> </ul>
Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officials</li> <li>• Players</li> </ul>
Venue Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MA General Secretary</li> <li>• Stadium Manager</li> <li>• Venue Coordinator</li> <li>• Chief of Police and/or Security Officer</li> <li>• Limited number of Service Staff (janitor, cleaner, etc)</li> </ul>
VAR STP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STP Technical Crew (if any)</li> </ul>
Media Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official Photographers</li> <li>• Camera Operators (no commentators) for Host Broadcaster</li> <li>• Auxiliary personnel (“runners”) for AFF, Host Broadcaster</li> </ul>
AFF Commercial Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPORTFIVE representatives</li> </ul>
Sponsor/s, if any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited Personnel</li> </ul>

**98. Match Ceremonies**

**98.1 Opening Ceremony**

98.1.1 Any opening ceremony shall not affect any pre-Match operations, including without limitation Teams' warm-up and the pre-Match ceremony.

98.1.2 The Field of Play shall be strictly protected from damage caused by any activity related to the opening ceremony.

98.1.3 The Host MA shall submit a comprehensive event plan outlining the number of workers, a flow plan, the run-down and other related information for AFF review and approval.

98.2 Pre-Match Ceremony

98.2.1 The pre-Match countdown shall follow Appendix 10 of these Regulations.

98.3 Prize Presentation Ceremony

98.3.1 A prize presentation ceremony, managed and controlled by the AFF and coordinated with SPORTFIVE and Host MA, shall be held immediately after the Final to present the awards, trophies, and medals.

98.3.2 The Players and Participating Teams that qualify to receive the awards, trophies, and medals are required to attend the relevant prize presentation ceremony. Participating Teams shall be represented by their respective Team Official Delegation. No other officials, players, or staff may participate. Players and Participating Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension are allowed to take part in the award ceremony as set out in Appendix 2.

98.3.3 SPORTFIVE shall submit a stage mock-up and comprehensive event plan outlining the number of workers, a flow plan, the run-down and other related information for AFF's review and approval at least ten (10) days prior to the prize presentation ceremony.

## **SECTION 18: CLOSING PROVISIONS**

### **99. Special Instructions**

99.1 The AFF and/or the AFF Competitions Committee (as appropriate) shall, in conjunction with the Host MA, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstance which might arise in the organisation of Matches.

99.2 These instructions form an integral part of these Regulations.

### **100. Decisions**

100.1 All decisions made in accordance with these Regulations, except where expressly identified otherwise, are final and binding and not appealable in accordance with the AFF Statutes.

### **101. Amendments**

101.1 The AFF reserves the right to make amendments to any part of the Regulations for any reason whatsoever. Such amendments shall be duly communicated in due course.

### **102. Implementing Provisions**

102.1 The AFF General Secretariat is entrusted with the operational management of the Competition and is therefore entitled to make decisions and adopt the detailed provisions necessary for implementing these Regulations.

### **103. Enforcement**

103.1 These Regulations were ratified by the AFF Competitions Committee on 27 September 2024 and came into force immediately.

103.2 These Regulations were amended by the AFF Competitions Committee on 3 October 2024 and came into force immediately. The relevant amendments are highlighted in these Regulations.

For the AFF Competitions Committee

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## **Appendix 1: Determining the Ranking in a Group using Fair Play Criteria**

1. Each Participating Team shall be awarded points for receiving red and yellow cards as indicated below:
  - 1.1. per yellow card: one (1) point;
  - 1.2. per red card (as a consequence of two yellow cards): three (3) points;
  - 1.3. per red card (direct): three (3) points; and
  - 1.4. per yellow card followed by a red card (direct): four (4) points.
2. The Participating Team receiving the least number of points shall be ranked highest. The remaining Participating Teams shall be ranked in descending order.

## **Appendix 2: Expulsions and Suspensions at Competitions**

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Player</b>		<b>Official</b>	
	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Suspension</b>	<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>Suspension</b>
Field of Play	ordered to leave the field of play and its surroundings	banned from the field of play and its surroundings	ordered to leave the field of play and its surroundings	banned from the field of play and its surroundings
Team Bench	ordered to leave the Team bench	banned from the Team bench	ordered to leave the Team bench	banned from the Team bench
Technical Area	cannot sit in the technical area	banned from the technical area	cannot sit in the technical area	banned from the technical area
Team Dressing Room	shall stay in either the dressing room or doping control room accompanied by a chaperon until the names of the players selected for the doping test are communicated	banned from the dressing room at any time before and during the Match in question (can join after the final whistle)	banned from entering the team dressing rooms at half time if sent off during the first half of the Match	banned from the Team dressing rooms at any time before and during the Match in question (can join after the final whistle)
Stands	allowed to sit in the stands, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded, he is not picked for doping control and is no longer wearing his football equipment	allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate vicinity (e.g., Team Technical Seats) of the Field of Play, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded	Allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the field of play, for the rest of the Match, provided that integrity and security are safeguarded	allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate vicinity of the Field of Play, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded
Team Bus	allowed to take the Team bus	allowed to take the Team bus but not allowed to talk to the media upon arrival or departure	allowed to take the Team bus	allowed to take the Team bus but not allowed to talk to the media upon arrival or departure

Award Ceremony	allowed to take part in the award ceremony	allowed to take part in the award ceremony	allowed to take part in the award ceremony	allowed to take part in the award ceremony
Mixed Zone	not allowed in the mixed zone	banned from the mixed zone	not allowed in the mixed zone	banned from the mixed zone
Press Conference	not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference	banned from all Match-related press conference	not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference	banned from all Match-related press conferences with the exception of any pre-Match press conference on MD-1
Official Training	N/A	allowed to attend and participate in official training	N/A	allowed to attend and participate in official training
Media Activities	not allowed to undertake any media activities in the Stadium	not allowed to undertake any media activities in the Stadium	not allowed to undertake any media activities in the Stadium	not allowed to undertake any media activities in the Stadium on Match Day
Doping Control Room	eligible for doping control and shall stay accompanied by a chaperone until the names of the players selected for the doping test are communicated	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contact and Communication	not allowed in the VIP tribune	can sit in an area designated by the AFF	shall not communicate with or contact anyone involved in the Match by any means whatsoever	shall not be permitted to communicate with or contact any person involved in the Match by any means whatsoever for the duration of a Match

### **Appendix 3: Technical Aspects**

#### **1. Warming Up**

##### **1.1. Before a Match**

- 1.1.1. Each Team shall be entitled to warm-up on the Field of Play before a Match if the weather and/or pitch condition permits. Such warm-up should not affect the condition of the Field of Play during the Match. The Match Commissioner may shorten or cancel the warm-up, if it may severely affect playing conditions of the Field of Play during the Match.
- 1.1.2. The warm-up shall be conducted in accordance with the official countdown, unless otherwise instructed by the AFF Match Commissioner.

##### **1.2. During a Match**

- 1.2.1. If there is adequate space behind the goal, the warm-up area shall be located behind the goal on the side closest to the Team benches.
- 1.2.2. Maximum six (6) Players from each Team may warm-up simultaneously, assisted by maximum two (2) Team Officials per Team.
- 1.2.3. If there is insufficient space behind the goals, both Teams shall warm-up behind/beside their respective Team bench or, within the area as identified by the Match Commissioner.
- 1.2.4. In such cases, maximum of six (6) Players from each Team may warm-up simultaneously, assisted by maximum one (1) Team Official per Team, depending on the area available for warm up, decided by the Match Commissioner.
- 1.2.5. Setting up of equipment by Teams shall not be permitted in such cases.
- 1.2.6. Players must wear bibs with assigned or contrasting colour.
- 1.2.7. Only goalkeepers can warm up with the football.
- 1.2.8. Team Officials assisting in the warm-up shall not give instructions to the goalkeeper or any other outfield Players who are playing in the match.

#### **2. Post-Match Cool Down**

- 2.1. Upon request, a Team's cool down may be accommodated after each Match as instructed by the AFF Match Commissioner, provided that the following rules are observed:
  - 2.1.1. Any cool down after a game may last no longer than 30 (thirty) minutes and commence approximately fifteen (15) minutes after the final whistle or as instructed by the AFF;

- 2.1.2. Players may join the cool down only after fulfilling the required post-match media, commercial or any other activities as determined by the AFF.
- 2.1.3. Depending on the pitch condition, Teams shall cool down at the designated area identified by the AFF Match Commissioner. No access will be granted to the goal areas;
- 2.1.4. Activities shall be restricted to post-exercise cool down for the Players who actually played in the Match (e.g., stretching, jogging in straight lines).
- 2.1.5. Teams are not allowed to set up or use any training equipment and footballs.
- 2.1.6. Training sessions for substitutes shall not be accommodated.
- 2.1.7. The AFF may impose further restrictions (in particular, to protect the pitch).

### 3. Cooling Break

- 3.1. Depending on the weather conditions, a cooling break may be implemented on a match-by-match basis.
- 3.2. For purposes of distinction, official and mandatory cooling breaks will not be pre-established. However, the climatic conditions prior to a Match will be evaluated by the AFF Match Commissioner.
- 3.3. The Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) is a composite temperature used to estimate the effect of the temperature, humidity, wind speed (wind chill) and visible and infrared radiation on players. WBGT will be the official measure to determine whether cooling breaks shall be implemented.
- 3.4. Should the WBGT exceed 32°C (thirty-two degrees Celsius), and/or taking into account additional factors such as the time of the day, the amount of cloud cover and Stadium location, etc., the Venue Medical Officer will recommend cooling breaks to the AFF Match Commissioner. The responsibility for the implementation and control of the cooling break resides with the Referee.
- 3.5. Cooling breaks of a maximum three (3) minutes duration shall be implemented by the Referee at approximately thirty (30) minutes into the run-of-play in both halves (i.e., around the thirtieth [30<sup>th</sup>] minute and seventy-fifth [75<sup>th</sup>] minute respectively).
- 3.6. The following rules shall apply to any cooling break:
  - 3.6.1. the ball must be out of play for the break to commence;
  - 3.6.2. the Referee will signal the start of the break (informing both Teams and the Match Officials);
  - 3.6.3. all Players will go to their respective Team bench or technical area and use ice and cold towels to cool down;
  - 3.6.4. the Stadium clock will continue to run;

3.6.5. after a maximum of three (3) minutes (from whistle to whistle), the Referee will give a ten (10) second warning to mark the end of the break following which the Match will restart; and

3.6.6. the time allowed for the cooling break shall be added as stoppage time.

#### 4. Drinking Procedure During Matches

- 4.1. Water bottles are allowed around the Field of Play, at least one (1) metre outside the touchline and the goal line (respecting marketing and advertising obligations around the Field of Play).
- 4.2. Water bottles shall be placed very carefully so they do not interfere with the Assistant Referees (ARs) running on the touchline; it is suggested that water bottles are not placed on each of the half part of the touchline behind the AR1 and AR2.
- 4.3. No water bottles are allowed in the goal area. Water bottles must be outside the goal, not touching the post or the goal net.
- 4.4. Players can drink at any time during a Match. If drinking in front of the technical area, Players shall remain on the Field of Play whereas substitutes and Team Officials must remain outside the Field of Play.
- 4.5. If medical staff enters the Field of Play, they shall solely treat injured Players and not give instructions or distribute water bottles.
- 4.6. Water bottles, water bags or ice cubes shall not be thrown on the Field of Play.

#### 5. Official Training at the Stadium

- 5.1. Depending on the weather and condition of the Field of Play, each Team is entitled to an official training of maximum sixty (60) minutes duration in the Stadium in which they are due to play either one (1) or two (2) days prior to their first Match in the Stadium in the Competition.
- 5.2. If the Field of Play is an artificial pitch, each Team is entitled to have either two (2) official trainings of sixty (60) minutes duration or one (1) official training of one-hundred-and-twenty (120) minutes to be held one (1) and/or (2) days prior to their first Match in the Stadium in the Competition.
- 5.3. Use of footballs shall only be permitted within the confirmed timeframes of the official training.
- 5.4. The Field of Play must be prepared to Match-condition for official training. If the Field of Play is not in Match-condition, the AFF Match Commissioner may shorten or cancel the official training and direct the Teams to inspect the Field of Play wearing training shoes only.
- 5.5. If a Team chooses not to train at a Stadium, they must provide the AFF Match Commissioner with the time and location of their official training at another designated Official Training Site approved by the AFF. This shall be treated as their official training, and they shall forfeit the right to train at that particular Stadium prior to the Match for the duration of the Competition.

- 5.6. The Host MA is required to provide at least one (1) ambulance equipped with advanced life supporting equipment and an adequate number of security personnel during the Official Training at the Stadium

## 6. Training Pitches

- 6.1. A minimum of two (2) standard training pitches (collectively the Training Sites) approved by the AFF needs to be available and each training pitch shall have the following during the Team's training:
  - 6.1.1. At least one (1) movable goal with net;
  - 6.1.2. Dressing room with proper toilet and washing facilities;
  - 6.1.3. Medical room equipped with basic medical amenities or one (1) ambulance with paramedics and AED; and
  - 6.1.4. Secured from access by general public and fencing around the facility with controlled entrances to prevent unauthorised access (to guarantee the implementation of a closed training session).
- 6.2. With the exception of official training sessions at the Stadium, any official training must be undertaken in an Official Training Site approved in writing by the AFF.
- 6.3. All training pitches must comply with all relevant FIFA/AFC/AFF regulations, and any other safety and security standards issued by or contained within relevant FIFA/AFC/AFF guidelines, directives, or circulars.
- 6.4. All training pitches shall be nominated by the Host MA and are subject to inspection and confirmation by the AFF.
- 6.5. AFF reserves the right to refuse the nomination of training pitches and require the Host MA to nominate an alternate training pitch.
- 6.6. If at any time during the Competition the AFF Competition Secretariat or AFF General Secretariat deems that, for whatever reason, the training pitches are not fit to stage training, it shall consult with the Host MA and propose an alternate training pitch.
- 6.7. No Training Equipment of any kind (e.g., Free kick walls, mannequins, speed ladders, marker cones, slalom poles etc.) will be provided by the AFF and/or the Host MA. If Teams wish to use any Training Equipment during the training sessions, they must provide it themselves (and use of such Training Equipment shall be at the Teams' own risk).

#### **Appendix 4: Registration of Players Who Have Acquired a New Nationality**

No.	Documents	Attached (Please tick)
1.	Official Registration Form for Players with passport photo.	
2.	The Player must provide one of the following categories of documents:	
(a)	<p>Letter from the MA of the Player's previous nationality or country of birth declaring that the Player has never participated (either in full or in part) for its representative Teams in an official competition of any category of any type of football; and</p> <p>Letter from the Player declaring that he has never participated for any representative Teams of any MA (either in full or in part) in an official competition of any category of any type of football.</p>	
(b)	Decision of the FIFA Football Tribunal or from the Court of Arbitration for Sport allowing the Player to change Association.	
3.	Clear copy of Player's passport of the country the player wishes to represent.	
4.	Clear copy of Player's national ID card of the country the player wishes to represent.	
5.	If the Player seeks to rely on 2(a) as opposed to 2(b), they must provide one of the following categories of documents:	
(a)	<p>Evidence that their father or mother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and</p> <p>Evidence that such person is their biological parent.</p>	
(b)	<p>Evidence that their grandfather or grandmother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and</p> <p>Evidence that such person is their biological grandparent.</p>	
(c)	<p>Evidence that the Player has lived continuously on the territory of the relevant Association in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes; and</p> <p>Any further evidence as required in the FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes.</p>	

**Appendix 5: Registration of Players Who Have a Nationality Entitling Them to Represent More Than One Football Association**

No.	Documents	Attached (Please tick)
1.	Official Registration Form for Players with passport photo.	
2.	The Player must provide one of the following categories of documents:	
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Letter from the MA of the Player's previous nationality or country of birth declaring that the Player has never participated (either in full or in part) for its representative Teams in an official competition of any category of any type of football; and</li> <li>ii) Letter from the Player declaring that he has never participated in a match (either in full or in part) for any representative Teams of any MA in an official competition of any category of any type of football.</li> </ul>	
(b)	Decision of the FIFA Football Tribunal or from the Court of Arbitration for Sport allowing the Player to change Association.	
3.	Clear copy of Player's passport of the country the Player wishes to represent.	
4.	Clear copy of Player's national ID card of the country the Player wishes to represent.	
5.	If the Player seeks to rely on 2(a) as opposed to 2(b), they must provide one of the following categories of documents:	
(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Evidence that their father or mother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and</li> <li>ii) Evidence that such person is their biological parent.</li> </ul>	
(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Evidence that their grandfather or grandmother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and</li> <li>ii) Evidence that such person is their biological grandparent.</li> </ul>	
(c)	Evidence that the Player has lived continuously on the territory of the relevant Association for at least five (5) years	

## **Appendix 6: Player Selection List and Officials on the Substitution Bench Form**

This Appendix details the usage of the Player Selection List as provided in Article 35.1.3 of these Regulations.

1. For all Matches, each Team will receive a “Player Selection List” on which the numbers and full names (last name, first name) of the Players are listed prior to their arrival at the Stadium. The numbers on the Players’ kit shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the Player Selection List.
2. Each Team must mark on the Player Selection List the starting eleven (11), including the team captain, and up to the maximum number of substitutes specified in the relevant Competition regulations.
3. Each Player who is marked on the Player Selection List must be available at the ‘Player and Equipment Check’ undertaken by the AFF Match Commissioner on Match day.
4. Each Team must submit their ‘Player Selection List’ signed by the Head Coach and/or the Team Manager together with the ‘Officials on the Substitution Bench’ form with the names of the Team Officials who shall be entitled to sit on the Team bench in accordance with these Regulations to the AFF Match Commissioner electronically (soft copy via WhatsApp) when the Team departs from their Accommodation to the Stadium. A physical/hard copy shall be submitted to the AFF Match Commissioner upon arrival at the Stadium or latest by ninety (90) minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.
5. Match Start List
  - 5.1. Upon receipt of the ‘Player Selection List’, the AFF Match Commissioner will issue the ‘Match Start List’.
  - 5.2. The ‘Match Start List’ shall be signed by the AFF Match Commissioner, whose signature will make it an official document.
  - 5.3. The AFF Match Commissioner together with the Fourth Official, will check the Accreditation Cards and playing kits of the Players listed on the Match Starting List seventy-five (75) minutes before the Match. Each Player must be prepared, available and in physical possession of their Accreditation Card to avoid any delays. Only those Players possessing an Accreditation Card are entitled to participate in the Match, unless otherwise authorised by the AFF in exceptional circumstances.
  - 5.4. Following the production of the Match Start List but prior to the commencement of the Match:
    - 5.4.1. If any of the eleven (11) Players selected to start the Match are unable to start for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Match Starting List.
    - 5.4.2. The Team Manager shall immediately submit an updated Player Selection List to the AFF Match Commissioner, who shall produce an updated ‘Match Start List’.
    - 5.4.3. There is no limit to the number of replacements.
    - 5.4.4. The replaced Player(s) shall no longer be eligible to participate in the Match. The Team may still utilise the maximum number of substitutions during the Match as specified in these Regulations. The Team shall not be entitled to add any further substitutes; the number of substitutes shall be reduced accordingly.

- 5.4.5. The replaced Player(s) may still sit on the Team bench during the Match. If so seated, they may be subject to doping control.
- 5.4.6. Only Players who are identified as the starting eleven (11) on the Match Start List produced by the AFF Match Commissioner may start the Match.

## **Appendix 7: Logistical Arrangements**

1. This Appendix details the logistical arrangements to be made by both the Host MA as well as the Teams for the duration of the Competition, in accordance with Section 7, Article 40 of these Regulations.

### **2. Host MA obligations**

2.1 Six (6) litres of drinking water per person per day and sufficient ice for all member of the Teams;

2.2 Transportation

2.2.1 The Host MA is responsible for providing the AFF Delegation and the Participating Teams with the following vehicles:

2.2.1.1 Participating Teams

2.2.1.1.1 Throughout the period commencing from two (2) days before the Match and ending on the day after the final Match of the Competition, the Host MA must provide a 44-seater air-conditioned bus with a driver for the transportation of the Participating Team delegation to the training ground, Match(es), to and from the airport and the venue, and to official functions.

2.2.1.1.2 Throughout the period commencing two (2) days before the Match and ending on the day after the final Match of the Competition, the Host MA must provide an air-conditioned multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) with a driver to accommodate five (5) people, for the transportation of the officials to the training ground, Match(es), to and from the airport and the venue, and to official functions.

2.2.1.1.3 Additionally, for transportation to and from the airport and on Match days, the Host MA must provide one roofed truck (preferably with a 4-ton capacity) for the transportation of goods.

2.2.1.1.4 Even if a Participating Team arrives earlier than two (2) days or departs later than one (1) day after its final Match, the Host MA is still obliged to provide the transportation as described above. However, in such instance, the cost of such transportation for such additional day(s) shall be borne by the Participating Team.

2.2.1.2 AFF Delegation

2.2.1.2.1 Throughout the period commencing from the arrival of the AFF Match Commissioner up to the date of his/her departure, the Host MA shall provide an air-conditioned sedan with a driver to accommodate five (5) people for his/her transportation to the training ground, Match, to and from the airport at the venue, as well as for the official use by the AFF Match Commissioner at his/her discretion.

2.2.1.2.2 Throughout the period commencing from the arrival of the AFF General Coordinator up to the date of his/her departure, the Host MA shall provide an air-conditioned sedan with a driver to accommodate five (5) people, for his/her the transportation to the training ground, Match, to and from the airport at the venue as well as for the official use of the AFF General Coordinator at his/her discretion.

2.2.1.2.3 The Host Member Association must provide one (1) van (preferably 8-seater or larger) air-conditioned sedan with a driver for the transportation of the AFF Referee Assessor, referees, assistant referees, and fourth officials to the training ground, Match, to and from the airport at the venue, as well as for the official use of the AFF Referee Assessor, referees, assistant referees, video match officials, and fourth officials at their discretion throughout the period commencing from their date of arrival at the venue to the date of their departure.

2.2.1.2.4 The Host MA must provide one (1) van (preferably 8-seater or larger) air-conditioned sedan with a driver for the transportation of the members of the Tournament Committee at their discretion throughout the period commencing from their date of arrival at the venue to the date of their departure.

2.2.1.2.4 Additional mode of transportation shall also be provided for other individuals designated as being part of the AFF Delegation.

2.2.1.2.5 The AFF may adjust their requirements as it deems necessary and update the Host MA accordingly.

2.2.2 Security facilities to be provided in the Stadium and hotel including police escorts for Participating Teams and Match Officials on Match days.

2.3 Arrangements for the AFF Delegation and Match Officials

- 2.3.1 Single rooms for each member of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials. AFF Delegation and Match Officials to be accommodated at a separate hotel from the Teams.
- 2.3.2 Sufficient quantity daily meals, including light meals on Match days for all members of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials. Halal food, 'pork-free' and/or specific dietary requirements should be catered for.
- 2.3.3 Six (6) pieces of laundry per person per day for all members of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials (non-cumulative). Two (2) pieces of dry-cleaning service every alternate day for AFF Delegation only.
- 2.3.4 Six (6) litres of drinking water per person per day and sufficient ice for all members of AFF Delegation and Match Officials.

2.3.5 AFF Competition Secretariat room(s) for the AFF Delegation at the hotel fully equipped with office equipment as per the AFF Hosting Obligations. If Competition Secretariat room(s) is not available, the Host MA shall ensure that the AFF Delegation are able to use the hotel's business centre at no additional cost to the AFF.

2.3.6 Each AFF Official (except Referees and Assistant Referees) shall receive a SIM Card with international calling with nominal value inclusive of internet upon their arrival to the Accommodation and/or Venue.

2.4 Airport Reception

2.4.1 The Host MA shall ensure that the LOC representatives are present at the immigration/custom checkpoints to assist the AFF Delegation/Officials and Teams, SPORTFIVE and appointed STP, if any, for clearance purposes.

2.4.2 The Host MA shall also ensure all respective official vehicles are on time to pick- up the AFF Delegation/Officials and Teams, SPORTFIVE and appointed STP, if any.

2.5 The Host MA will pay the appointed AFF Delegation and Match Officials the following:

2.5.1 A daily allowance.

2.5.2 Incidental charges and miscellaneous fees such as visa fees, etc.

2.5.3 Reimbursement of the air tickets (Economy Class only) from their capital city to venue and return.

2.6 Liaison Officers

2.6.1 Each Team shall be provided with an English-speaking Liaison Officer during their entire official duration. The Liaison Officers shall be with their respective Teams all the time.

2.6.2 AFF Delegation (including Match Officials) shall be provided with English-speaking Liaison Officers during their entire official duration. The Liaison Officers shall be with the AFF Delegation all the time.

2.7 Visas

2.7.1 The Host MA shall ensure that visa requirements and/or entry requirements to the relevant territory are provided to the AFF Delegation, all members of any Team Delegation, SPORTFIVE, Official Licensees, Media and travelling supporters.

3 Team Obligations

3.1. Each Team at their own expense, throughout their stay are solely responsible throughout the competitions for:

3.1.1. All costs incurred including accommodation, meals, laundry and airfares for all their away matches;

- 3.1.2. any incidental expenses incurred for the duration of their stay for their away matches; and
- 3.1.3. the insurance coverage of its Team official delegation (including without limitation travel, hospitalisation and surgical operations, repatriates, insurance for Team equipment, etc.) for all Matches.

3.2 Visa

- 3.2.1 Each Team must apply for all necessary visas for their Team Official and/or Players prior to their arrival. Visa application costs shall be borne by each Team.
- 3.2.2 Any Team unable to fulfil a fixture as a result of failing to secure visas shall be referred to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

## **Appendix 8: Photographer Operations Guidelines**

1. Failure to adhere to this Appendix may result in the eviction of a photographer from a Stadium and refusal of accreditation for future Competitions.
2. All photographers requiring access to the Competition must contact the Host MA and complete the necessary application procedures to clear their request.
3. All photographers requiring field area access must wear a Media Bib. The Host MA shall make the bibs available at the entrance to a Stadium upon showing the approved media accreditation.
4. Match Start Lists will be made available in the media centre no later than sixty (60) minutes before kick-off.
5. Access to the Field of Play is not permitted at any time, including before and after the Match.
6. Before the start of each Match, photographers may shoot the line-ups of the Teams from the touchline but must not enter the Field of Play.
7. Once the Match starts, photographers must stay behind the advertising boards behind the goals and are not permitted to change sides until half-time or the end of normal playing time and the start of Extra Time, if any. When changing ends on half time, photographers should pass along the opposite side of the Team Benches from behind the advertising boards. Under no circumstances will photographers be allowed to shoot from either touchline during the Match, except when seats have been allocated in any particular Match.
8. The Head Coaches of the Teams shall attend a press conference that will commence immediately after the Match. At the press conference, all photographers must stand at the rear of the room and allow journalists to be seated towards the front.
9. The official photographers may work from any position, including touchlines, but should not move during the Match. The instructions provided by the AFF, AFF Match Commissioner, AFF Media Officer and General Coordinator at a Stadium must be followed.
10. Photographers are required to obtain the prior authorisation of the AFF before setting up any remote camera in designated areas. Remote cameras shall not exceed the height of 25 centimetres and shall only be serviced during half-time.
11. Failure to adhere to this Appendix 8: Photographer Operations Guidelines, may result in the eviction from a Stadium and refusal of accreditation for future competitions apart from being subjected to sanctions as provided in these Regulations.

## **Photographer Rope Procedure**

12. The Host MA shall ensure that two (2) ropes (20 meters each) are available for smooth conduct of the photographer's rope procedure during team's march-in.
13. The Host MA shall be also responsible for providing a minimum of six (6) volunteers [three (3) on each side] to hold the ropes in an L shape when the teams march-in and close the ropes forming one (1) straight line after the last players from each team enters the Field of Play.

14. The rope should remain in the straight-line position until the team captains finish their group photos with the Match Officials.
15. After being escorted by photo marshals to the centre, the photographers may change sides before the national flags are brought inside the Field of Play.
16. The official photographers shall not occupy any position in the middle of the team's match-in or together with the HB camera, instead of the top end corners of the ropes.

## **Appendix 9: Equipment Regulations**

### **1. Playing Equipment**

- 1.1. All goalkeepers in a Participating Team must wear the same Playing Kit as each other, and all Outfield Players in a Participating Team must wear the same Playing Kit as each other. All items of a Participating Team's Playing Kit must be produced by the same Manufacturer or remain unbranded in whole or in part.
- 1.2. Interior surfaces and other areas of an item may not contain any marks or identifiers that may be visible on the exterior or that may constitute an ambush marketing attempt. For example, standard manufacturer labels such as those located on the next of a shirt should not be oversized or clearly visible from more than five meters (5m) away in the event the Player removes the item of clothing (such as after the Match).
- 1.3. Playing Equipment shall be composed of structural sections which are combined in order to make up a full shirt, pair of shorts or socks, such as sleeves, shirt collar, leg of shorts or top edges of a sock. Any such structural section may be determined by a change of fabric (e.g., cotton or polyester) and/or technique (e.g., woven).
- 1.4. No structural section of the Playing Equipment or material used for numbers, Player names, badges or to identify the PMA, the Manufacturer or any third party, may be made of reflective material or change colour or appearance due to any external influence, including pressure, light or water.

### **2. Colours**

- 2.1. Teams must declare the first and second colours (second colour must be completely different from the Team's first colour) of their respective Teams and they are obliged to use these colours for all their Matches. To avoid clash of colours, colours to be worn by Teams for Matches shall be determined at the Match Coordination Meeting.

#### **First Choice Kit**

Team 1



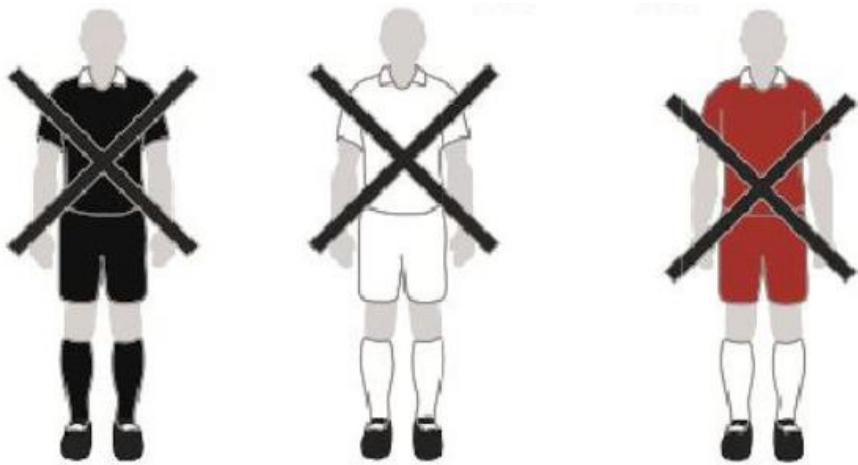
Team 2



Team 3



#### **Second Choice Kit**



- 2.2. The choice of colours for the Official Kit and Reserve Kit must be registered on the relevant forms issued by the AFF upon entry in the Competition.
- 2.3. No item of Kit worn by an outfield Player or goalkeeper shall contain more than four (4) colours. Colours used in identifications of any PMA, Manufacturer Identification and/or other marks or insignia are not deemed a colour of the Playing Equipment. Furthermore, one (1) colour must be clearly predominant on the shirt, shorts and socks.
- 2.4. With the sole exception of vertically or horizontally striped and chequered shirts using two (2) colours equally in a non-dominant manner, in the event that three (3) or four (4) colours are used on the surface of any Playing Equipment, one (1) of the colours used must be clearly predominant and the remaining colours on the same item of Playing Equipment must be clearly minor. The predominant colour must be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the item of Playing Equipment. In the event of vertically or horizontally striped or chequered shirts using two (2) colours equally in a non-predominant manner, the third or fourth colour on the surface of the shirt shall be used in a manner not affecting the predominant visual impression of the two (2) colours used as stripes and checkers and one (1) of these two (2) colours must be predominant on the shorts or socks.
- 2.5. The main (predominant) colour must be visible to the same extent on the back and front of the Kit item in question.
- 2.6. Notwithstanding Article 2.2 of this Appendix 10 of these Regulations, a fifth Colour may be used for numbering and naming purposes. The colours used for numbering and naming purposes shall be the same for all outfield Players of the same Team.
- 2.7. Both the Official Kit and Reserve Kit shall be taken to every Match of the relevant Competition.
- 2.8. The colours of the Official Kit must be noticeably different from and contrasting to the colours of the Reserve Kit. Teams may be requested to mix the Official Kit and Reserve Kit for Matches in order to create a visible contrast with the other Team and must comply with any such instruction from the Match Commissioner. The colours worn by the goalkeeper must be noticeably different from those worn by the outfield Players of his own Team. Furthermore, the goalkeeper colours for a Match must contrast to the Playing Equipment worn by the opposing Team

and the Match Officials. The Playing Equipment of all goalkeepers of the same Team must be identical.

- 2.9. All Goalkeepers registered in a Team Official Delegation must wear the same jersey colours declared to the AFF upon entry to the Competition. Goalkeepers are not entitled to personal colours.
- 2.10. Each Team shall wear its Official Kit as declared on the relevant forms issued by the AFF upon entry into the Competition during Matches. If in the opinion of the referee or Match Commissioner, the colours of the Teams might cause confusion or prove unsuitable for television broadcast, the Host Team shall wear its Official Kit while the visiting Team will wear either its Reserve Kit or a combination of both as instructed by the referee or Match Commissioner.
- 2.11. Undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts.
- 2.12. The AFF will decide on Match colours for all Matches.
- 2.13. To change its registered colours, a Participating MA or Teams submits a written request to the AFF at least seven (7) days before the respective Match together with a sample of the amended Equipment.

### 3. Numbers

- 3.1. A number must appear on the back (centred) of all shirts used as Playing Equipment. The number must be between 25 cm (twenty-five centimetres) and 35 cm (thirty-five centimetres) in height, clearly legible and positioned in the centre back of the shirt. The stroke width of the number must be between 3 cm (three centimetres) and 5 cm (five centimetres). The number must be entirely visible when the shirt is tucked into the shorts.





- 3.2. Numbers should range from 1 – **26** in figures universally used, with the number 1 reserved for a goalkeeper.
- 3.3. The number must also be displayed on the front of each shirt in any position at chest level. The number must be between 10 cm (ten centimetres) and 15 cm (fifteen centimetres) in height, clearly legible and be the same colour as the number on the back of the shirt.
- 3.4. The number must also appear on the front of the shorts positioned on either leg. The number must be between 10 cm (ten centimetres) and 15 cm (fifteen centimetres) in height and clearly legible.
- 3.5. Based on the principle of light and dark contrast of used colours and irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, the colour used for any number appearing on Playing Equipment must be clearly legible and distinguishable from a distance for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the colours used for the Playing Equipment. This distinction may be achieved by displaying the numbers on a single-coloured patch. The number may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline. A ‘number zone’ must be created on the back of the shirt unless, at the discretion of the AFF, it is decided that the number appearing is clearly legible and distinguishable from a distance by all Players, the Match Officials, spectators and media, from the colours used for the Equipment. A ‘number zone’ may be created on the front of the shirt.
- 3.6. The numbers may be sewn on or affixed to the kit item by heat transfer. The numbers may not be attached with Velcro or other temporary means.
- 3.7. The Official Emblem may only appear once on the bottom of each figure of the number on the back of the shirt. Its size shall not exceed 5 cm<sup>2</sup> (five square centimetres) and shall not affect the legibility of the number.
- 3.8. Except for the Official Emblem, a number shall not contain, or give the visual impression of, any Manufacturer Identification or elements which at the discretion of the AFF create an association with a Manufacturer, sponsor or any third party.

#### 4. Player Names

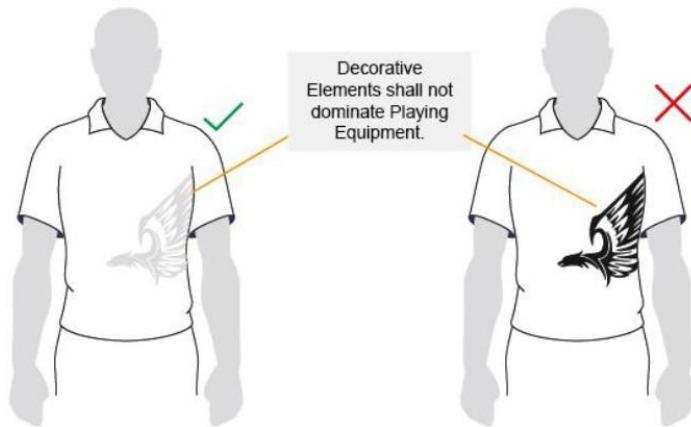
- 4.1. Players must be identified by their surname or popular name on the back of the shirt. The Name must be identical with that declared on the relevant forms issued by the AFF upon entry to the Competition.
- 4.2. Player names must appear on the back of the shirt used as Playing Equipment in all Competitions:
  - 4.2.1. The name must be positioned above the number on the back of the shirt;
  - 4.2.2. The letters shall be between 5 cm (five centimetres) and 7.5 cm (seven and a half centimetres) in height and must be separated from the number by at least 4 cm (four centimetres). They may be in upper and/or lower case. For better legibility, they may be surrounded by a border or shadow outline. In the case of striped shirts, the name must be either affixed to a neutral-coloured patch or surrounded by a border or shadow outline;
  - 4.2.3. The letters must be the same colour as that of the number on the back of the shirt. They may not contain any Manufacturer Identification, advertising, design features or other elements.
  - 4.2.4. The name must be clearly distinguishable from the colour of the shirt. It must contrast (light on dark or vice versa) with the colour of the shirt as specified in Article 4 of this Appendix 10 of these Regulations.

Player's name must be **5 - 7.5cm** in height. The name must be separated from the number by at least **4cm**.



## 5. Decorative Elements

5.1. Playing Equipment may contain Decorative Elements which shall not be designed or used in a manner limiting the ability of all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media to clearly distinguish the opposing Teams irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light. Decorative Elements shall not dominate Playing Equipment.



5.2. Decorative Elements contained in Official Kit and Reserve Kit may be identical, provided that no Decorative Elements are designed or used in a manner limiting the distinction between the Official Kit and Reserve Kit.

5.3. Decorative Elements must be permanently incorporated in Playing Equipment using one (1) or more of the following techniques:

- 5.3.1. Jacquard Weave;
- 5.3.2. tonal print;
- 5.3.3. embossing; or
- 5.3.4. any other technical solution approved by the AFF.

5.4. Decorative Elements must not impair the legibility of any Player number and name. No letter or number may be used as a Decorative Element.

5.5. Decorative Elements may form part of a Manufacturer's generic product line, provided these Decorative Elements do not display, stylise, or produce the visual impression of a Manufacturer Identification, country, religious symbol, corporate symbol, or other comparable symbol.

5.6. In case of dispute regarding the nature of any representation on Equipment, the AFF at its discretion shall decide whether it shall be regarded as a Manufacturer Identification, Decorative Element, or Sponsor Advertising.

## 6. Sleeve Free Zone

6.1. The Sleeve Free Zone is exclusively reserved for specified AFF badges. No other elements shall be positioned immediately adjacent to these AFF badges.

6.2. The Sleeve Free Zone must be on the RIGHT SIDE which is at least 12 cm (twelve centimetres) high, 8 cm (eight centimetres) wide and be centred between the shoulder point and the elbow point.



## 7. Special Equipment for Players

### 7.1. General Principles

- 7.1.1. Except for the specific Special Equipment items set out below, in accordance with Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, a Player may use Special Equipment provided that its sole purpose is to protect him physically and poses no danger to him or any other Players. Special Equipment must be made of material that is not dangerous to the Player wearing it or any other Player. The use of Special Equipment remains subject to the inspection and approval of the AFF and/or the Referee of a Match.
- 7.1.2. Special Equipment shall not affect the clear distinction for all Players, Match Officials, spectators, and media of opposing Teams irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light.
- 7.1.3. No structural section of, or material used for, Special Equipment or any other Equipment listed in may be made of reflective material or change colour or appearance due to any external influence, including pressure, light, and water.

### 7.2. Captain's Armbands

- 7.2.1. Captain's armbands shall be of one (1) dominant colour, or exceptionally composed of the colours of the National Flag clearly distinguishable from the colour used on the sleeves of the shirt of a Player. Captain's armbands must be separate from the shirt.
- 7.2.2. Captain's armbands shall remain free of, and shall not produce, subject to the discretion of the AFF, the visual effect of a Manufacturer Identification, a sponsor, any Decorative Element or further elements, except for the word "captain" or an abbreviation or translation thereof or the Official Emblem of the MA.

### 7.3. Goalkeeper Gloves

- 7.3.1. Goalkeepers may wear goalkeeper gloves of any colour. The goalkeeper gloves shall be separate from the shirt. Goalkeepers of the same Team may wear different goalkeeper gloves.

7.3.2. The name and/or the number of the goalkeeper may appear once on each goalkeeper glove. The letters used shall not exceed 2 cm (two centimetres) in height.

7.3.3. PMAs or Teams may display one (1) single type of identification on each goalkeeper glove, chosen from:

- (i) Official Emblem: maximum 50 cm<sup>2</sup> (fifty square centimetres);
- (ii) Official Symbol: maximum 50 cm<sup>2</sup> (fifty square centimetres);
- (iii) Official Name: maximum 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (twelve square centimetres);
- (iv) National Flag: maximum 25 cm<sup>2</sup> (twenty-five square centimetres); or
- (v) Country Name: maximum 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (twelve square centimetres).

7.3.4. The identification may be freely positioned on the goalkeeper gloves and shall be displayed no more than once.

7.3.5. Any letters used for the Official Name or Country Name, must not exceed 2 cm (two centimetres) in height.

7.3.6. Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each goalkeeper glove. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm<sup>2</sup> (twenty square centimetres).

7.3.7. A Quality Seal or Technology Label may be used once on each goalkeeper glove in any position, but not exceeding 10 cm<sup>2</sup> (ten square centimetres).

7.4. Goalkeeper Cap

7.4.1. Goalkeepers may, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, wear a goalkeeper cap of any colour. The goalkeeper cap must be produced by the Manufacturer of one of their items of Playing Equipment. Goalkeepers of the same Team may wear different goalkeeper caps.

7.4.2. The name and/or the number of the goalkeeper may appear once on the goalkeeper cap. The letters used shall not exceed 2 cm (two centimetres) in height.

7.4.3. PMAs or Teams may display one (1) single type of identification on a goalkeeper cap, chosen from:

- (i) Official Emblem: maximum 50 cm<sup>2</sup> (fifty square centimetres);
- (ii) Official Symbol: maximum 50 cm<sup>2</sup> (fifty square centimetres);
- (iii) Official Name: maximum 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (twelve square centimetres);
- (iv) National Flag: maximum 25 cm<sup>2</sup> (twenty-five square centimetres);
- (v) Country Name: maximum 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (twelve square centimetres).

7.4.4. This type of identification may be freely positioned on the goalkeeper cap and shall be displayed no more than once.

7.4.5. Any letters used for the Official Name or Country Name must not exceed 2 cm (two centimetres) in height.

7.4.6. Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each goalkeeper cap. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm<sup>2</sup> (twenty square centimetres). The positioning of this identification is unrestricted.

## 7.5. Gloves worn by Outfield Players

- 7.5.1. Outfield Players may wear gloves. The gloves shall be separate from the shirt.
- 7.5.2. Neither the name (nor abbreviation) nor the number of a Player may be displayed on the gloves.
- 7.5.3. PMAs or Teams may display one (1) single type of identification on each glove of an outfield Player, chosen from:
  - (i) Official Emblem;
  - (ii) Official Symbol;
  - (iii) Official Name;
  - (iv) National Flag; or
  - (v) Country Name.
- 7.5.4. This type of identification may be freely positioned on the gloves and shall be displayed no more than once. The size of the type of identification shall not exceed 12 cm<sup>2</sup> (twelve centimetres).

## 7.6. Headband and Wristband

- 7.6.1. Players may wear a headband or wristband. Neither the name (nor abbreviation) nor the number of a Player may be displayed on a headband or wristband. They may differ in size and/or other appearance, however, they must be either the same colour as a colour on the Player's Shirt, Shorts or Socks or they must be black or white.
- 7.6.2. PMAs or Teams may display one (1) single type of identification on a headband or wristband, chosen from:
  - (i) Official Emblem;
  - (ii) Official Symbol;
  - (iii) Official Name;
  - (iv) National Flag; or
  - (v) Country Name or City Name.
- 7.6.3. This type of identification may be freely positioned on the headband or wristband and shall be displayed no more than once. The size of the identification shall not exceed 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

## 7.7. Special Medical Protection Items

- 7.7.1. Special medical items, including without limitation, protective headgear, protective facial masks, knee and arm protectors, eyewear, and medical casts or splints, must be approved by the AFF in writing prior to use and are subject to Law 4 of the Laws of the Game. It shall not feature the Player's Name or Number or any abbreviation of the Name, and must not display any Team Identifier, Manufacturer Identifier, Decorative Element or other words or marks unless the AFF so permits.

## 7.8. Items Worn Under Playing Equipment

- 7.8.1. Electronic Performance and Tracking System (EPTS) equipment may be worn by Players during a Match covered by these Regulations as follows:

- 7.8.1.1. They must be certified and approved for use under the FIFA Quality Programme for Wearable Electronic Performance and Tracking Systems;
- 7.8.1.2. They must be worn underneath the Shirt and (unless agreed by the AFF) must not protrude outside of the Shirt;
- 7.8.1.3. They must not endanger the safety of any Player or Match Official, whether in their shape, the manner of their construction, the materials used, or otherwise;
- 7.8.1.4. They may display the Player's Name and Number once; and
- 7.8.1.5. They may not display any Team Identifier, Manufacturer Identifier Decorative Element or Sponsor Advertising.

## 7.9. Warm-Up and Substitute Bibs

- 7.9.1. AFF may decide to provide warm-up bibs for Matches in the Competitions. In case of any such restriction, the AFF will exclusively provide each PMA or Team with a sufficient number of bibs in contrasting colours to be worn on Match days by the Players while warming up and by the substitute Players before they are substituted into the Match.
- 7.9.2. In the event that the AFF decides not provide bibs for any Matches in the Competitions, bibs shall be clearly distinguishable, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the colours of the shirts being used as Playing Equipment.
- 7.9.3. PMAs or Teams may display any type of identification on the bibs, but may not display a) the Player's Name or Number or any abbreviation thereof, b) any Sponsor Advertising, and c) any political, religious, controversial, derogatory or insulting words, images, statements or other commercial messages of any kind.
- 7.9.4. The PMAs or Teams at their sole discretion may determine the number and types of identifications to be displayed, their size, and their exact locations.
- 7.9.5. Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each bib. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm<sup>2</sup> (twenty square centimetres). The positioning of this identification is unrestricted.

## 8. Special Equipment in the Controlled Access Area

### 8.1. General Principles

- 8.1.1. This Article 8 shall apply to any Special Equipment worn in any Controlled Access Area by the Team Official Delegation or Match Officials. For the avoidance of doubt, the application of this Article 8 includes wearing Special Equipment in a Controlled Access Area, without limitation, at both official training and Matches.
- 8.1.2. No sponsor advertising is permitted on any Special Equipment worn in any Controlled Access Area by the Team Official Delegation or Match Officials.

## 8.2. Tops

- 8.2.1. The Team Official Delegation and Match Officials may wear tops (including without limitation tracksuit jackets, rain jackets, winter jackets, coats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts) in the Controlled Access Area.
- 8.2.2. Participating MAs or Teams may display any type of identification on the tops.
- 8.2.3. Participating MAs or Teams at their sole discretion may determine the number and types of identifications to be displayed, their size, and their exact locations.
- 8.2.4. Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each top. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm<sup>2</sup> (twenty square centimetres). The positioning of this identification is unrestricted.

## 8.3. Bottoms

- 8.3.1. The Team Official Delegation and Match Officials may wear bottoms (including without limitation tracksuit bottoms, rainwear bottoms, shorts, and winter trousers) in the Controlled Access Area.
- 8.3.2. Participating MAs or Teams may display any type of identification on the bottoms.
- 8.3.3. Participating MAs or Teams at their sole discretion may determine the number and types of identifications to be displayed, their size, and their exact locations.
- 8.3.4. Only one (1) type of Manufacturer Identification may appear once on each bottom. Such manufacturer identification must not exceed 20 cm<sup>2</sup> (twenty square centimetres). The positioning of this identification is unrestricted.

## 8.4. Bags and Other Items

- 8.4.1. Bags (e.g., medical bags, equipment bags, ball bags) and any other items (e.g., personal devices, personal bags, accessory clothing items, and other fashion accessories) used by Team Official Delegation members within the Controlled Access Areas:
  - 8.4.1.1. May display Team identifiers in any position or quantity;
  - 8.4.1.2. May not display sponsor advertising;
  - 8.4.1.3. Must not be used in such a manner that in the AFF's opinion could amount to ambush marketing; and
  - 8.4.1.4. Must not contain any political, religious, controversial, derogatory or insulting words, images, statements or other commercial messages of any kind.

## 9. Special Equipment for Other Persons

### 9.1. Ball Persons, Player Escorts and Flag Bearers

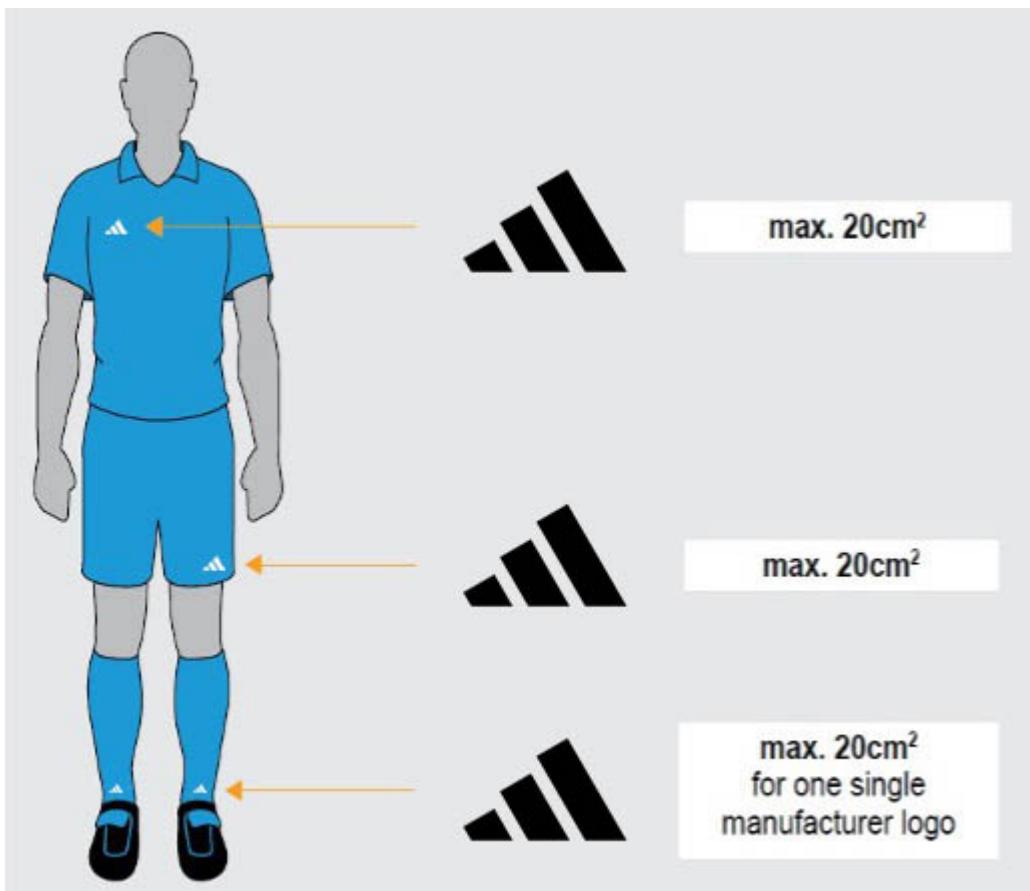
- 9.1.1. The AFF may provide ball persons, Player escorts (if any) and flag bearers with all Equipment for AFF Competitions.
- 9.1.2. Ball persons may wear Special Equipment consisting of a dominant colour which must be clearly distinguishable for all Players, Match Officials, spectators and media from the colours of the Players of the opposing Participating Teams and the Match Officials, irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light.

9.2. Other Equipment Items

- 9.2.1. Footballs
  - 9.2.1.1. Law 2 of the Laws of the Game applies to the use of footballs.
- 9.2.2. Football Boots
  - 9.2.2.1. Law 4 of the Laws of the Game applies to the use of football boots.
  - 9.2.2.2. Players of the same Participating Team may wear football boots of different Manufacturers and different visual appearance.
- 9.2.3. Shin guards
  - 9.2.3.1. Law 4 of the Laws of the Game applies to the use of shin-guards.
  - 9.2.3.2. Players of the same Participating Team may wear shin-guards of different Manufacturers and different visual appearance.
- 9.2.4. Field Equipment
  - 9.2.4.1. Law 1 of the Laws of the Game applies to the use of certain types of Field Equipment, including without limitation goals, goal nets, flag posts and their flags.
  - 9.2.4.2. All Field Equipment utilised by the Participating Teams in the technical area and on the Field of Play for storage, technical use, refreshments and medical treatment before and during a Match, must remain free of all forms of Sponsor Advertising and Manufacturer Identification. Additional Field Equipment must be approved in advance by the AFF.
  - 9.2.4.3. Only one type of Manufacturer Identification is allowed on Player bags and Participating Team equipment bags: maximum 25 cm<sup>2</sup> (twenty-five square centimetres).

## 10. Manufacturer's Logo/Trade Mark

10.1. The stipulations regarding the placement and size of manufacturer's logo/trademark are provided in the image reference hereinbelow:



*Note 1: This image is for reference purpose only.*

## **Appendix 10: Official Countdown**

Subject to any further measures as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, the following must be adhered to:

<b>Countdown</b>	<b>Activity</b>
-05h	Arrival of AFF Match Commissioner, AFF Media Officer, General Coordinator, Venue Coordinator and other AFF officials
-04h 45'	Final Stadium inspection
-04h 30'	AFF/Host MA Venue Meeting
-04h	Final rehearsal for pre-match ceremony & infotainment
-03h	All Security must be at designated positions and briefing with Head of Security
-02h	Enforcement of Access Control (SAD)
-02h	Arrival of Referees
-02h	Opening of Stadium to spectators
-01h 30'	Latest Teams arrival
-01h 20'	Match Start List produced and distributed to Teams, Media, Broadcaster, Announcer, Match Officials, VIPs, LOC, etc.
-01h 15'	Team A – AD Card and Equipment check by Match Commissioner and Match Official
-01h 10'	Team B – AD Card and Equipment check by Match Commissioner and Match Official
-50'	Warm-up of Goalkeepers and Outfield Players
-30'	Announcements of Team list and Match Officials by Announcer
-20'	Warm-up session ends. Teams return to respective dressing rooms
-20'	All flagbearers and flags are ready in the tunnel
-15'	Media Officer and Photo Marshal to secure photographers at the Technical Area
-10'	Substitute Players and Officials to be on the Bench
-10'	All Starting Players and Match Officials to be in the tunnel
-9'	Referees check on starting players list and player's equipment in the tunnel;
-9'	Flagbearers enter with national flag of Team A and followed by national flag of Team B
-8'	Flagbearers enter with the AFF and campaign flags, Match Officials and teams
-7'	Start of ceremony including team lining up in front of the VIP Tribune, VIP hand-shake (if applicable), National Anthem, teams handshake, teams photo, coin toss and exchange of pennants
<b>- 0'</b>	<b>Kick-off</b>

1. If there is any VIP handshake, 2 minutes to be added to the above countdown.
2. The official countdown for each match shall be produced by the AFF Match Commissioner.

## **Appendix 11: Standard Match Announcement Script**

The actual announcement script used for the Matches shall be prepared in accordance by the Host MA with any instructions from the AFF.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Announcement</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
T-30	Introduction of match	<p>Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to _____ (Stadium name, City name) for today's match of the _____ (Competition Name) between _____ (Team A Name) and _____ (Team B Name)</p>	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the match information.
	Introduction of Team A	<p>Here are the Team line-ups, for (Team A Name). Number (Players number), (popular name)</p> <p>The substitutes are, number _____ (Players number), _____ (popular name)</p> <p>The Head Coach is _____ (Head Coach name), from _____ (country of origin)</p>	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the Team A Players' and Head Coach Photos and name (if applicable)
	Introduction of Team B	<p>Here are the Team line-ups, for (Team B Name). Number (Players number), (popular name)</p> <p>The substitutes are, number _____ (Players number), _____ (popular name)</p> <p>The Head Coach is _____ (Head Coach name), from _____ (country of origin)</p>	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the Team B Players' and Head Coach Photos and name (if applicable)
	Introduction of Match Officials	<p>The referee for this match is _____ (name of referee) from _____ (country of origin)</p> <p>The assistant referees are _____ (name of assistant referee 1) from _____ (country of origin) and _____ (name of assistant referee 2) from _____ (country of origin)</p> <p>The fourth official is _____ (name of Fourth Official) from _____ (country of origin)</p> <p>(if applicable) The Video Assistant Referee is _____ (name of VAR) from _____ (country of origin)</p> <p>(if applicable) The Assistant Video Assistant Referee is _____ (name of AVAR) from _____ (country of origin)</p>	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer Giant Screen shall display the Match Officials' name Only the names of the Match Officials as defined in this Regulations shall be announced and displayed. For the avoidance of doubt, the names of any

			other official (e.g., Match Commissioner, Referee Assessor, etc.) shall not be announced
			Giant Screen shall go on LIVE by T-12'
-9*	Teams' Flag March-in		LIVE - March in of Teams' flag
-7* (MC/GC to Q)	Teams' March-in	Ladies and gentlemen, let's welcome the Teams of <u>  </u> (Team A Name) and <u>  </u> (Team B Name)	After Teams' flags are in position. MC/GC to give the Q
	FIFA Anthem		Anthem to be tuned down slowly at the signal of MC/GC
	Introduction of VVIP (only when instructed by MC/GC)	Ladies and Gentlemen, we have the pleasure to invite the AFF President, His Excellency Maj Gen Khiev Sameth and the dignitaries onto the pitch to be introduced to the Players and match officials.	AFF Protocol will escort the VVIPs to the FOP
After tuning down FIFA Anthem	Team *A National Anthem	<i>Ladies and Gentlemen, please stand up for the national anthem of <u>  </u>(Team A Name)</i>	Team A national anthem is played immediately after the announcement
After end of 1 <sup>st</sup> anthem	Team *B National Anthem	and now the national anthem of <u>  </u> (Team B Name)	Team B national anthem is played immediately after the announcement

## **ANNEXURE A: PARTICIPATING TEAM OBLIGATIONS**

### **ASEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CUP™ 2024 PARTICIPATING TEAM OBLIGATIONS**

In these Participating Team Obligations (the "PTO"), the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"AFF Partners" means the AFF Commercial Right Partner, commercial affiliates and any third parties which are authorised by the AFF.

"AFF Rights" means any and all Commercial Right, Proprietary Interests and Data.

"Applicable Regulations" means the ASEAN Championship Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 Tournament Regulations, the AFC Stadium Regulations, the AFF and AFC Equipment Regulations, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code, the AFC Safety and Security Regulations, the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, all other relevant regulations of the AFF, all directives, guidelines, circulars and instructions issued by the AFF, all applicable FIFA regulations and the Laws of the Game.

"Attributes" means any and all: (i) personal and biographical data, information and statistics of the Players and Participating Officials (including, without limitation, name(s), nickname(s) and age, as well as country, city and date of birth); and (ii) images (including, without limitation, head shots), voices, representations and likenesses of the Players and Participating Officials.

"Data" means any and all data, information and statistics relating to: (i) the Competition and past editions of the ASEAN Championship Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 competition, as well as other AFF competitions; and (ii) the participation of the Players and Participating Officials in the Competition as well as other AFF competitions.

"MA" means the respective AFF Member Associations.

"MA Indicia" means any and all indicia and branding of the MA (including, without limitation, all MA name(s), nickname(s), crest(s), logo(s), trade name(s), trademark(s), emblem(s) and stadium images).

"PT" means the respective Participating Teams.

"PT Indicia" means any and all indicia and branding of the PT (including, without limitation, all team name(s), nickname(s), crest(s), logo(s), trade name(s), trademark(s), emblem(s), team kit designs (both with and without sponsor and manufacturer branding) and stadium images.

All other capitalised terms appearing in this PTO shall, unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, have the meanings given to them in these Regulations.

THE MA AND THE PT ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE FOLLOWING:

1. The AFF owns all AFF Rights, and the MAs and PTs shall have no claim or right to the ownership of any AFF Rights. To the extent that any AFF Rights (or any part thereof) have vested or may vest in the MAs and/or PTs for any reason (whether by operation of law or otherwise), the MAs and/or PTs (as appropriate) hereby irrevocably agrees to assign all rights, title and interest in and to such AFF Rights to the AFF on a royalty-free basis and to take all steps necessary to implement the assignment.
2. The PTs, by virtue of participating in the Competition, hereby grants the AFF and the AFF Partners an unconditional and irrevocable licence and right to use, exploit and sub-license the respective PT Indicia and the Attributes on a royalty-free worldwide basis by any means and for any purposes relating to the AFF and/or the AFF's competitions (including, without limitation, promotional, commercial and non-commercial purposes) in perpetuity. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall include, without limitation, the right to record, reproduce, edit and/or stimulate the PT Indicia and/or Attributes in any medium (including, without limitation, visual, audio and audio-visual) and to use and exploit the same.
3. The MAs, hereby grants the AFF and the AFF Partners an unconditional and irrevocable licence to use, exploit and sub-license the MA Indicia and, where applicable, the Attributes on a royalty-free worldwide basis by any means and for any purposes relating to the AFF and/or the AFF's competitions (including, without limitation, promotional, commercial and non-commercial purposes) in perpetuity. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall include, without limitation, the right to record, reproduce, edit and/or stimulate the MA Indicia and/or Attributes in any medium (including, without limitation, visual, audio and audio-visual) and to use and exploit the same.
4. The MAs and PTs are aware of all applicable laws and regulations and have executed and have in their possession all written agreements and/or waivers (including, where applicable, from Players and Participating Officials) necessary to grant the licences and rights provided for as per this Annexure A of these Regulations.
5. Notwithstanding any provision of this PTO, the MA Indicia, PT Indicia and/or Attributes shall not (without the prior written consent of the relevant Player and/or Participating Official) be used in any manner which may reasonably be considered to constitute a personal endorsement by the Player and/or Participating Official of any commercial product or service.
6. The MAs and PTs are fully aware of and shall comply with the Applicable Regulations at all times.
7. The PT hereby confirms that it is not in breach of any of the provisions set out in these Regulations, including this Annexure A and nor is it aware of any facts or circumstances that may lead to it breaching any of these provisions at any time during the Competition.



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