



AFF WOMEN'S CUP 2026 TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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DEFINITIONS

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

<i>ACCREDITATION CARD</i>	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.
<i>ADVERTISING RIGHTS</i>	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 person, 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, AFC 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.
<i>AFC</i>	Asian Football Confederation
<i>AFF</i>	ASEAN Football Federation
<i>AFF COMMERCIAL RIGHTS PARTNER</i>	This shall refer to the entity which the AFF has granted an exclusive licence to utilise and exploit the Commercial Rights.
<i>AFF COMMITTEE</i>	Any Committee of the AFF as constituted in accordance with the AFF Statutes.
<i>AFF COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE</i>	An AFF Standing Committee tasked to (i) discuss and plan the different types of competitions for AFF and make

suitable recommendations to the AFF Council; (ii) make site visits whenever necessary for the selection of suitable venues for the competitions; (iii) formulate the Rules and Regulations for each type of competition; (iv) supervise the organisation of the competitions; and (v) undertake any other duties given by the AFF Council in the field of competitions.

<i>AFF DELEGATION</i>	(i) AFF staff members (ii) Match officials (iii) Other officials appointed by the AFF (iv) AFF Committee members, and (v) AFF guests
<i>AFF MARKS</i>	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.
<i>BROADCAST PARTNER</i>	Any entity, including the Host Broadcast, which has been granted the Media Rights (or any part thereof) to the Competition.
<i>CHAMPION</i>	The Participating Team that wins the Competition, at the end of all the Matches.
<i>COMMERCIAL AFFILIATE(S)</i>	Any entity which has been granted the right to exercise and exploit the Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) in respect to the Competition.
<i>COMMERCIAL RIGHTS</i>	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.
<i>COMPETITION</i>	The AFF Women's Cup 2026, 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, prize presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or Official Functions connected therewith.
<i>COMPETITION DATA</i>	Any and all information related to the Competition, including fixture lists, Image Rights, information and/or statistics about the Participating Teams, information and/or statistics about the Participating 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.

<i>COMPETITION MARKS</i>	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.
<i>COMPETITION WEBSITE</i>	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.).
<i>COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS</i>	Tickets which are supplied without charge.
<i>CONCESSION RIGHTS</i>	Sampling, vending, display and other distribution methods and payment methods connected therewith for and of products or services, including pourage rights at the Stadiums and Facility Areas.
<i>CONTROLLED ACCESS AREA (CAA)</i>	(i) any Stadium (ii) any Official Training Site (iii) any official hotel (public areas being excepted), subject to and to the extent agreed in any executed hotel agreement (iv) any official exclusion zone encircling a Stadium on a Match day (v) any official parking area, accreditation centre, international broadcast compound, and/or hospitality area (vi) the venue of any Official Function (vii) any official AFF fan park (viii) Facility Areas, and/or (ix) any other location and/or facility designated by the AFF as a CAA, 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.
<i>EXTRA TIME</i>	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.
<i>FACILITY AREA</i>	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.

<i>FIELD OF PLAY</i>	The area described in Law 1 of the Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board (“IFAB”) and administered by FIFA.
<i>FIFA</i>	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
<i>HOSPITALITY RIGHTS</i>	The opportunity to offer and sell hospitality and entertainment services at the Venues or within the CAA 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.
<i>HOST BROADCASTER</i>	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.
<i>HOST MEMBER ASSOCIATION (HOST MA)</i>	A Member Association which is approved by the AFF to organise, host and stage Matches in the Competition.
<i>IMAGE RIGHTS</i>	The right to use still and/or moving images and/or representations of Participating Teams, Participating Players, Participating Officials, Match Officials and other officials and persons forming part of the Competition.
<i>KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK</i>	‘Kicks from the Penalty Mark’ as described in the Laws of the Game.
<i>LAWS OF THE GAME</i>	The laws of association football issued by the IFAB.
<i>MATCH</i>	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 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. Should spectators not be allowed for any Match(es) then a Match formally commences when the Stadium would have otherwise been officially opened to the spectators and formally concludes when the Stadium would have otherwise been officially closed to spectators.

<i>MATCH OFFICIAL</i>	Any individual appointed to officiate a Match in the Competition in the roles 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.
<i>MATCH SCHEDULE</i>	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 Participating Teams.
<i>MEDIA RIGHTS</i>	The right and licence 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.
<i>MEMBER ASSOCIATION (MA)</i>	A football association which is a member of the AFF. The term “MA” is the abbreviation of this term and shall be construed accordingly.
<i>MERCHANDISE RIGHTS</i>	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, 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.
<i>OFFICIAL FUNCTION</i>	Any event which is officially organised 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 prize presentation ceremony, any AFF gala dinner, lunch or banquet, cultural events, official press conferences, official draws, workshops and launch events.

<i>OFFICIAL TRAINING SITE</i>	Any site designated by the Host MA and approved by the AFF for use by the Participating Teams throughout the Competition for training purposes.
<i>PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATION (PMA)</i>	A Member Association whose representative team participates in the Competition.
<i>PARTICIPATING OFFICIAL</i>	Any official who is registered to participate in the Competition.
<i>PARTICIPATING PLAYER</i>	Any player who is registered to participate in the Competition.
<i>PARTICIPATING TEAM</i>	Any representative team affiliated to a Participating Member Association.
<i>PREMIUMS</i>	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.
<i>PROMOTIONAL RIGHTS</i>	Any advertising and/or promotions which are carried out in connection with the Competition, Competition Marks, or other rights/opportunities granted by the AFF.
<i>PROPRIETARY INTERESTS</i>	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.
<i>SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS</i>	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: (i) use an official designation (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 (iii) receive commercial programme Tickets; and (iv) receive broadcast sponsorship opportunities in connection with broadcasts of a Match or Official Function.
<i>STADIUM</i>	Any Stadium at which a Match is played. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes: (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 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 (ii) parking facilities (iii) VIP and hospitality areas (including any hospitality village) (iv) concession areas (v) commercial display areas (vi) buildings (vii) the Field of Play (viii) the Media tribune (ix) any broadcast compound (x) the Stadium media centre (xi) the press conference room (xii) the mixed zone (xiii) any stands, and (xiv) any areas beneath the stands
<i>TEAM OFFICIAL DELEGATION</i>	The final registered delegation of a Participating Team for the duration of the relevant stage of the Competition subject to the limits set out in these Regulations.
<i>TICKET</i>	A pass providing access to a venue for the purpose of attending a Match, official training, or Official Function.
<i>TICKETING</i>	All operational measures to provide Tickets to all spectators for 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.
<i>TRAVEL AND TOUR RIGHTS</i>	The right to organise and/or sub-licence 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 feminine gender shall include the masculine 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; and
- (vii) references to Articles shall mean the Articles of these Regulations, unless expressly stated otherwise.

SECTION 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The AFF Women's Cup which is currently known as AFF Women's Cup 2026 (the "Competition") is organised by the AFF for its Participating Member Associations (the "PMAs") in order to field their best and strongest teams. This Competition is organised once every two (2) years.
- 1.2. These AFF Women's Cup 2026 Regulations (these "Regulations") govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of the AFF, Host Member Association (the "Host MA"), PMAs, Participating Teams, Participating Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials taking part in the 2026 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 of the Competition.
- 1.4. After the completion of the Competition, the top three (3) teams will qualify to the ASEAN Women's Championship 2027.
- 1.5. The Competition will be staged from 10 July to 22 July 2026 in Malaysia.
- 1.6. Any rights and Proprietary Interests associated with the Competition that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to any Host MA or PMAs, shall vest in the AFF.
- 1.7. Any reference to the AFF Statutes and to AFF, AFC and FIFA regulations refer to those valid at the time of application.
- 1.8. All capitalised terms used in these Regulations, not expressly defined herein, 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, 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 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (the "FIFA").
- 3.2. Upon AFF's receipt of the Interest to Participate Form from the MAs, the MAs cannot withdraw their participation 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 ranging between a minimum of USD200,000 (United States Dollars Two Hundred Thousand) and a maximum of USD1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million) shall mandatorily 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 at the relevant time.
- 3.3. Upon AFF's receipt of the Expression of Interest to Host Form, Host MA cannot refuse to host the Competition without the prior written recommendation and approval of the AFF Competitions Committee. Except in the case of Force Majeure (as defined in Article 8 of these Regulations), in case any Host MA refuses to host the Competition without such prior written approval, a fine ranging between a minimum of USD350,000 (United States Dollars Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand) and a maximum of USD1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million) shall be mandatorily 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 at the relevant time.

4. COMMITTEES

- 4.1. Tournament Committee
 - 4.1.1. The Competition shall have a tournament committee named the AFF Women's Cup 2026 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 be composed of three (3) members, namely:

- 4.1.2.1. AFF President;
- 4.1.2.2. Chairperson of the AFF Competitions Committee; and
- 4.1.2.3. Deputy Chairperson of the AFF Competitions Committee.
- 4.1.3. The AFF Competitions Committee may, at its discretion, appoint up to two (2) additional members to the Tournament Committee.
- 4.1.4. 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.
- 4.1.5. The Tournament Committee shall have overall authority over the Competition and shall operate under the auspices of the AFF Competitions Committee. It shall be responsible for all major decisions relating to the organisation and staging of the Competition, including:
 - 4.1.5.1. the Competition format
 - 4.1.5.2. Match scheduling, including dates, kick-off times and venues
 - 4.1.5.3. decisions in cases of Force Majeure
 - 4.1.5.4. 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, Participating Player or Participating Official, and
 - 4.1.6.2. decisions about the possibility of a Participating MA or any related Participating Official(s) or Participating Player(s) being fined or suspended from the Competition or from any other AFF competition to be held in the 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 Participating 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 Participating Team shall include a security officer to accompany the team, and s/he 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 Participating 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 REGULATIONS

- 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, AFC Safety and Security Regulations, AFC Stadium Regulations and/or any other relevant AFC regulations (the "AFC Regulations"). Such AFC Regulations shall apply to all the Participating Teams, Participating Players and Participating Officials of this Competition.
- 7.2. Only the AFF has the authority to refer to the relevant AFC Regulations 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 relevant AFC Regulations or not, shall be final, binding and not appealable.

8. FORCE MAJEURE

- 8.1. The Articles 13.2.1 to 13.2.8 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 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 Host MA (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 or abandoned Matches (cf. Articles 21 and 22)
 - 9.1.10. dealing with cases of Force Majeure
 - 9.1.11. providing insurance coverage (or reimbursement thereof) for the AFF Delegation appointed to any Match from the time of their departure from their home Member Association to their departure from the Venue, and
 - 9.1.12. 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, if any, Hosting Member Agreement (the “HMA”), if any, these Regulations, the AFF Statutes, and all other AFF regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars, issued from time to time by the AFF.
- 10.2. Host MA shall undertake, at their own cost, to:
 - 10.2.1. observe all obligations set out in the AFF Hosting Obligations, if any, 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 organising 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 organising of the Competition
 - 10.2.5. obtain all applicable and relevant licence, 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, AFF Commercial Rights Partner 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 Matches of the Competition, including but not limited to public liability insurance 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, if any, and any instructions from the AFF

- 10.2.10. ensure the provision of awards as per Article 75.6 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. The Host MA shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the AFF, AFF Commercial Rights Partner 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 Security Officer for each Match in the Competition 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 MA on whose territory the Match is played.

11. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS: PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- 11.1. The principal obligations and responsibilities of each PMA are stipulated in the Participating Team Obligation (the "PTO") as per Annexure A of these Regulations, these Regulations, the AFF Statutes, and all other AFF regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars, issued by the AFF from time to time.
- 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.
 - 11.2.1. Each PMA must submit the signed PTO to AFF at least twenty-one (21) days before the commencement of the Competition, 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 Participating 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 that 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 the Host MA until their departure
 - 11.3.7. accept all arrangements made by the Host MA in agreement with the AFF
 - 11.3.8. ensure that all its Participating 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
 - 11.3.8.1. failure to attend and/or fully participate in any official activity or event shall result in the Participating Team being fined at least USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand), and
 - 11.3.8.2. 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 Participating Team, Participating 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 co-insured. The AFF must be notified of all insurance policies and may request copies 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)
 - 11.4.4. payment of any costs relating to early arrival or extension of the stay of any member of its Team Official Delegation in the 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 other costs related to the importation and/or exportation of equipment, merchandise and/or goods to be used for the Competition.
- 11.5. Each Participating Team and/or its MA shall indemnify, defend, and hold the AFF and all 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 Participating Team and/or its MA, its Team Official Delegation, its affiliates and any third-parties contracted to the Participating Team and/or its MA.
- 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 MA 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 hereinabove, to confirm their entry into the Competition. Failure to submit the same, shall result in non-participation in the Competition.
- 12.3. All decisions by the AFF regarding entry to the Competition are final and binding and not appealable.
- 12.4. Six (6) Member Associations shall participate in the Competition by virtue of:
 - 12.4.1. being the Host MA; and/or
 - 12.4.2. being invited by AFF to participate in the Competition.

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. All PMAs undertake that their Participating Teams shall play all of their Matches until elimination.
- 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. informs the AFF in writing that it does not intend to or is unable to report to a Venue and/or for a Match;
 - 13.2.3. withdraws from the Competition after it has commenced, or
 - 13.2.4. fails to report to a Venue and/or for a Match, or
 - 13.2.5. refuses or fails to continue a match, or
 - 13.2.6. leaves the Stadium prior to the completion of a Match, or
 - 13.2.7. 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

13.2.8. 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

13.2.9. 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 USD500,000 (United States Five Hundred Thousand), be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Participating 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 Article 21 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 Group Stage pursuant to Article 16.2.6 of these Regulations

- 13.3.2.2. in addition to a fine of up to maximum USD1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million), be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable the other Participating 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 the 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 USD1,000,000 (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 prior written recommendation and approval of the Tournament Committee, shall:
 - 13.4.1. If done so prior to the commencement of the Competition:
 - 13.4.1.1. in addition to a fine up to maximum of USD500,000 (United States Dollars Five Hundred Thousand), be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Participating 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,

- 13.4.1.2. 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,
 - 13.4.1.3. become ineligible for future grants including, but not limited to, the MA Development Programme Fund grants, and
 - 13.4.1.4. 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:
- 13.4.2.1. subject to the provisions of Article 21 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 Group Stage pursuant to Article 16.2.6 of these Regulations,
 - 13.4.2.2. in addition to a fine of up to maximum of USD1,000,000 (United States Dollars One Million), be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Participating 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,
 - 13.4.2.3. 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,
 - 13.4.2.4. 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,
 - 13.4.2.5. be referred to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion from participating in next edition of the

Competition and/or other AFF Competitions and ineligibility to receive all future grants from the AFF.

- 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. The final score will be recorded as 3-0 in favour of the opposing team or higher, if applicable.
- 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, Starting List Form, Match Summary and Referee's Report to AFC via AFCAS 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 shall be sent to 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 Secretary of AFF within fourteen (14) 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 with supporting videos and photographs. The failure to submit the said report within fourteen (14) days of the completion of the Competition shall result in a fine of USD5,000 (United States Five Thousand Dollars) on such Host MA. A format of such report of the Competition may be shared by the AFF in due course.
- 14.4. The AFF Referees Assessment Form must be completed by the member-in-charge of Referees after each Match and sent to the AFF Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours after the said Match.
- 14.5. The Match Commissioner's Report Form as well as the Match Summary Report including results and cases of cautions, expulsions 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.

- 14.6. The Host MA shall complete and transmit the AFF Secretariat/Competition Officer Performance Feedback Form to the AFF General Secretariat within fourteen (14) days of the completion of the Competition.

15. STADIUM OBLIGATION

- 15.1. The Stadium(s) to be utilised shall be nominated by the Host MA and is 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 Host MA.
 - 15.1.1. The Host MA shall be required to nominate one (1) primary and one (1) secondary Stadium at least two (2) months prior to the commencement of the Competition, along with a duly filled Stadium Nomination Form including proof of confirmation of use.
 - 15.1.2. 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.
 - 15.1.3. Should the Host MA fail to nominate a secondary Stadium within the time-period as mentioned hereinabove, the Host MA shall be sanctioned with a fine of USD20,000 (United States Dollars Twenty Thousand).
- 15.2. All Matches must be played in a Stadium which meets the minimum requirements as specified by the AFF, and upon receipt of prior written approval of the usage of such Stadium by the AFF.
- 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 to propose an alternate Stadium.
- 15.5. Should for any reason the primary Stadium be made unavailable for the Competition, the Host MA, upon prior written approval from the AFF, shall use the secondary Stadium to host the Competition. If for any reason, upon confirmation of the primary and secondary Stadiums, Host MA is unable to use either of the Stadiums, such Host MA shall then nominate two (2) other Stadiums to be designated as primary and secondary, at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the commencement of the Competition. Failure to adhere to the timelines mentioned herein shall result in the Host MA being

sanctioned with a fine of USD75,000 (United States Dollars Seventy-Five Thousand).

- 15.6. 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.
- 15.7. 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 ten (10) 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.
- 15.8. 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 ten (10) 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.
- 15.9. Any Host MA that fails to comply with Articles 15.6 to 15.8 hereinabove, shall be:
 - 15.9.1. fined at least USD25,000 (United States Dollars Twenty-Five Thousand) for each breach, and
 - 15.9.2. 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. Group Stage

16.1.2. Semi Final Stage

16.1.3. Finals

16.2. Group Stage

16.2.1. The Group Stage shall consist of six (6) Participating Teams drawn into two (2) groups of three (3) Teams each, with each group playing a centralised league format. In addition, regardless of the number of confirmed Participating Teams, match fixtures shall be drawn in a manner so as to ensure that each Participating Team plays a minimum of two (2) matches in the Group Stage.

16.2.2. The final Group Stage format will be determined by the AFF, at its sole discretion. Such format shall ensure that a mandatory two (2) day rest is included between the matches of each Team, in each stage of the Competition.

16.2.3. The Participating Teams shall be designated as follows:

GROUP A	GROUP B
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3

16.2.4. At the conclusion of each Match:

16.2.4.1. three (3) points shall be awarded for a win

16.2.4.2. one (1) point for a draw

16.2.4.3. zero (0) for a defeat

16.2.5. At the conclusion of the Group Stage:

16.2.5.1. the first- and second-placed Teams from each group shall qualify for the Semi Final Stage; and

16.2.5.2. all other Participating Teams shall be eliminated from the Competition.

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

16.2.6.1. greater number of points obtained in the group Matches

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

Head-to-Head criteria

16.2.6.2.1. higher number of points obtained in the group Matches played among the teams in question

16.2.6.2.2. superior goal difference from the group Matches played among the teams in question

16.2.6.2.3. higher number of goals scored in the group Matches played among the teams in question

Tiebreaker

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

16.2.6.2.5. if this procedure does not lead to a decision, the Group Results Criteria shall apply

Group Results Criteria

16.2.6.2.6. superior goal difference from all group Matches played

16.2.6.2.7. higher number of goals scored from group Matches played

16.2.6.2.8. kicks from the penalty mark if only two (2) teams still have an equal ranking and have played their last group Match against each other

16.2.6.2.9. the lower score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches per Appendix 1, or

16.2.6.2.10. the drawing of lots.

16.3. Semi Final Stage

16.3.1. After the completion of the Group Stage, the qualified teams will play the Semi Final Matches.

Semi Final 1 (SF 1)	Winners A vs Runners-up B
Semi Final 2 (SF 2)	Winners B vs Runners-up A

For the avoidance of doubt, the above does not represent the chronological order in which the Matches will be played.

16.4. Finals

16.4.1. After the completion of the Semi Final Stage, the losers and winners of the Semi Final Matches will play in the 3rd/4th Place Match and Final match of the Competition, respectively, as follows:

3 rd /4 th Place Match	Losers SF 1 vs Losers SF 2
Final Match	Winners SF 1 vs Winners SF 2

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.

16.7. Any decision made pursuant to Articles 16.5 and 16.6 hereinabove shall be final, binding and not appealable.

17. MATCHES PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE GAME

17.1. All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game laid down by the IFAB and published by FIFA.

17.2. In case of any discrepancy in the interpretations of the Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail and is authoritative.

17.3. Substitution

- 17.3.1. As per Laws of the Game 3 – The Players, each Participating Team will be permitted to use a maximum of five (5) substitutes.
- 17.3.2. To reduce disruption to the Match, each Participating Team will have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to make substitutions during the game, substitutions may also be made at halftime.
- 17.3.3. If both Participating Teams make a substitution at the same time, this will count as one of the three opportunities for each Participating Team.
- 17.3.4. Unused substitutions and opportunities are carried forward into Extra Time.
- 17.3.5. In the Semi Final Stage and Finals, Participating Teams will be allowed to field one (1) additional substitute if the game goes into Extra Time. Participating Teams will each have one (1) additional substitution opportunity. Substitutions may also be made before the start of Extra Time and at halftime in Extra Time.
- 17.3.6. Each Participating Team will be permitted to use a maximum of one (1) concussion substitution in a Match. A concussion substitution may be made regardless of the number of substitutes or substitution opportunities already used. A concussion substitution may be made (i) immediately after a concussion occurs or is suspected; (ii) after an on-field assessment, and/or after an off-field assessment; or (iii) at any other time when a concussion occurs or is suspected, including when a player has previously been assessed and has returned to the Field of Play. If a Team uses a concussion substitution, the opposing Team will receive an additional substitution.

18. DURATION OF PLAY

18.1. Group Stage

- 18.1.1. Each Match shall last ninety (90) minutes, comprising two (2) periods of forty-five (45) minutes (normal playing time). Matches shall start at the time set out in the Match Schedule.
- 18.1.2. 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.

18.2. Semi Final Stage

- 18.2.1. If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time in the Semi Final, Extra Time shall be played.

- 18.2.2. If no decisive results are obtained after the end of 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.

18.3. 3rd/4th Place Match and Final Match

- 18.3.1. If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time in the 3rd/4th Place, the winner shall be determined by taking kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Laws of the Game.
- 18.3.2. If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time in the Final Match, Extra Time shall be played.
- 18.3.3. If no decisive results are obtained after the end of 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.

19. EXTRA TIME AND KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK

- 19.1. In case 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 halftime in Extra Time.
- 19.2. Where the Regulations provide, if a Match is level after normal playing 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.
- 19.3. 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.
- 19.4. If through the fault of a Participating 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, 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, and the time to commence kicks from the penalty mark. This also includes the official training session(s) of each Participating Team.

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 Group Stage pursuant to Article 16.2.6 of these Regulations.
- 21.2. For any Match which is cancelled 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.
- 21.3. Decisions pursuant to Article 21.2 hereinabove are final, binding and not appealable.
- 21.4. Any Match which is cancelled, except in cases of Force Majeure as 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 such cancellation, in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 21.5. If not already cancelled prior to the Matchday, 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.
 - 21.5.3. Following the 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 hereinabove are final, binding and not appealable.
- 22.3. Any Match which is abandoned, except in cases of Force Majeure as recognised by the AFF, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee against the relevant party that caused such 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 those 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 Start List
 - 22.5.4. the Participating Teams may only make the number of substitution 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 rescheduled Match shall be decided by the Tournament Committee in consultation with the Host MA, 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 or during any Extra 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 Participating 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. Suspension for up to fifteen (15) minutes: the Participating Teams should stay on the Field of Play subject to the nature of the suspension.
 - 23.3.2. Suspension for fifteen to thirty (15-30) 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, etc.).
 - 23.3.3. Suspension for more than thirty (30) 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 Licensees, Media, etc.).

- 23.3.4. Suspension for more than sixty (60) 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 halftime interval of fifteen (15) minutes.
- 24.3. At any stage of a Match, if a Participating Team is only able to field fewer than seven (7) Players, the Match shall be abandoned, and Article 22 of these Regulations shall apply.
- 24.4. 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.
- 24.5. 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 shall apply.

26. TEAM BENCH AND TECHNICAL AREA

- 26.1. Up to a maximum of eight (8) registered Participating 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 an appropriately qualified person responsible for medical matters (e.g. team doctor or physiotherapist) must form part of these eight (8) designated Participating Officials who are sitting on the bench.
- 26.3. Any additional Participating Officials registered in accordance with Article 32.2.1 and non-playing Players are permitted to sit on the Team Technical Seats, provided they are in possession of the appropriate Accreditation Card.
- 26.4. Participating Officials must always wear their Accreditation Card. Players should be able to show their Accreditation Card when they enter 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 to the start of the Match.
- 26.5. All individuals on the team bench must wear a 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 9 of these Regulations.
- 26.6. Team A shall occupy the team bench on the left when facing the Field of Play from the Fourth Official's bench.
- 26.7. Participating 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 Participating 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 Participating 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 EPTS must be in line with equipment regulations and bear the IMS (International Match Standard) mark.
- 26.8. Individuals serving suspension, non-selected Players and Participating Officials part of a Team Official Delegation but not listed in the 'Officials on the 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 (e.g. Technical Seats, etc.).
- 26.9. Appendix 2 of these Regulations sets out the restrictions that apply inside the CAA for Participating Players and Participating Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension.

27. WARMING UP AND COOLING DOWN

- 27.1. Each Participating 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 Participating Players, Participating Officials 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 of these Regulations.

29. BALL PERSON

- 29.1. The use of a multiple football system is mandatory in all Matches 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 playing 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. Participating Teams shall solely utilise the footballs provided by the AFF for training and warming-up purposes.
- 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 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 with it enters into or is present in the Team dressing room, Field of Play, Team bus, or any other CAA without being in physical possession of the necessary Accreditation Card which has been validly issued to such person.
- 32.2. A Participating Team shall register a Team Official Delegation, subject to the conditions set out below, comprising between eighteen (18) and twenty-three (23) Participating Players and up to eight (8) Participating Officials no later than twenty-one (21) days before the commencement of the Competition.
 - 32.2.1. Each Participating Team may nominate an additional twelve (12) Participating Officials as part of its Team Official Delegation, who shall receive the same Accreditation Card as the eight (8) Participating Officials referred to above.
 - 32.2.2. All costs related to the additional twelve (12) Participating Officials shall be borne by the relevant Participating Team.
 - 32.2.3. Under no circumstances that a Player registered in the Preliminary Registration can also be registered as a Team Official in the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, previously registered Participating Player(s) in the Competition cannot be registered as additional or replacement Team Official(s).
- 32.3. Each Participating Team shall ensure that at least one (1) female Coach and one (1) female medical staff, as registered in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, accompany the Participating Team as part of the Team Official Delegation. For the avoidance of doubt, such female Coach(es) and medical staff must travel and stay with the Participating Team during the Competition.

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 their country and are subject to its jurisdiction,
 - 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. 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.
- 33.3. 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.
- 33.4. A Participating Player shall be deemed ineligible, without limitation, if:
 - 33.4.1. there is a violation of Article 33.1, or
 - 33.4.2. she 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, or
 - 33.4.3. the AFF determines that any document submitted during the registration is falsified or forged.
- 33.5. In cases of registration of Players who is eligible to represent more than one (1) football association (cf. Article 7 of the FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the documents set out in Appendix 4 of these Regulations must also be submitted.
- 33.6. In cases of registration of Players who have acquired a new nationality (cf. Article 8 of the FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the documents set out in Appendix 5 of these Regulations must also be submitted.

34. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 34.1. There are three (3) stages of registration of players in the Competition:
 - 34.1.1. Preliminary Registration – each Participating Team shall register a Preliminary Registration List of a minimum of eighteen (18) and maximum of fifty (50) players, which shall include a minimum of four (4) goalkeepers, with a copy of the registration documents as stated in Article 38.1, no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the first Match of the Competition. There is no allocation of jersey numbers during the Preliminary Registration.
 - 34.1.2. Final Registration – each Participating Team shall register a Final Registration List of a minimum of eighteen (18) and maximum twenty-three (23) Players, which shall include a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers, from the Preliminary Registration List, at least five (5) days before the first Match of the Competition.
 - 34.1.3. 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. All Participating Players registered in the Final Registration will be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the AFF.
- 34.3. 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 the commencement of the relevant stage and subject to Article 13 of these Regulations.

35. PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION

- 35.1. Each Participating Team shall submit the supporting documents in accordance with Article 38 of these Regulations to AFF by the stipulated deadline determined by AFF.
- 35.2. If a Participating Team fails to register a minimum of eighteen (18) Participating Players, its MA shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Competition prior to the commencement of the relevant stage and subject to Article 13 of these Regulations.
- 35.3. No later than ten (10) days prior to their first Match of the Competition, each Participating Team may replace or add up to five (5) players for any reason provided that the maximum number of registered players is not exceeded.

36. FINAL REGISTRATION

- 36.1. Each Participating Team shall submit to AFF a Final Registration of a minimum of eighteen (18) and a maximum of twenty-three (23) Participating Players. The Final Registration shall be submitted at least five (5) days before the first Match of the Competition.
 - 36.1.1. The Final Registration may only be composed of those Participating Players registered in the Preliminary Registration.
 - 36.1.2. Jersey numbers 1 to 23 shall be allocated for the Competition. Jersey number 1 shall be reserved for a goalkeeper. Each Participating 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 Matches as specified in Clause 4.2 of Appendix 9 of these Regulations.
- 36.2. Once the Final Registration has been submitted to AFF, Participating Teams may replace any of the registered Participating Players up to six (6) hours prior to their Match in the Competition subject to the below conditions:
 - 36.2.1. any replacement Participating Player(s) must have been registered in the Preliminary Registration

- 36.2.2. replacement Participating Player(s) shall only be allocated the vacated shirt number(s)
- 36.2.3. 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 Participating Player in exchange
- 36.2.4. replacement Participating Player(s) shall only be eligible to participate in the Competition after receiving their Accreditation Card.

37. PLAYER SELECTION LIST

- 37.1. Each Participating Team must submit to the AFF Match Commissioner the 'Player Selection List' by selecting eleven (11) starting players, including the team captain, and up to twelve (12) substitutes. The 'Player Selection List' shall be submitted no later than ninety (90) minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.
 - 37.1.1. Each Participating Player who is selected on the 'Player Selection List' must be available at the 'Player and Equipment Check' undertaken by the AFF Match Commissioner on Match day.
- 37.2. Each Participating Team shall submit to the AFF Match Commissioner the 'Officials on the Bench List' by selecting up to eight (8) Participating Officials who shall be entitled to sit on the bench, not less than ninety (90) minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.

38. DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 38.1. Documentations for the registration of players include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 38.1.1. 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
 - 38.1.2. Colour copy of national identification card (where applicable)
 - 38.1.3. Copy of birth certificate (where requested by AFF)
 - 38.1.4. Passport-size coloured photo (taken within three [3] months prior to the submission of the registration).
- 38.2. Where original documents are not in English, the original and an accredited English translation shall be provided.

38.3. AFF reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

39. REGISTRATION OF OFFICIALS

39.1. There shall only be one (1) registration period for Participating Officials.

39.2. Each Participating Team may nominate a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of eight (8) Participating Officials. Each Participating Team may also nominate an additional twelve (12) Participating Officials in accordance with Article 32.2.1 of these Regulations. The registration list of Participating Officials must fulfil the following requirements:

39.2.1. at least one (1) person on the coaching staff shall be female (e.g. Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Fitness Coach, Goalkeeping Coach, etc.);

39.2.2. at least one (1) person on the medical staff shall be female (e.g. Team Doctor or Physiotherapist).

39.3. Each Participating Team must include the following three (3) Officials in the registration list:

39.3.1. Head Coach

39.3.2. Team Manager (who shall also act as the Team Media Officer in the event that there is no dedicated Team Media Officer), and

39.3.3. an appropriately qualified person responsible for medical matters (e.g. team doctor or physiotherapist).

39.4. Each Participating Team shall submit the supporting documents in accordance with Article 40 of these Regulations to AFF via the stipulated deadline determined by AFF.

39.5. Up to eight (8) Participating Officials may sit on the team bench for each Match. The following three (3) Participating Officials must be selected on the 'Officials on the Bench List':

39.5.1. Head Coach

39.5.2. Team Manager, and

39.5.3. an appropriately qualified person responsible for medical matters (e.g. team doctor or physiotherapist).

39.6. Each Participating Team must designate a Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer responsible for handling all matters concerning the safety and well-being of the Team Official Delegation during the Competition. This role does not need to be exclusive and can be assigned to the Team Doctor or other similarly trained member of the Team Official Delegation. It is a mandatory

requirement that the designated Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer completes the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essentials online course (<https://safeguardinginsport.fifa.com/>). The role of the Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer is to:

- 39.6.1. act as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the Team Official Delegation during the Competition
 - 39.6.2. take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Participating Players' mental and physical well-being is prioritised
 - 39.6.3. liaise with AFF and LOC should a concern or an allegation of harassment or abuse (be it psychological, physical or sexual, or neglect) arise
 - 39.6.4. know the specific safeguarding measures for the Competition and the avenues available for reporting concerns, and
 - 39.6.5. ensure the submission of the Safeguarding Declaration Form, within the deadline provided by the AFF.
- 39.7. For the avoidance of doubt, each Participating Team must submit to the AFF (in accordance with the provisions relating to registration of Team Officials), the FIFA Certificate for completion of the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essentials online course, failing which an individual shall not be registered as the Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer, for the purposes of the Competition. The failure to designate a Team Safeguarding/Welfare Officer shall result in sanctions at the discretion of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- 39.8. Each Participating Team may register video analysts, however, for each of their Match, only one (1) of them shall be entitled to receive the necessary Accreditation Device and shall be the only member of an Official Team Delegation entitled to record Matches in the relevant stage of the Competition using only one (1) lightweight amateur camera. 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.
- 39.9. All Participating Officials will be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the AFF.
- 39.10. 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 the commencement of the relevant stage and subjected to Article 13 of these Regulations.
- 39.11. Once the Final Registration has been received by the AFF, Participating Teams may replace any of the Participating Officials at any stage with twenty-

four (24) hours' notice prior to their next match by submitting the official documents to the AFF General Secretariat, subject to the conditions below:

- 39.11.1. to replace a Participating Official, a Participating Team must provide his or her Accreditation Card to the AFF and shall receive the Accreditation Card of the replacement official in exchange, and
 - 39.11.2. replacement Participating Official shall only be eligible to participate in the Competition after receiving their Accreditation Card.
- 39.12. 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 13 of these Regulations.

40. DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF OFFICIALS

- 40.1. Documentations for the registration of Team Officials include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 40.1.1. Colour copy of valid passport
 - 40.1.2. Colour copy of a national identification card (where applicable)
 - 40.1.3. Passport-size coloured photo (taken within three [3] months prior to the submission of the registration)
 - 40.1.4. Evidence of their qualification based upon their function:
 - 40.1.4.1. Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Fitness Coach and Goalkeeper Coach: minimum coaching requirements as set out for National "A" Team (Men's and Women's) & U23 Team (Men's) in Appendix 15 of the AFC Competition Operations Manual Edition 2026, and
 - 40.1.4.2. Team Doctor and other medical personnel: relevant medical qualification.
- 40.2. Where original documents are not in English, the original and an accredited translation shall be provided.
- 40.3. AFF reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

41. FAILURE TO SUBMIT

- 41.1. Failure to submit the duly completed Team's Registration (Players and Team Officials) by the stipulated deadline(s) may be subjected to:

- 41.1.1. sanction by the AFF with a fine of USD10,000 (United States Dollar Ten Thousand)
- 41.1.2. disqualification from the Competition, and/or
- 41.1.3. referral to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for further sanctions.

42. ACCREDITATION CARD

- 42.1. Participating Players and Participating Officials listed on the Final Registration will be issued with Accreditation Cards bearing their photograph and personal details, authorised by AFF, to participate in the Competition. Such Accreditation Cards shall be made available to all Participating Players and Participating Officials by the Host MA, at their own expense.
- 42.2. 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.
- 42.3. The Team Official Delegation shall be granted full access to all official Competition areas, including the Field of Play and other necessary CAA, as determined by the AFF.
- 42.4. 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: LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

43. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

- 43.1. Each Participating Team may arrive at the Venue no later than the evening of two (2) days (MD-2) before their first Match in the Competition and must depart from the Venue one (1) day after their last Match.
- 43.2. The official arrival date shall be determined by the AFF, which will be communicated to all the Participating Teams appropriately.
- 43.3. Participating Teams shall bear all costs as a result of arriving early or departing late from a Venue.
- 43.4. 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.

44. HOST MA'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 44.1. The Host MA shall provide for the following arrangements in accordance with Appendix 7 of these Regulations:
 - 44.1.1. Accommodation, meals and laundry for the Participating Teams, AFF Delegation and Match Officials
 - 44.1.2. Airport reception and local transportation for the Participating Teams, AFF Delegation and Match Officials
 - 44.1.3. Accreditation Cards for all Participating Players, Participating Team Officials, AFF Delegation, Match Officials, Commercial Partner(s), media and broadcast, and the members of the LOC.
 - 44.1.4. Visa requirements, and
 - 44.1.5. Other logistical arrangements.

45. PARTICIPATING TEAMS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

46. FAILURE TO ADHERE

- 46.1. 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.

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

SECTION 8: MEDIA OBLIGATIONS

47. MEDIA ACCESS

- 47.1. 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.
- 47.2. Each Host MA shall ensure that the AFF, AFF Commercial Rights Partner, if any, 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.
- 47.3. 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.

48. PRESS CONFERENCES AND INTERVIEWS

- 48.1. 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.
- 48.2. The Participating Teams shall be responsible to ensure the provision of interpretation services where any of their Participating 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.
- 48.3. 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 Official 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 Official Delegation that are selected to participate in any such media activity are explicitly requested to attend in accordance with the instructions of the AFF.
- 48.4. The Participating Teams shall ensure that the selected members of their Team Official 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, the Competition or the sport of association football in general.

48.5. The Participating Teams shall ensure, during any press conference or interview session, that:

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

48.5.2. their Participating Players and Participating Officials do not make reference to any third-party products or entities.

48.6. 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 59 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.

49. PRE-COMPETITION PRESS CONFERENCE

49.1. The attendance of the Head Coach from each Participating Team in a Pre-Competition Press Conference to be held one (1) day before their first Match in the Competition is compulsory.

49.2. The Team Media Officer must ensure the attendance of the Head Coach.

50. POST-MATCH PRESS CONFERENCE

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

50.2. 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.

51. PROMOTIONAL INTERVIEWS AND FLASH INTERVIEWS

51.1. In the event that any promotional and/or flash interviews are required, the following must be adhered to:

51.1.1. if requested by the AFF, the Host MA and/or Host Broadcaster, if any, Participating Teams should have their Head Coach and one (1) selected Player, as requested, to be made available for a recorded interview

- 51.1.2. for the flash interview, 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 Participating Teams must be available. All Players and the Head Coach of each Participating Team must be briefed by their respective Team Media Officer prior to the Match, so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard
- 51.1.3. 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.
- 51.2. In the final minutes of the game, the Host Broadcaster or other broadcaster representatives shall inform the AFF Media Officer and/or Local Media Officer of the Participating Players who are selected for the flash interview, who shall then inform the Team Media Officers.
- 51.3. 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.

52. TEAM DRESSING ROOM

- 52.1. Team dressing rooms are always strictly off-limits to any Media during the Competition. The Participating Teams shall ensure that their respective media personnel observe and comply with these provisions.
- 52.2. Notwithstanding the above, the AFF reserves the right to grant the Host Broadcaster, official photographers, AFF digital crew access to the Team dressing rooms prior to the arrival of a Team Delegation to record and film the Participating Team's playing kit and equipment.
- 52.3. 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.

53. FIELD OF PLAY

- 53.1. 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.

- 53.2. 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.
- 53.3. Any failure to adhere to the provisions of the Article 53 shall result in a fine of USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand) by the AFF, at its sole discretion.

54. DRONES

- 54.1. The use of drones or any flying object in the vicinity of the Stadium during Matches or Official Training is strictly prohibited.
- 54.2. The use of drones shall include drones being flown inside or even above the perimeter of a Stadium or an Official Training Site.
- 54.3. 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.
- 54.4. Each Participating Team shall be liable and sanctioned for drones being flown during their training sessions (whether or not official training), during the Competition.

55. RECORDING OF MATCHES

- 55.1. The Host to provide a working download link of the Match Recordings with the following specifications, to the two (2) playing teams concerned, the Match Commissioner, the Referee Assessor and the AFF Secretariat, no later than two (2) hours after each Match:
 - 55.1.1. File format: MP4
 - 55.1.2. Video resolution: 1080p (1920x1080)
 - 55.1.3. Video bitrate: 4.5 – 6 Mbps
 - 55.1.4. Video codec: H264/H265
 - 55.1.5. Audio: international sound only (no commentary)
 - 55.1.6. Audio codec: AAC or MP3
 - 55.1.7. Audio bitrate: 128 Kbps

In case of internet capacity limitations, full match recording in USB/flash drives may alternatively be provided no later than two (2) hours after each Match.

- 55.2. 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.
- 55.3. All requests for Match Recordings must be submitted to the AFF Secretariat at least on MD-1 and/or during the MCM. For the avoidance of doubt, video analysts are allowed to film Matches of other Participating Teams only upon approval of these other Participating Teams. However, in Match Venues where space is limited, priority will be given to the teams playing in the concerned Match.
- 55.4. Participating Team(s) shall be permitted to make their own recordings of Matches subject to the following:
 - 55.4.1. only members of the Team Official Delegation may make such recordings
 - 55.4.2. only one (1) camera per PMA may be used
 - 55.4.3. only lightweight, amateur equipment may be used, not the type of professional equipment used by professional broadcasters
 - 55.4.4. during filming, the Participating Official making the recording must wear the technical bib. Only one (1) such bib will be distributed to each Participating Team depending on their registered video analysts (cf. Article 39.8 hereinabove). It must be returned when the Participating Team is eliminated from the Competition or after the conclusion of the Competition, as applicable
 - 55.4.5. the Participating Official must contact the AFF Media Officer and/or the Local Media Officer before the Match to locate a suitable position
 - 55.4.6. 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
 - 55.4.7. 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.
- 55.5. Under no circumstances shall recordings or images taken in the Stadium or other CAA 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.

56. MIXED ZONE

- 56.1. 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 Participating Players to pass through from the Team dressing room to the Team transport area.
- 56.2. The PMA shall ensure that all 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.
- 56.3. 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 Participating 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.
- 56.4. The Team Media Officer is responsible for briefing the Head Coach and all Participating Players prior to the Match, so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

57. OFFICIAL TRAINING SESSION

- 57.1. Depending upon the weather and conditions of the Field of Play, each Participating 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 and Competition.
- 57.2. Each official training session shall be open to the Media and any other individuals as approved by AFF for 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.
- 57.3. 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 Participating Team.
- 57.4. 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.

58. MEDIA AND MEDIA ACCESS AREA

- 58.1. The Host MA shall be responsible for the management and provision of support to all Media of the Competition through the implementation of:
 - 58.1.1. accreditation procedures
 - 58.1.2. procurement and setting up of media access area(s), and
 - 58.1.3. coordination of all media-related activities at any Stadium and Official Training Sites.
- 58.2. The Host MA shall provide the AFF with all media accreditation requests together with details relating to the specific request including:
 - 58.2.1. the name and designation of the requesting persons
 - 58.2.2. the media company they represent
 - 58.2.3. their nationality, and
 - 58.2.4. the type of media coverage they intend to cover for the Competition.
- 58.3. 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.
- 58.4. 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.
- 58.5. The Host MA shall ensure that two to three (2-3) dedicated Media slots are allotted to the AFF Media Delegation, for all Matches in the Competition, without fail.
- 58.6. The Participating 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 and/or the Host MA.
- 58.7. The Participating Teams shall ensure that no Media representatives accompany them in the Team bus to and from the Stadium or Official Training Sites.

58.8. 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:

58.8.1. photographers shall adopt positions behind the advertising boards at the back of each goal post or such other areas as advised by the AFF, subject to availability of space.

59. BREACH OF MEDIA OBLIGATIONS

59.1. Subject to the sanctions provided in this Section 8, 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).

59.2. 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

60. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

- 60.1. Section 9 of these Regulations govern the authorisation of all equipment, sponsor advertising, and manufacturer identification used inside of any CAA by the:
 - 60.1.1. Team Official Delegations
 - 60.1.2. Match Officials, and
 - 60.1.3. ball persons, player escorts and flag bearers.
- 60.2. Where no provision of these Regulations is applicable, AFF Equipment Regulations as provided in Appendix 9 of these Regulations, the Laws of the Game, and the FIFA/AFC Equipment Regulations apply in descending order.
- 60.3. PMAs and/or Participating Teams are solely responsible and liable for the conduct of their Team Official Delegations relating to the correct implementation of these Regulations.
- 60.4. For the avoidance of doubt, football boots are expressly excluded from the provisions of these Regulations.

61. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 61.1. The authorisation of any Kit is subject to the following provisions:
 - 61.1.1. Each PMA or Participating 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.
 - 61.1.2. 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.
 - 61.1.3. Any Kit that does not comply with these Regulations is strictly prohibited.
 - 61.1.4. 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.
- 61.2. Each Participating Team, Participating Player and PMA shall adhere to the provisions of the Equipment Regulations as detailed in Appendix 9 of these Regulations.

62. BREACH OF EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

62.1. 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:

62.1.1. a fine amounting to USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand) – first infringement

62.1.2. a fine amounting to USD10,000 (United States Dollars Ten Thousand) – repeated infringement

62.1.3. further infringement will result in more severe sanctions.

SECTION 10: COMMERCIAL MATTERS

63. OWNERSHIP OF COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

- 63.1. The AFF owns the Commercial Rights relating to the Competition as well as from any other related events under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place, law. The AFF may grant the Host MA the Commercial Rights, in whole or in part, in accordance with the necessary directives, agreements, policies and the provisions of these Regulations which govern the rights, duties, and responsibilities of all parties regarding the Commercial Rights.
- 63.2. The Host MA shall use its best efforts/endeavours in seeking political and administrative support from all local, regional and national governmental authorities to ensure the effective exploitation and protection of the Commercial Rights (including through the implementation of government guarantees and tabling of supplementary legislation).
- 63.3. The Host MA shall, where requested by the AFF, procure at its own cost the registration of all Competition Marks and Competition Websites in its territory, at least two (2) months prior to the start of the Competition.
- 63.4. The Host MA shall appoint a reasonable number of personnel to assist the AFF in the conduct of its rights protection programme.

64. IMAGE RIGHTS AND VIDEO RIGHTS

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

65. EXPLOITATION OF COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

- 65.1. AFF shall retain the exclusive right to utilise, exploit and promote the Commercial Rights by any means, for any and all products and services throughout the world.
- 65.2. The Host MA and Participating Teams acknowledge and agree that AFF can freely sublicense any Commercial Rights to any entity throughout the world (including in the Host Country), and the Host MA and Participating Teams shall have no right to exploit directly and/or sublicense the exploitation of such Commercial Rights.
- 65.3. The Host MA and Participating Teams shall be fully responsible and liable for any breach of their obligations under these Regulations.
- 65.4. In its exploitation of the Commercial Rights, AFF retains all Promotional Rights in connection with the Competition. The Host MA shall assist AFF in

the exploitation of the Promotional Rights, and the rights and promotions of authorised third parties.

66. COMPETITION MARKS

66.1. 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. The Host MAs will not grant, or purport to grant, any right or licence to use the Competition Marks to any third party.

66.2. 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:

66.2.1. AFF Women's Cup 2026

(hereinafter the "Competition Title").

66.3. The Host MA, Participating Teams, Participating Players and Participating 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.

67. CLEAN STADIUM

67.1. The Host MA shall deliver all Stadiums 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 twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of such Match.

68. AMBUSH MARKETING

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

68.2. The Host MA, Participating Teams, PMAs, Participating Players and Participating Officials 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.

69. OTHER PROVISIONS

- 69.1. All the provisions of this Section 10 shall be subject to the provisions of the AFF Hosting Obligations, if any, which shall have precedence.

SECTION 11: TICKETING

70. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 70.1. Tickets, electronic or hard copy, shall include seat numbering and serial numbering and only include AFF Marks, Competition Marks, as approved by AFF.
- 70.2. 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.
- 70.3. The Host MA must ensure that access to the Stadium is granted to the AFF Delegation, Team Official Delegation, AFF Commercial Partner and its Commercial Affiliates, if any, Media and traveling supporters without any discrimination.
- 70.4. 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.

71. COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

- 71.1. The Host MA shall provide complimentary Tickets, invitation (VVIP) and car park stickers to the AFF for each Match in the Competition as follows:
 - 71.1.1. AFF
 - 71.1.1.1. Fifty (50) x VVIP (Corporate Box)
 - 71.1.1.2. Fifty (50) x VIP tickets
 - 71.1.1.3. Fifty (50) x Category 1 tickets
 - 71.1.1.4. Ten (10) x VIP car park stickers
- 71.2. The Host MA shall also provide complimentary tickets to Participating Teams for each of their Match as follows:
 - 71.2.1. Two (2) x VVIP (Corporate Box)
 - 71.2.2. Twenty (20) x Category 1 tickets
 - 71.2.3. Gallery tickets – five (5) tickets for each Participating Player and Participating Official
 - 71.2.4. Three (3) x car park stickers

72. PURCHASABLE TICKETS

- 72.1. The Host MA must make available at least five percent (5%) of the net saleable capacity of a Stadium available exclusively to the supporters of each PMA, in a segregated, safe area to be determined by the AFF and the Host MA.
- 72.2. The Host MA must make available at least 2,000 or at least 8% (best or second-best tickets) of the net saleable capacity of a Stadium available exclusively to AFF in a segregated, safe area to be determined by the Tournament Committee and the Host MA.
- 72.3. Each PMA and/or the Participating 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.

73. TICKET TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 73.1. 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 Stadiums and other CAAs. The Host MA shall provide to AFF any specific Stadium provisions that are to be included in the Ticket Terms and Conditions at least thirty (30) days prior to final approval of the Ticket Terms and Conditions.
- 73.2. The AFF shall, in collaboration with the Host MA, issue special ticketing terms and conditions which are applicable to all Ticket holders.
- 73.3. The AFF may change the term and conditions and shall advise the Host MA on any requirements relating to Ticket production, distribution and/or sales.
- 73.4. The Ticket Terms and Conditions shall, at a minimum contain statements that reflect the following:
 - 73.4.1. Tickets cannot be used for promotional and/or commercial purposes.
 - 73.4.2. The holder of the Ticket may not take any dangerous, commercial, political or religious item into the Stadiums.
 - 73.4.3. AFF and the Host MA reserve the right to refuse entry to the Stadiums or to eject from the Stadiums anyone attempting to breach or breaching any and all Ticket Terms and Conditions.
 - 73.4.4. The sales restrictions of the Ticket Policy.
- 73.5. 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.

- 73.6. 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 Stadium access, especially refusal and access control, shall be the responsibility of the Host MA.

SECTION 12: SAFETY AND SECURITY

74. SAFETY AND SECURITY

- 74.1. 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).
- 74.2. 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 CAA within the Venue and other relevant locations to protect all relevant persons, including without limitation the AFF Delegation, Team Official Delegations, AFF Commercial Partner and its commercial affiliates, if any, Media, spectators, and all goods brought in by the AFF Delegation, Team Official Delegations, AFF Commercial Affiliates and its commercial affiliates.
- 74.3. The Host MA is also responsible for providing the following facilities/services to all participants, Match Officials and AFF Delegation to prevent incidents, subject to any measures as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities:
 - 74.3.1. accommodation shall be on a dedicated floor or level
 - 74.3.2. security shall be deployed at each dedicated floor and lobby area of the hotel
 - 74.3.3. security arrangements shall also cover the Stadiums and its vicinity, the training grounds as well as all other official areas identified, and
 - 74.3.4. security facilities to be provided shall also include police outriders on Match days.
- 74.4. The Host MA shall issue a detailed security plan in the form of a binding agreement with, without limitation, the management of all Stadiums, Official Training Sites, and the accommodation of the AFF Delegation and the Team Official Delegations. This security plan shall be based upon the principles set out in the AFC Stadium Regulations and AFC Safety and Security Regulations.
- 74.5. 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.
- 74.6. The Host MA shall ensure that the Stadiums are not overcrowded at any point in time during the Match(es) in the Competition. The decision on whether a Stadium is overcrowded shall rest solely with the Match Commissioner whose Official Report shall be evidenced with photographic and/or videographic proof of such overcrowding.

74.7. Public Address System

74.7.1. 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.

74.8. Any breach of the provisions relating to Safety and Security will be subject to the following sanction(s) by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee:

74.8.1. a fine of at least USD15,000 (United States Dollars Fifteen Thousand); and/or

74.8.2. playing their next Match in the Competition with either full or partial Stadium closure.

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

SECTION 13: AWARDS

75. TROPHY AND MEDALS

- 75.1. A trophy called the “AFF Women’s Cup 2026” shall be awarded to the Team winning the Competition.
- 75.2. The original trophy of the Competition shall be presented as a formality to the Champion during the prize presentation ceremony after the final Match. 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.
- 75.3. 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 MA 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) which grants visibility or in any other way which could lead to an association between any third party, the trophy and/or the Competition.
- 75.4. The AFF may issue additional trophy guidelines which the Champion must comply with, from time to time.
- 75.5. The AFF shall award the following medals:
 - 75.5.1. Thirty-one (31) medals will be presented to the Champions, Runners-up and 3rd Placed Team, each at the prize presentation ceremony (twenty-three [23] Players and eight [8] Officials).
 - 75.5.2. Upon request of any of the Participating Teams for additional medals, a minimum of five (5) medals must be ordered with corresponding payment, including but not limited to delivery charges.
 - 75.5.3. Commemorative medals for the Match Officials of the final Match.
- 75.6. The following awards of the Competition shall be presented:
 - 75.6.1. Most Valuable Player
 - 75.6.2. Top Goal Scorer, and
 - 75.6.3. Best Goalkeeper.
 - 75.6.4. The Host MA shall secure prior approval from AFF of the award designs, including but not limited to the dimension and shape, colour(s), materials to be used and inscriptions such as wording, logos and other graphic elements, to uphold the competition standards and ensure all awards are appropriate and consistent with the event’s branding.

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

76. FAIR PLAY

76.1. In every Match of this Competition, Fair Play should be actively promoted.

SECTION 14: MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING

77. PRE-COMPETITION MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

- 77.1. Each Participating Team shall ensure that each Participating Player undergoes a Pre-Competition Medical Assessment (the “PCMA”) at least thirty (30) days prior to their first Match of the Competition.
 - 77.1.1. Players that have undertaken a PCMA for a FIFA and/or AFC competition may provide the AFF with the Player and Examining Physician Declaration Form originally provided to FIFA/AFC, provided that the PCMA was conducted within one (1) year of the Competition.
 - 77.1.2. 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 Participating Players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during any Match.
 - 77.1.3. Each PMA must submit to the AFF by at least ten (10) days prior to their first Match in the Competition the following signed documents:
 - 77.1.3.1. Member Association Declaration of Agreement to the PCMA, and
 - 77.1.3.2. for each Player, the Player and Examining Physician Declaration Form.
- 77.2. Any Participating Player for whom the required documents are not provided is not eligible to be registered in the Final Registration for a Participating Team.
- 77.3. 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 Participating Player that it deems necessary. The cost of such further testing shall be borne by the AFF.

78. AMBULANCES AND MEDICAL SERVICES AT THE STADIUM

- 78.1. The Host MA is responsible in arranging 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, and one (1) ambulance to be stationed for the care of Match Officials, VIPs and AFF Delegation.
- 78.2. The following logistical requirements for medical services are recommended for the spectators in the Stadium:

Medical Service	Spectators	Minimum Number Required
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.

- 78.3. Ambulances are to leave the Stadium or Training Site only after the Participating Teams have left the Stadium or Training Site.

79. MEDICAL ROOMS AT STADIUM

- 79.1. 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.

- 79.1.1. 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 Participating Players.
- 79.1.2. 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.
- 79.2. Medics with AED (automated external defibrillator) and other life-saving equipment shall be positioned behind the Fourth Official's bench, or a suitable position as indicated by the Match Commissioner.
- 79.3. The Host MA must provide the fully operational emergency equipment listed under Medical and Anti-Doping of the AFC Competition Operations Manual Edition 2026.

80. MEDICAL TREATMENT OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD OF PLAY

- 80.1. 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.
- 80.2. Stretcher bearers should only enter the Field of Play with a stretcher following a signal from the Referee. The provision of stretcher bearers shall be the responsibility of the Host MA.
- 80.3. A Player is not allowed to receive treatment on the Field of Play. Except for the following:
 - 80.3.1. a goalkeeper who is injured
 - 80.3.2. a goalkeeper and outfield Player who have collided and need immediate attention
 - 80.3.3. players from the same Team who have collided and need immediate attention
 - 80.3.4. a severe injury has occurred, e.g. swallowed tongue, concussion, broken leg, etc., or
 - 80.3.5. a player is injured as the result of a physical offence (reckless or serious foul play). However, the assessment/treatment needs to be completed quickly.
- 80.4. The following procedures shall be followed:
 - 80.4.1. Two (2) teams of stretcher bearers will be seated on a bench close to the touch line on each side of the pitch.

80.4.2. If a Player needs medical treatment on the Field of Play during a Match, the following procedures must be observed:

80.4.2.1. at a signal from the Referee, the Team Medical Officer(s) leave the bench and run towards the injured Player, and

80.4.2.2. at the same time, the stretcher bearers closest to the injured 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 Player. If the Player recovers and the Referee does not signal, the stretcher bearers return to their position.

81. MEDICAL PROVISIONS FOR EXTREME ENVIRONMENT CONDITIONS: HEAT AND HAZE

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

81.2. Hot Environment Equipment

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

81.2.1.1. 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 minute). Teams may use their own cooling items, if they so require

81.2.1.2. face towels soaked in ice cold water for Players and Match Officials (i.e., 11 x 2 = 22 + 4 = 26) for each cooling break

81.2.1.3. additional cold bottled water for Players and Match Officials for each cooling break

81.2.1.4. emergency medical services: heat stroke diagnostic equipment and treatment logistics (rectal temperature thermometer, medications for anti-convulsion, tub and tepid water spray, etc.)

81.2.1.5. a medical team conversant with treatment of heat-related injuries.

81.3. Haze and Air Pollution

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

- 81.3.1.1. an emergency medical team trained in such emergencies, including, if possible, access to a respiratory physician
- 81.3.1.2. additional medical personnel, and
- 81.3.1.3. adequate medical supplies and equipment.

82. OFFICIAL TRAINING

- 82.1. The Host MA is responsible in ensuring that the Official Training Sites are equipped with basic emergency medical equipment, massage tables and adequate supply of ice, and are staffed with paramedic/medical personnel. An ambulance must be stationed at each Official Training Site equipped with advanced life support equipment and trained emergency medical personnel.

83. ACCOMMODATION

- 83.1. The Host MA is responsible in ensuring medical services and facilities are set up at the hotels for the Participating Teams, Match Officials and AFF Delegation.
- 83.2. The Host MA shall 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.

84. HOSPITAL

- 84.1. The Host MA shall identify one to two (1-2) hospitals per Stadium which shall provide, as a minimum, twenty-four (24) hour accident and emergency department services, including without limitation the ability to manage major trauma.
- 84.2. All designated hospitals to be located within the proximity of a Stadium and accommodation so as to minimise any response time for emergency incidents and/or the transfer of a patient to the hospital.
- 84.3. 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.
- 84.4. The obligation as per these Articles 78 to 84 is that of the Host MA and failure to provide the same shall be appropriately sanctioned by the AFF.

85. OBLIGATIONS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

- 85.1. The respective PMAs must conclude the necessary general insurance policies for their Team Official Delegation whilst the Host MA will provide insurance cover for the duration of the Competition including repatriation.
- 85.2. The Host MA shall provide free medical treatment, including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies incurred and sustained during the Competition as follows:
 - 85.2.1. out-patient treatment (non-admission to hospital)
 - 85.2.2. minor surgeries (e.g. suturing)
 - 85.2.3. radiological investigations (e.g. x-rays), and
 - 85.2.4. emergency treatment.
- 85.3. However, the Participating Teams shall be responsible for the cost of the following treatments:
 - 85.3.1. hospitalisation (admission to hospital)
 - 85.3.2. surgical operations not provided in Article 85.2, and
 - 85.3.3. specialised investigative procedures (e.g. MRI, CT-scan).
- 85.4. 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.
- 85.5. 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.

86. FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

- 86.1. The 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.
- 86.2. The Host MA shall be fined:
 - 86.2.1. at least USD20,000 (United States Dollars Twenty Thousand) for failing to fully equip the medical room, or
 - 86.2.2. at least USD10,000 (United States Dollars Ten Thousand) for failing to equip the doping control room, or

- 86.2.3. at least USD40,000 (United States Dollars Forty Thousand) for failing to equip both rooms.
 - 86.2.4. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.
- 86.3. The Host MA shall provide all medical and doping control personnel stipulated by the AFF and in accordance with the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations and related manuals.
- 86.4. The Host MA shall be fined:
 - 86.4.1. at least USD10,000 (United States Dollars Ten Thousand) for failing to provide all doping control personnel, or
 - 86.4.2. at least USD20,000 (United States Dollars Twenty Thousand) for failing to provide medical personnel.
 - 86.4.3. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

87. ANTI-DOPING

- 87.1. 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.
- 87.2. Each Participating Player may be subjected to in-competition testing and out-of-competition testing in accordance with the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 87.3. A 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.
- 87.4. 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.

88. CONCUSSIONS

- 88.1. 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 ad-hoc 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

Player to continue playing with the authorisation of the Team Doctor, who will have the final decision.

- 88.2. The Team Doctor may call upon the Host MA's medical personnel on the pitch and/or the Local Medical Officer, if any, to assist on the assessment and management (if deemed necessary).
- 88.3. 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 Player who has suffered a concussion. SCAT5 recognises that the time frame to 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.
- 88.4. Number of substitutes
 - 88.4.1. Each Participating Team may use a maximum of one (1) concussion substitute in a Match. Such concussion substitute may be made regardless of the number of substitutes already used.
 - 88.4.2. If any Participating Team uses a concussion substitute, the opposing team in the said Match then has the option to use an additional substitute for any reason.
- 88.5. 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'.

89. SPECTATORS

- 89.1. The Host MA shall ensure that the mandatory emergency medical response(s) are readily available to cater to spectators in the Stadiums for all the Matches in the Competition as provided per Article 78.2 hereinabove.

90. ACCREDITATION OF FOREIGN MEDICAL PERSONNEL

- 90.1. The Host MA shall provide the AFF and all the Participating Teams and/or PMAs 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, etc.)

SECTION 15: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

91. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 91.1. 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.
- 91.2. The PMAs shall cover their international and domestic travel costs to the Venue or the nearest airport, as well as incidental expenses.
- 91.3. The AFF and the Host MA shall provide all other logistical arrangements, if any. Such arrangements shall be communicated to the PMAs by circular prior to the Competition.
- 91.4. The Host MA is 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

92. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

- 92.1. 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.
- 92.2. 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 fifteen (15) days before the first Match of the Competition.
- 92.3. All Participating Players and Participating Officials agree to:
 - 92.3.1. respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials
 - 92.3.2. behave accordingly, and
 - 92.3.3. refrain from doping.

93. GOOD CONDUCT

- 93.1. PMAs are liable for the improper conduct of:
 - 93.1.1. any member of its Team Official Delegation, and/or
 - 93.1.2. any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competition.
- 93.2. For any violation of Article 93.1 hereinabove, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue any sanction listed in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

94. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- 94.1. 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:
 - 94.1.1. 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.
 - 94.1.2. If the offence is admitted, the AFF shall submit the compounded offence to the Chairperson of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for approval.

- 94.1.2.1. Should the party deny the offence, the AFF shall open disciplinary proceedings.
 - 94.1.3. Upon approval of the Chairperson of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, the sanction shall be notified and applied administratively by the AFF
 - 94.1.3.1. Should the Chairperson of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee not approve the compounded offence, the AFF shall open disciplinary proceedings.
 - 94.1.4. By agreeing to compound the offence, the party waives its right to request a motivated decision or appeal the sanction issued.
- 94.2. Any sanction issued administratively comes into force immediately upon notification in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

95. CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

- 95.1. 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.
- 95.2. The rules pertaining to cautions (yellow cards) and expulsions (red cards) imposed during the Competition shall be as follows:
 - 95.2.1. 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 s/he received the second caution.
 - 95.2.2. If a Participating Player or Participating Official receives a second caution during their Team's final Match in the Group Stage of the Competition, the automatic suspension shall be carried forward to the Semi Final Stage of the Competition.
 - 95.2.3. Any Participating Player or Participating Official who completes the Group Stage having only received one (1) caution shall not carry-over that caution to the Semi Final Stage of the Competition.
 - 95.2.4. Any Participating Player or Participating Official who completes the Semi Final Stage having only received one (1) caution shall not carry over that caution to the Finals.
 - 95.2.5. 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.

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

96. PROTEST

- 96.1. For the purpose of these Regulations, a protest is an objection of any kind related to any event and/or matter that has a direct effect on a Match, including but not limited to eligibility of a Player to participate in the Competition.
- 96.2. Unless otherwise stipulated in these Regulations, to be considered valid, a protest shall be:
 - 96.2.1. submitted in writing (using the appropriate Protest Form issued by the AFF General Secretariat) and handed either personally or via e-mail to the AFF Match Commissioner for the relevant Match, with a copy to aff.legal@aseanfootball.org, within two (2) hours of the final whistle, or if the relevant Match was cancelled or abandoned, within two (2) hours of the decision to cancel or abandon the Match (the "Protest Deadline"),
 - 96.2.2. followed up with a full written report (including a copy of the original Protest Form) which must be sent to the AFF General Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours of the Protest Deadline, and
 - 96.2.3. accompanied by a non-refundable fee of USD1,000 (United States Dollars One Thousand) (non-inclusive of any bank charges) which must be transmitted to the bank account nominated by the AFF General Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours of the Protest Deadline.
- 96.3. No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected to play. Such decisions are final, binding and not appealable, unless otherwise expressly stipulated in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code. The same applies to any potential issue concerning the use and/or operation of any GLT and/or VAR system.
- 96.4. If any of the formal requirements set out in Articles 96.2 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, binding and not appealable.
- 96.5. Subject to any exceptions set out in these Regulations, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code, the AFF Statutes and/or any other applicable AFF

regulations, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall make decisions on protests.

- 96.6. Should the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee determine that a protest is unfounded or irresponsible, it may impose a fine.
- 96.7. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall make decisions on protests. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may transfer a protest to the AFF Competitions Committee for its decision if it is deemed to be purely operational in nature.

97. ANTI-MATCH FIXING

- 97.1. Match fixing is forbidden and is a punishable offence.
- 97.2. In case of a violation of Article 97.1 hereinabove, the AFF shall initiate disciplinary proceedings, and may impose provisional measures, in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 97.3. PMAs are responsible for ensuring that all Participating Players and Participating Officials have received robust anti-match fixing education prior to their first Match of the Competition. The provision and receipt of such anti-Match fixing education to its Team Official Delegation must be confirmed by the respective PMA in writing to the AFF General Secretariat, along with necessary evidences, if any, to registration@aseanfootball.org at least two (2) days prior to their first Match in the Competition.
- 97.4. Failure to provide the confirmation as stipulated in Article 97.3 hereinabove, may result in sanctions to the tune of USD1,000 (United States Dollars One Thousand) and any other sanctions as deemed fit at the discretion of the AFF.

98. REPORTING CONCERNS

- 98.1. During the Competition, all individuals including, but not limited to the Participating Players, Participating Officials and/or other staff from each Participating Team (the “Individuals”), AFF Delegation and members of the LOC have the mandatory obligation to report all concerns relating to any:
 - 98.1.1. integrity matters including without limitation Match Fixing, Doping, Betting, Gambling, Bribing, etc.,
 - 98.1.2. safeguarding matters including without limitation abuse, assault, harassment (physical, mental, sexual, emotional), neglect, and
 - 98.1.3. any other similar matters gravely affecting the Individuals, the game of Football, the Competition and/or the AFF.
- 98.2. 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.

- 98.2.1. It is mandatory for the PMA Integrity Officer to report the concerns to the AFF Integrity Officer/ Point of Contact, with at least the following:
 - 98.2.1.1. a copy of the report received by the PMA Integrity Officer,
 - 98.2.1.2. the preliminary investigation conducted by the PMA Integrity Officer including, without limitation (a) a copy of the reporting done to the relevant authorities, if done so already, (b) the subsequent actions taken by said local authorities, if any, and (c) the relevant rules, regulations and policies of the respective PMA in relation to the alleged violation and the applicable sanctions for the same, and
 - 98.2.1.3. the next steps/plan of action of the relevant PMA relating to the concern(s) raised.
- 98.2.2. 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.
- 98.3. It is mandatory for the Individuals to report a safeguarding concern to the designated PMA Safeguarding Officer with relevant information and documents.
 - 98.3.1. It is mandatory for the PMA Safeguarding Officer to report the concern(s) to the AFF Safeguarding Officer/Point of Contact for the Competition with at least the following:
 - 98.3.1.1. a copy of the report received by the PMA Safeguarding Officer,
 - 98.3.1.2. the preliminary investigation conducted by the PMA Safeguarding Officer including, without limitation (a) a copy of the reporting done to the relevant authorities, if done so already, (b) the subsequent actions taken by said local authorities, if any, and (c) the relevant rules, regulations and policies of the respective PMA in relation to the alleged violation and the applicable sanctions for the same, and
 - 98.3.1.3. the next steps/plan of action of the relevant PMA relating to the concern(s) raised.

- 98.3.2. 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.
- 98.4. 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 Official Delegation.
 - 98.4.1. It is mandatory for the PMA Head of Team Official Delegation to report the concern(s) to the AFF Competitions Officer/Secretariat with at least the following:
 - 98.4.1.1. a copy of the report received by the PMA Head of Team Official Delegation,
 - 98.4.1.2. the preliminary investigation conducted by the PMA Head of Team Official Delegation including without limitation (a) a copy of the reporting done to the relevant authorities, if done so already, (b) the subsequent actions taken by said local authorities, if any, and (c) the relevant rules, regulations and policies of the respective PMA in relation to the alleged violation and the applicable sanctions for the same, and
 - 98.4.1.3. the next steps/plan of action of the PMA relating to the concern(s) raised.
 - 98.4.2. 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.
- 98.5. In case where any Individual has an integrity/safeguarding or any other similar matters as provided in Article 98.1 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 Officer/Point of Contact, AFF Safeguarding Officer/Point of Contact, AFF Competitions Officer/Secretariat directly with the relevant information as provided in Articles 98.2.1.1 to 98.2.1.3, 98.3.1.1 to 98.3.1.3, and/or 98.4.1.1 to 98.4.1.3 as relevant.
- 98.6. The AFF may conduct its own investigation into the concerns raised, including without limitation, informing AFC and/or FIFA regarding such concern.
- 98.7. The AFF may further initiate a disciplinary proceeding in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

99. ARBITRATION

- 99.1. Any dispute in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.
- 99.2. In compliance with the AFF Statutes, PMAs, Participating 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.
- 99.3. PMAs, Participating Players and Participating 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

100. OFFICIAL COUNTDOWN

- 100.1. 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 one (1) day before each Match of the Competition.
- 100.2. The Participating Teams shall observe the official countdown, and all other Match-related protocol notified by the AFF, from time to time.
- 100.3. A Participating Team that causes a delay in any scheduled kick-off of a Match (as determined by the official countdown) may be sanctioned by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee at its discretion.
- 100.4. 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 Stadiums.
- 100.5. AFF attaches particular importance to the following points:
 - 100.5.1. preparation of the Field of Play and the enclosure,
 - 100.5.2. care of the Participating Teams at the Stadium,
 - 100.5.3. loudspeakers, scoreboard and floodlights,
 - 100.5.4. safety and security services,
 - 100.5.5. first-aid and other relevant medical services,
 - 100.5.6. protocol (VVIP/VIP tribune, flags, anthems),
 - 100.5.7. media facilities and services,
 - 100.5.8. doping control, if any, and
 - 100.5.9. official reports.

101. CONTROLLED ACCESS AREA (CAA)

- 101.1. In order to ensure orderly Match procedure, only persons with special accreditation and entrusted with specific responsibilities will be permitted access to the CAA.
- 101.2. 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.

- 101.3. 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.
- 101.4. The Host MA shall bear all costs associated to the provision and use of the CAA.
- 101.5. The Host MA shall ensure the immediate concealment or removal of any or all unauthorised or third-party advertising, marketing or promotion from the Stadiums or Official Training Sites and that the Stadiums including the CAA and Official Training Sites shall be free from any third-party agreements relating to the use of and operation of the Stadiums or any part thereof.

102. ORDERS IN THE ENCLOSURE AND SURROUNDINGS

- 102.1. Apart from the Participating Players and Participating Officials in each Participating Team, the refereeing group (Match Officials and Video Match Officials), the ball persons and the flag bearers, only the following people will be given access to the inner enclosure:

AFF Officials	• AFF Head of Delegation • AFF Representatives • AFF Match Commissioners • AFF Referees, Assistant Referees, Video Assistant Referees and Assistant Video Assistant Referees • AFF Referee Assessors • AFF VAR Technology Officers • AFF Safety and Security Officers • AFF Media Officers • AFF General Coordinators • AFF Competitions Officers/Secretariat
Venue Officials	• Host MA General Secretary • Stadium/Venue Manager • Chief of Police and/or Security Officer • limited number of service staff (janitors, cleaners, etc.)
VAR STP	• STP Technical Crew
Media Representatives	• Official Photographers • Camera operators (no commentators) for Host Broadcaster • Auxiliary personnel or runners for AFF and the Host Broadcaster
Sponsors, if any	• limited personnel

103. MATCH CEREMONIES

- 103.1. Opening Ceremony

- 103.1.1. Any opening ceremony shall not affect any pre-Match operations, including without limitation Participating Teams' warm-up and the pre-Match ceremony.
- 103.1.2. The Field of Play shall be strictly protected from damage caused by any activity related to the opening ceremony.
- 103.1.3. 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.
- 103.2. Pre-Match Ceremony
 - 103.2.1. The pre-Match countdown shall follow Appendix 10 of these Regulations.
- 103.3. Prize Presentation Ceremony
 - 103.3.1. A prize presentation ceremony, managed and controlled by AFF and coordinated with the Host MA, shall be held immediately after the final Match to present the awards, medals and trophy.
 - 103.3.2. The Participating Players and Participating Officials that qualify to receive the awards, medals and trophy 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. Participating Players and Participating Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension are allowed to take part in the prize presentation ceremony as set out in Appendix 2.
 - 103.3.3. The order of the awards presentation is as follows:
 - 103.3.3.1. Match Officials' commemorative medals/awards,
 - 103.3.3.2. Best Goalkeeper Award,
 - 103.3.3.3. Top Goal Scorer Award,
 - 103.3.3.4. Most Valuable Player Award,
 - 103.3.3.5. Third-placed medals, if applicable,
 - 103.3.3.6. Runners-up medals,
 - 103.3.3.7. Champion medals, and
 - 103.3.3.8. Champion trophy.
 - 103.3.4. The ceremony shall take place on a stage which (a) the design and structure of which should be produced according to the

requirements of AFF, and (b) positioned on the Field of Play shortly after the final whistle of the Match.

- 103.3.5. The AFF President shall lead the walk of the VIPs/prize presenters to the stage.
- 103.3.6. The AFF President shall present the Champion trophy to the captain of the Champion team.
- 103.3.7. AFF will designate the VIPs/prize presenters to distribute the medals and awards.
- 103.3.8. The Host MA may be requested to nominate ushers who will escort the VIPs/prize presenters onto the stage, staff who will carry the medals and awards, and assist the VIPs/prize presenters in distributing the medals and awards, to be approved by AFF.
- 103.3.9. The Host MA 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. All related costs to the production and set-up for the prize presentation ceremony shall be at the account of the Host MA.
- 103.3.10. A prize presentation ceremony rehearsal would be held at least one (1) day prior to the actual presentation. This rehearsal shall include all the individuals involved in the presentation like the stage preparation individuals, the emcee and the ushers. The LOC and the Host MA shall ensure that the individuals involved in the actual prize presentation ceremony, as indicated by the AFF, are present for this rehearsal. Any failure to have the individuals present shall be sanctioned by the AFF at its own discretion.

104. AFF FLAGS AND AFF LOGO VISIBILITY

- 104.1. The Host MA shall ensure that the AFF flags, as prescribed by the AFF, shall be used throughout the Competition. AFF flags should be undamaged, clean, and prominently displayed in each venue.
- 104.2. The AFF flags shall be used in the following manner:
 - 104.2.1. marching-in ceremony, and
 - 104.2.2. flying or hoisting.
- 104.3. Printed or digital perimeter advertising at the stadium, training sites and other official venues should feature the AFF logo, including the title board, backdrops and signages. AFF logo placement should take precedence over other branding. The AFF logo must never be altered, stretched, recoloured, or obstructed by other graphics or text, and should maintain adequate contrast for logo visibility and legibility in all environments.

105. SPONSOR LOGOS

- 105.1. The Host MA shall ensure that the AFF Commercial Rights Partner and any other Sponsors as designated by the AFF, shall be used and shown, as prescribed by the AFF, throughout the Competition.
- 105.2. Printed or digital perimeter advertising at the Stadium, training sites and other official venues shall feature such logos as mentioned in Article 105.1 hereinabove, including the title board, backdrops and signages. Such logos must never be altered, stretched, recoloured, or obstructed by other graphics or text, and should maintain adequate contrast for logo visibility and legibility in all environments.

SECTION 18: CLOSING PROVISIONS

106. FINALS

106.1. The final Match shall be organised and managed by the AFF in collaboration with its Commercial Rights Partner and the Host MA including without limitation:

106.1.1. tickets and ticketing in accordance with Section 11,

106.1.2. protocol,

106.1.3. Match organisation,

106.1.4. commercial operations, and

106.1.5. media operations.

106.2. Any additional events planned before, during and after the final Match by the Host MA shall be communicated at least seven (7) days prior to the final Match and must be approved by the AFF in writing.

107. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

107.2. These instructions form an integral part of these Regulations.

108. AFC COMPETITION OPERATIONS MANUAL

108.1. 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 procedures during the Matches, equipment, safety and security, medical provisions, taxes and duties, the AFF reserves its right to refer to the AFC Competitions Operations Manual, which shall apply to all the PMAs, Participating Players and Participating Officials of this Competition.

108.2. Only the AFF has the authority to refer to 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.

109. DECISIONS

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

110. AMENDMENTS

110.1. 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.

111. IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS

111.1. 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.

112. ENFORCEMENT

112.1. These Regulations were ratified by the AFF Competitions Committee on 17 February 2026 and came into force immediately.

For the AFF Competitions Committee

Dr Tran Quoc Tuan
AFF Competitions Committee Chairperson

Winston Lee
AFF General Secretary

APPENDIX 1: DETERMINING THE RANKING IN A GROUP USING FAIR PLAY CRITERIA

1. Each Team shall be awarded points for receiving yellow and red cards as indicated below:
 - 1.1 per yellow card: one (1) point
 - 1.2 per red card (as a consequence of two [2] 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.
 - 1.5 For the avoidance of doubt, only one of the above points shall be applied to a Participating Player/Participating Official in each Match.
2. The Team receiving the least number of points shall be ranked highest. The remaining Teams shall be ranked in descending order.

APPENDIX 2: EXPULSIONS AND SUSPENSIONS AT COMPETITIONS

VENUE	PLAYER		OFFICIAL	
	Expulsion	Suspension	Expulsion	Suspension
FIELD OF PLAY (FOP)	Ordered to leave the FOP and its surroundings	Banned from the FOP and its surroundings	Ordered to leave the FOP and its surroundings	Banned from the FOP 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	Can stay in the dressing room accompanied by a chaperone	Banned from the dressing room at any time before and during the Match	Banned from entering the dressing room at halftime, if sent off during the first half of the Match	Banned from the dressing room at any time before and during the Match
STANDS	Allowed to sit in the stands, provided his integrity and security are assured and should no longer be wearing his football equipment	Allowed to sit in the stands but not in the immediate vicinity of the FOP, provided his integrity and security are assured	Allowed to sit in the stands but not in the immediate vicinity of the FOP, provided his integrity and security are assured	Allowed to sit in the stands but not in the immediate vicinity of the FOP, provided his integrity and security are assured
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
PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY	Allowed to take part in the ceremony	Allowed to take part in the ceremony	Allowed to take part in the ceremony	Allowed to take part in the ceremony
MIXED ZONE	Banned from the mixed zone	Banned from the mixed zone	Banned from the mixed zone	Banned from the mixed zone
PRESS CONFERENCE	Not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference	Not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference	Not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference	Not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference (except for the

				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
DOPING CONTROL ROOM	Eligible for doping control	N/A	N/A	N/A
CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION	Not allowed in the VVIP/VIP tribune	Allowed to sit in the stands but not in the immediate vicinity of the FOP, provided his integrity and security are assured	Not allowed to communicate with or contact anyone involved in the Match by any means whatsoever	Not allowed to communicate with or contact anyone involved in the Match by any means whatsoever

APPENDIX 3: TECHNICAL ASPECTS

1. Warming up

1.1. Before a Match

1.1.1. Each Participating Team shall be entitled to warm-up on the FOP before a Match if the weather and/or pitch condition permits. Such warm-up should not affect the condition of the FOP during the Match. The AFF Match Commissioner may shorten or cancel the warm-up session, if it may severely affect playing conditions of the FOP 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. The warm-up area shall be located behind the goal on the side closest to the team benches, if there is adequate space.

1.2.2. Maximum six (6) Participating Players from each Team may warm-up simultaneously, assisted by maximum of two (2) Participating 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 AFF Match Commissioner.

1.2.4. Setting up of equipment by Teams shall not be permitted in such cases.

1.2.5. Participating Players must wear assigned bibs.

1.2.6. Only goalkeepers are allowed to warm up with the ball.

1.2.7. Participating Officials assisting in the warm-up shall not give instructions to the goalkeeper or any other outfield Player who are playing in the Match.

2. Post-Match Cool Down

2.1. Post-Match cool down shall not be allowed during the whole Competition to protect the integrity of the FOP.

3. Cooling Break

3.1. Depending on 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 thirty-two degrees Celsius (32°C), and/or taking into account additional factors such as the time of the day, the amount of cloud cover, Stadium location, etc., the local 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 minimum 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 30th and 75th 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.
 - 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 FOP, at least one (1) metre outside the touchline and goal line (respecting marketing and advertising obligations around the FOP).
- 4.2. Water bottles shall be placed very carefully so they do not interfere with the Assistant Referees running on the touchline. It is suggested that water bottles are not placed on each of the half part of the touchline behind the Assistant Referees.

- 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 FOP whereas substitutes and Participating Officials must remain outside the FOP.
 - 4.5. If medical staff enters the FOP, 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 into the FOP.
5. Official Training at the Stadium
 - 5.1. Depending on the weather and condition of the FOP, 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 or two (1 or 2) days prior to their first Match in the Stadium in the Competition.
 - 5.2. If the FOP is an artificial turf, 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 or two (1 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 FOP must be prepared to Match-condition for Official Training. If the FOP is not in Match-condition, the AFF Match Commissioner may shorten or cancel the Official Training and direct the Teams to inspect the FOP wearing training shoes only.
 - 5.5. If a Team chooses not to train at the 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 shall forfeit the right to train at the 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 support equipment and an adequate number of security personnel during the Official Training at the Stadium.
6. Training Sites
 - 6.1. A minimum of four (4) standard Training Sites approved by the AFF needs to be available. Each Training Site 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 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. fencing around the facility secured from access by general public and with controlled entrances to prevent unauthorised access to guarantee the implementation of a closed training session, if any.
- 6.2. With the exception of official training sessions at the Stadium, any Official Training must be undertaken in an Official Training Site approved by the AFF.
- 6.3. All Training Sites 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 Sites shall be nominated by the Host MA and are subject to inspection and confirmation by AFF.
- 6.5. AFF reserves the right to refuse the nomination of Training Sites and require the Host MA to nominate an alternate Training Site.
- 6.6. If at any time during the Competition, the AFF Match Commissioner or AFF General Secretariat deems that, for whatever reason, the Training Sites are not fit to stage training, it shall consult with the Host MA and propose an alternate Training Site.
- 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 Participating Teams wish to use any training equipment during the training sessions, they must provide it themselves.

APPENDIX 4: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE NATIONALITY ENTITLING THEM TO REPRESENT MORE THAN ONE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

No.	Documents	Attached (Please tick)
1.	The Player must provide one of the following categories of documents (A1 and A2 or B):	
A1	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.	
A2	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.	
B	Decision of the FIFA allowing the Player to change association.	
2.	Clear copy of player's passport of the country the player wishes to represent.	
3.	If the layer seeks to rely on A1 and A2 as opposed to B, they must provide one of the following categories of documents:	
C1	Evidence that their father or mother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and Evidence that such person is their biological parent.	
C2	Evidence that their grandfather or grandmother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and Evidence that such person is their biological grandparent.	
C3	Evidence that the Player has lived on the territory of the relevant Association for at least five (5) years in accordance with the FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes; and Any further evidence as required in the FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes.	

APPENDIX 5: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE ACQUIRED A NEW NATIONALITY

No.	Documents	Attached (Please tick)
1.	The Player must provide one of the following categories of documents (A1 and A2 or B):	
A1	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	
A2	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.	
B	Decision of the FIFA allowing the Player to change association.	
2.	Clear copy of Player's passport of the country the Player wishes to represent.	
3.	If the Player seeks to rely on A1 and A2 as opposed to B, they must provide one of the following categories of documents:	
C1	i) Evidence that their father or mother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and ii) Evidence that such person is their biological parent.	
C2	i) Evidence that their grandfather or grandmother was born on the territory of the relevant Association; and ii) Evidence that such person is their biological grandparent.	
C3	Evidence that the Player has lived on the territory of the relevant Association: i) for players that began living on the territory before the age of ten (10): at least three (3) years; ii) for players that began living on the territory between the age of ten (10) and eighteen (18): at least five (5) years; iii) for players that began living on the territory from the age of eighteen (18): at least five (5) years.	

APPENDIX 6: PLAYER SELECTION LIST AND OFFICIALS ON THE SUBSTITUTION BENCH FORM

1. For all Matches, each Participating Team will receive prior to their arrival at the Stadium a 'Player Selection List' on which the jersey numbers and names of the Participating Players are listed. The jersey numbers on the Players' kits shall correspond with the numbers indicated on the Player Selection List.
2. Each Participating 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 these 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 to the AFF Match Commissioner their Player Selection List signed by the Head Coach and/or Team Manager, together with the 'Officials on the Bench' form with the names of the Participating Officials who shall be entitled to sit on the team bench in accordance with these Regulations. The forms may be submitted 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 kick-off.
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 Start List at least seventy-five (75) minutes before the kick-off. Each Player must be prepared, available and in physical possession of their Accreditation Card and playing kits 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) starting Players are unable to start for any reason, they may be replaced by any of the substitutes listed on the Match Start List.
 - 5.4.2. The Team Manager shall immediately submit an updated Player Selection List to the AFF Match Commissioner who shall update the 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, and 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 and signed by the 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 Participating Teams for the duration of the Competition, in accordance with Section 7 of these Regulations.
2. The Host MA shall provide all local organising costs for the Participating Teams (maximum of thirty-one [31] members – twenty-three [23] Participating Players and eight [8] Participating Officials) from two (2) days before their first Match in the Competition until one (1) day after their last Match in the Competition, including but not limited to:

2.1. Accommodation, Meals and Laundry

- 2.1.1. Minimum three (3) single rooms per Team, and twin or single rooms for all members of the Team Official Delegation
- 2.1.2. One (1) empty room on the same floor assigned to the Participating Team to be used as equipment/medical room.
- 2.1.3. One (1) dedicated room to be used for meals and meetings, or a designated area in the hotel restaurant for meals along with a shared meeting room(s) available to all Participating Teams on a scheduled basis. The shared meeting room(s) must be reserved in advance by each Participating Team.
- 2.1.4. Daily laundry of six (6) pieces per person per day (non-cumulative).
- 2.1.5. Three (3) meals daily of sufficient quantity and variety.
- 2.1.6. Light meals on Match days along with meals packed-to-go, for taking to the Stadium, as per requirements.
- 2.1.7. Halal food, pork-free or specific dietary requirements should be catered for.
- 2.1.8. Six (6) litres of drinking water per person per day.
- 2.1.9. Sufficient ice for training and Match days.
- 2.1.10. Should a Participating Team need to extend their stay at the Venue due to flight unavailability, the Host MA will assist in providing alternative hotel options and other local accommodations. However, any additional costs incurred by the Participating Team for the extended stay will be the Participating Team's responsibility.

2.2. Airport Reception and Local Transportation

- 2.2.1. One (1) suitable air-conditioned dedicated bus with a dedicated driver to accommodate a minimum of fifty (50) people for the duration of the Competition.

- 2.2.2. One (1) suitable air-conditioned dedicated multi-purpose vehicle with a dedicated driver to accommodate maximum of seven (7) people for the duration of the Competition.
- 2.2.3. One (1) roofed luggage truck (preferably with a 4-ton capacity) for airport transfers, any hotel transfers, and if required, Match days.
- 2.2.4. If the Match Venue is not serviced by an international airport, the Host MA shall be responsible for the transportation of the Participating Teams from the closest international airport to the Match Venue via the quickest mode of transportation keeping in mind the health, rest and recuperation of the Participating Players as paramount.
- 2.2.5. The Host MA shall ensure that the LOC representatives are present at the immigration/custom checkpoints to assist the Participating Teams upon arrival and departure.
- 2.2.6. The Host MA shall ensure all assigned vehicles are always on time for official use of the Participating Teams. Should there be any unforeseen factors like traffic jams, accidents, medical emergencies, et al., the Host MA shall communicate with the relevant Participating Teams and provide alternative solutions.

2.3. Visas

- 2.3.1. The Host MA shall ensure that visa requirements and/or entry requirements to the relevant territory are provided to all members of the Participating Team in a timely manner.
- 2.3.2. The Host MA shall ensure that visa processes shall be handled by their local authorities without any discrimination on the basis of, without limitation, gender, race or nationality.

2.4. Other Logistical Arrangements

- 2.4.1. The Host MA shall provide each Participating Team with an English-speaking Liaison Officer for the duration of the Competition. The Liaison Officers shall be with their respective Participating Team at all times.
- 2.4.2. The Host MA shall also provide one (1) security officer/personnel at the lobby of the Participating Teams' hotel(s) and if required by AFF, one (1) security officer/personnel on each floor being occupied by the Participating Teams in the hotel. A dedicated security officer per Participating Team may also be requested on a case-to-case basis.
- 2.4.3. Subject to the relevant national laws and policies, where requested by the AFF or the AFF Match Commissioner, a police escort shall be

provided to each Team Official Delegation for its travel to and from training, Match, Official Function(s) and airport transfers.

3. The Host MA shall provide all local organising costs for the AFF Match Officials and AFF Delegation for the duration of the Competition as indicated by AFF, including but not limited to:

- 3.1. Accommodation, Meals and Laundry

- 3.1.1. Single rooms for each member of the AFF Delegation and twin-sharing rooms for Referees and Assistant Referees, as applicable, at a five-star hotel or first-class hotel as approved by AFF. AFF Match Officials and AFF Delegation must be accommodated at a separate hotel from the Participating Teams.
- 3.1.2. Daily laundry of six (6) pieces per person per day (non-cumulative), and an additional two (2) pieces of dry-cleaning service every alternate days for the AFF Delegation.
- 3.1.3. Three (3) meals daily of sufficient quantity and variety.
- 3.1.4. Light meals on Match days, along with meals packed-to-go for taking to the Stadium, as per requirements.
- 3.1.5. Halal food, pork-free or specific dietary requirements should be catered for.
- 3.1.6. Six (6) litres of drinking water per person per day.
- 3.1.7. Sufficient ice on training sessions and Matchdays for Match Officials, if requested.
- 3.1.8. AFF Competition/Secretariat room(s) at the hotel, fully equipped with office equipment and consumables. If an AFF Competition/Secretariat room is not available at the hotel, the Host MA shall ensure that the AFF Competitions/Secretariat are able to use the hotel's business centre at no additional cost to the AFF.
- 3.1.9. Meeting room(s) at the hotel for the AFF Match Officials, fully equipped with projector, office equipment and consumables.
- 3.1.10. SIM card with nominal value, inclusive of international calls and internet, or any other portable internet device, for each member of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials (except Referees and Assistant Referees) upon their arrival to the accommodation or Match Venue.

- 3.2. Airport Reception and Local Transportation

- 3.2.1. One (1) suitable air-conditioned dedicated sedan with a dedicated driver for the AFF Match Commissioner.

- 3.2.2. Suitable air-conditioned dedicated multi-purpose vehicle(s) with dedicated driver(s) to accommodate maximum of seven (7) people for the Referee Group (Referee Assessor and Referees).
- 3.2.3. One (1) suitable air-conditioned dedicated sedan with a dedicated driver for the AFF Competitions Officer/Secretariat.
- 3.2.4. Additional vehicle(s) upon request of the AFF for the AFF Delegation and/or other officials appointed by the AFF.
- 3.2.5. The Host MA shall ensure that the LOC representatives are present at the immigration/custom checkpoints to assist the AFF Match Officials and AFF Delegation upon arrival and departure.
- 3.2.6. The Host MA shall ensure all assigned vehicles are always on time for official use of the AFF Match Officials and AFF Delegation. Should there be any unforeseen factors like traffic jams, accidents, medical emergencies et al., the Host MA shall communicate with the relevant individuals and provide alternative solutions.

3.3. Visas

- 3.3.1. The Host MA shall ensure that visa requirements and/or entry requirements to the relevant territory are provided to all members of the AFF Match Officials and AFF Delegation in a timely manner.
- 3.3.2. The Host MA shall ensure that visa processes shall be handled by their local authorities without any discrimination on the basis of, without limitation, gender, race or nationality.

3.4. Other Logistical Arrangements

- 3.4.1. The Host MA shall provide each member of the AFF Match Officials and AFF Delegation with an English-speaking Liaison Officer for the duration of the Competition. The Liaison Officers shall be with their respective AFF Match Official/Delegate at all times.
- 3.4.2. Subject to the relevant national laws and policies, where requested by the AFF or the AFF Match Commissioner, a police escort shall be provided to Match Officials for its travel to and from training, Match and Official Function(s).

4. The AFF will pay the following:

- 4.1. daily and subsistence allowances and reimbursement of air tickets (economy class only) to-and-from their MA country, unless otherwise approved by the AFF (such approvals shall only be provided where prior official appointments for other competitions are evidenced) to Match Venue and return of the appointed AFF Match Officials and AFF Delegation, and

- 4.2. reimbursement of international flights, including connecting or domestic flights, (economy class only) from their capital city to Match Venue and return of the Participating Teams (for a maximum of twenty-three [23] players and eight [8] officials each team).
5. Participating Teams' Obligations
 - 5.1. Each Participating Team, at their own expense, is solely responsible throughout the Competition for:
 - 5.1.1. additional requirements on rooms, meals and other logistical arrangements outside the arrangements provided by the Host MA as listed above
 - 5.1.2. any incidental expenses incurred for the duration of their stay
 - 5.1.3. the insurance coverage of its Team Official Delegation (including without limitation travel, hospitalisation and surgical operations, repatriates, insurance for team equipment, etc.) for all its Matches
 - 5.1.4. payment of all duties and taxes and any other costs related to the importation and/or exportation of team equipment and/or goods to be used for the Competition
 - 5.1.5. bringing their own training bibs (at least two [2] sets of different colours) devoid of any branding.
 - 5.2. Visa
 - 5.2.1. Each Participating Team must apply for all necessary visas for their Team Official Delegation prior to their arrival. Visa application costs shall be borne by each Participating Team.
 - 5.2.2. Any Participating 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 AFF Competitions and/or sanctions from the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, at its own discretion.
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.

Photographer Rope Procedure

11. The Host MA shall ensure that two (2) ropes (20 meters each) devoid of branding are available for smooth conduct of the photographer's rope procedure during team's march-in.
12. 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.

13. The rope should remain in the straight-line position until the Team captains finish their group photos with the Match Officials.
14. 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.
15. The official photographers shall not occupy any position in the middle of the Team's march-in or together with the HB camera, instead of the top end corners of the ropes.

APPENDIX 9: EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

1. PLAYING EQUIPMENT

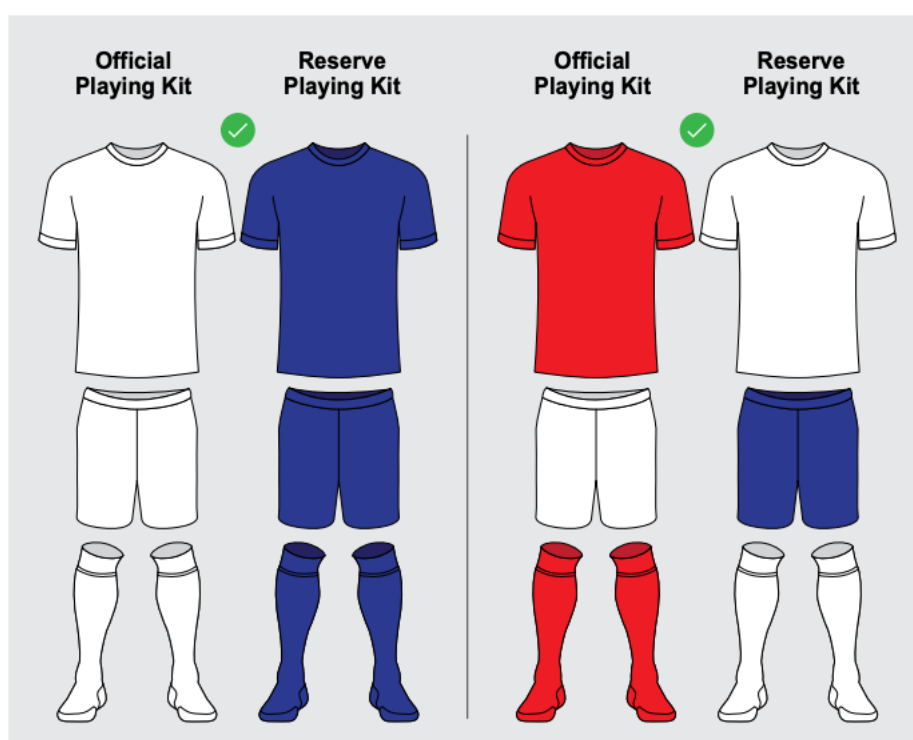
- 1.1. All outfield Participating Players in a Team must wear the same Playing Kit as each other, and all goalkeepers in a Team must wear the same Playing Kit as each other. All items of a Team's Playing Kit must be produced by the same Manufacturer or remain unbranded in whole or in part.
- 1.2. Subject to the approval of the AFF, Playing Equipment may contain special performance or comparable tools to support the performance of Participating Players. Any such tool integrated into the Playing Equipment must not affect the identical visible appearance of the Playing Equipment of all Participating Players of the same Team, including:
 - 1.2.1. being transparent or the identical colour as the respective part of the Playing Equipment associated with the performance tool;
 - 1.2.2. not being designed or used in a manner limiting the ability of all Participating Players, Match Officials, spectators and media to clearly distinguish the opposing Teams irrespective of the prevailing conditions, such as weather and light;
 - 1.2.3. not bearing any identifications associated with any Participating Team or Manufacturer; and
 - 1.2.4. not being used as a Decorative Element.
- 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 of material used for numbers, player names, badges or to identify the Participating Team, 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

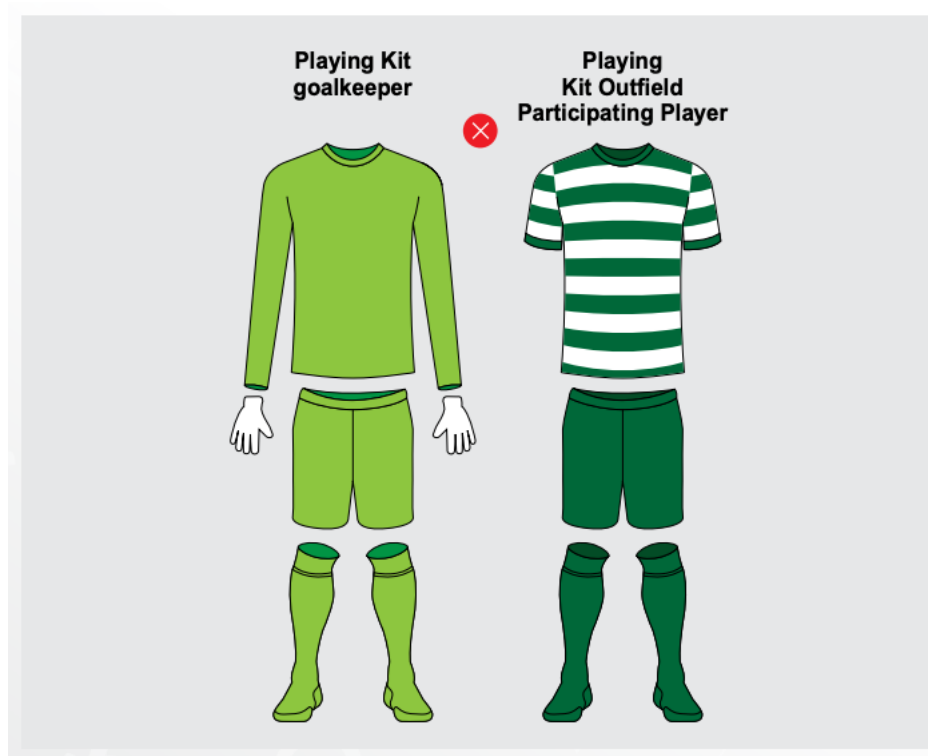
- 2.1. Save where these Regulations require otherwise, there is no limit on the number of colours that may appear on a Team's Playing Kit. Furthermore, unless stated otherwise, the restrictions in these Regulations on the use of colours of Playing Kit items do not apply to colours appearing in Team Identifiers, Manufacturer Identifiers, and/or Decorative Elements displayed on Playing Kits.
- 2.2. The colours used on the respective Playing Kits worn by the two (2) Teams contesting a particular match must contrast sufficiently to allow the Match Officials, Participating Players, Participating Officials, Media and spectators

(including, whenever reasonably practicable, those with a colour vision deficiency) to distinguish clearly between the Participating Players and the Match Officials, between the different Teams, and between the goalkeepers and the outfield Participating Players on each Team, even in difficult weather conditions. For these purposes:

- 2.2.1. each item of Playing Kit worn by one (1) Team must contrast sufficiently with the equivalent item of Playing Kit worn by the other Team to allow a clear distinction;
- 2.2.2. each Participating Team must have an Official Playing Kit and at least one (1) Reserve Playing Kit in clearly differing colours or colour combinations, for use where necessary to ensure a clear distinction;
- 2.2.3. the colour(s) of the Official Playing Kit must contrast clearly with the colour(s) of each Reserve Playing Kit;
- 2.2.4. to that end, where an Official Playing Kit item is predominantly light in colour, at least one (1) equivalent Reserve Playing Kit item should be predominantly dark in colour, and vice versa;
- 2.2.5. each Participating Team is encouraged to have a second Reserve Playing Kit in a colour or colours differing from both its Official Playing Kit and its first Reserve Playing Kit; and
- 2.2.6. the colour(s) of any item(s) worn underneath the Playing Kit must not be visible through the Playing Kit and must in no way affect the colour of, or the visual impression given by the Playing Kit.





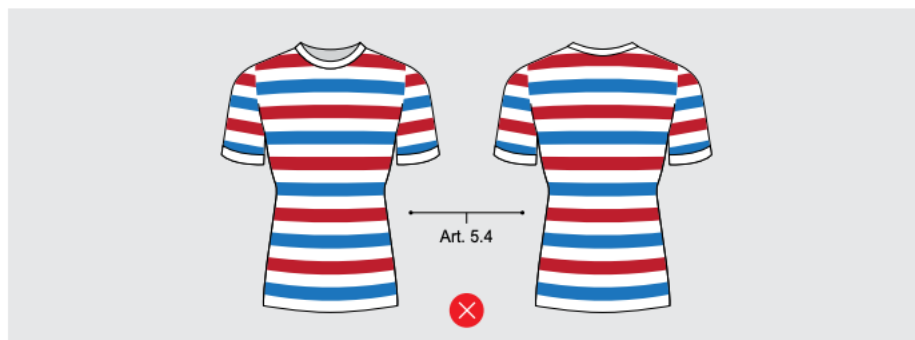
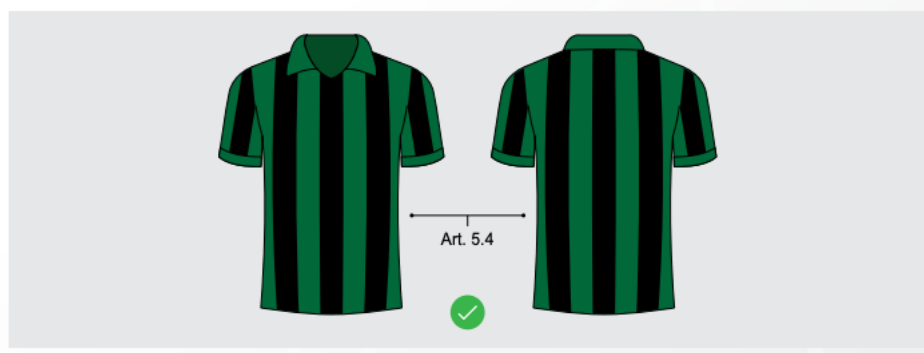


- 2.3. Subject to Article 2.4, if a Playing Kit item features more than one (1) colour, one (1) of the colours must be clearly predominant (the “Dominant Colour”) over the other colour(s) and must be predominate to the same extent on the front and back of the Playing Kit item.



- 2.4. The Shirts of the outfield Participating Players (but not the shirt of a goalkeeper) may feature a basic geometric repeated pattern (such as stripes, hoops or checks) with two (2) equally prominent colours. In such cases, the Shirt of at

least one (1) of the Team's Reserve Playing Kits must not have either of those two (2) colours as its Dominant Colour.



- 2.5. The front area and the back area of the shirt must feature the same single Dominant Colour. The sleeves must be the same colour(s) as each other, which must not undermine the predominant visual impression of the single Dominant Colour on the front area and the back area of the shirt.



2.6. As the sole exception to the single Dominant Colour rule, the front area of the shirt of an outfield Participating Player (but not a goalkeeper) may feature a basic geometric pattern (such as stripes, hoops, or check) feature two (2) equally prominent colours. In such a case:

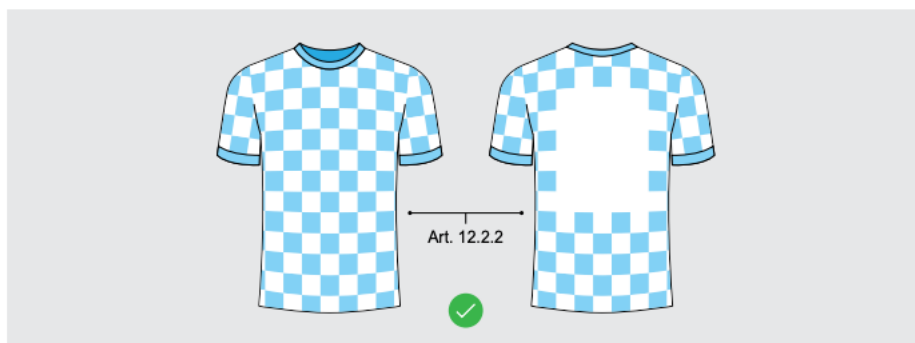
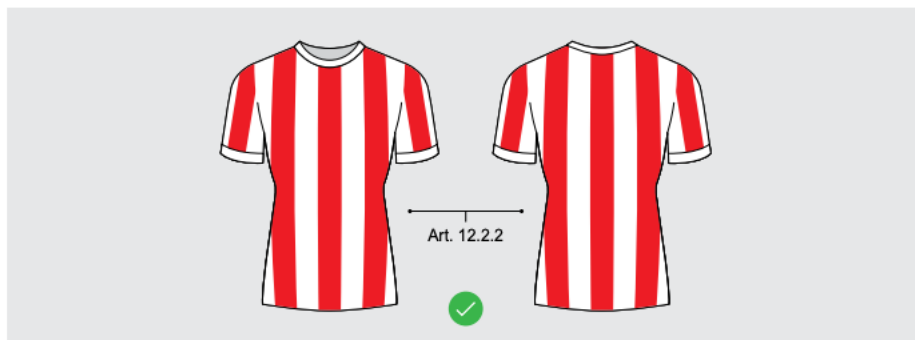
2.6.1. the back area of the shirt must:

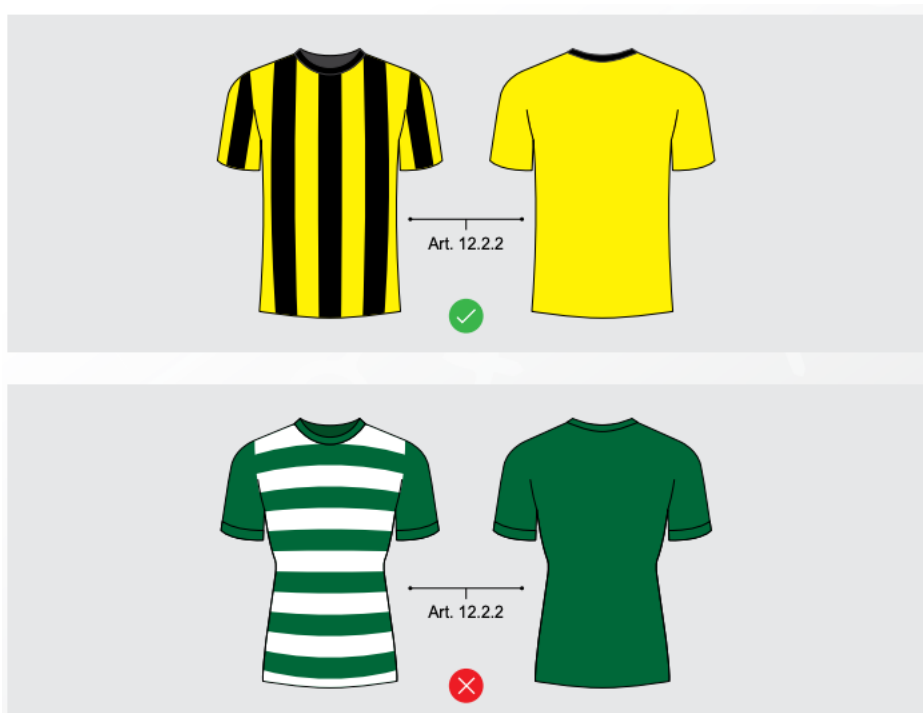
2.6.1.1. feature the same pattern and colours;

2.6.1.2. feature the same two (2) colours, giving them equal prominence; or

2.6.1.3. feature the lighter colour of the two (2) as its Dominant Colour; and

2.6.1.4. the sleeves must feature predominantly the same two (2) colours as the front area of the shirt, but the sleeves do not need to be identical to each other.

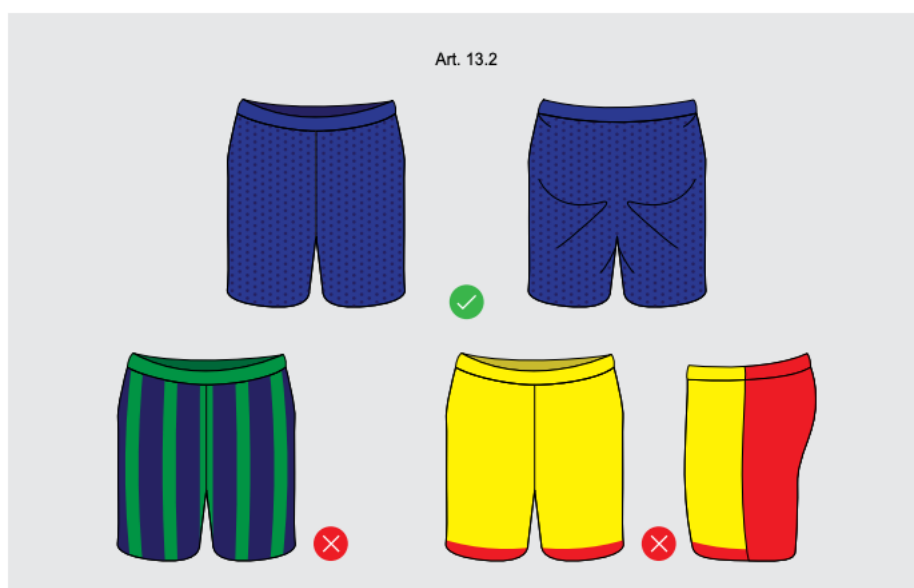




- 2.6.2. Any prominent additional colour(s) on the shirt (in particular on a sash, bar, or a colour appearing prominently around the Participating Player's shoulders) must not undermine the predominant visual impression of the Dominant Colour (or that two [2] equally prominent colours, as applicable) or the Shirt.
- 2.6.3. If the prominent additional colour on the shirt is different from the Dominant Colour of the shirt, the AFF may require that the shirt of at least one (1) of the Team's Reserve Playing Kits features neither that prominent colour nor that Dominant Colour.



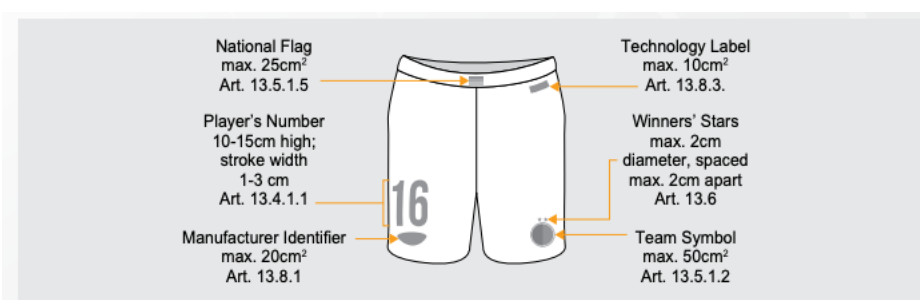
- 2.7. The shorts must feature the same single Dominant Colour when viewed from either the front or the back.



- 2.8. The Participating Player's Number must appear on the front of the Participating Player's shorts, on either the left leg or the right leg. The number must be:

- 2.8.1. ten to fifteen centimetres (10-15cm) high and one to three centimetre (1-3cm) in stroke width (each digit);
- 2.8.2. (where necessary to ensure legibility) positioned within a Number Zone that:

- 2.8.2.1. is proportionate in size to the size of the number, and provides sufficient space around the number to ensure legibility of the number whatever the weather conditions;
- 2.8.2.2. is the same Dominant Colour as the shorts (unless that would mean the number is illegible, in which the case the Number Zone must be a colour that ensures the Number is legible); and
- 2.8.2.3. does not include any Team Identifier or Manufacturer Identifier; and
- 2.8.3. entirely visible when the shirt is untucked and hanging loose over the waist edge.



- 2.9. Where the AFF or the Match Officials consider that there is an insufficient contrast between the colours used on the Playing Kits of two (2) Teams contesting a particular Match to distinguish clearly between the Participating Players and the Match Officials, between the different Teams, and/or between the goalkeepers and the outfield Participating Players on a Team, they may require one (1) Team (even after the Match has started, if necessary) to switch to, or to combine, different items from its different Playing Kits as necessary in order to achieve such a clear distinction.
- 2.10. Any temporary material (such as tape or similar material) applied to a Playing Kit item during a Match must match the Dominant Colour of the Playing Kit item (or one [1] of the two [2] equally prominent colours of the Playing Kit item, where applicable).
- 2.11. To change its registered colours, a Team and/or its MA shall submit a request to the AFF at least seven (7) days before the respective Match.

3. NUMBERS

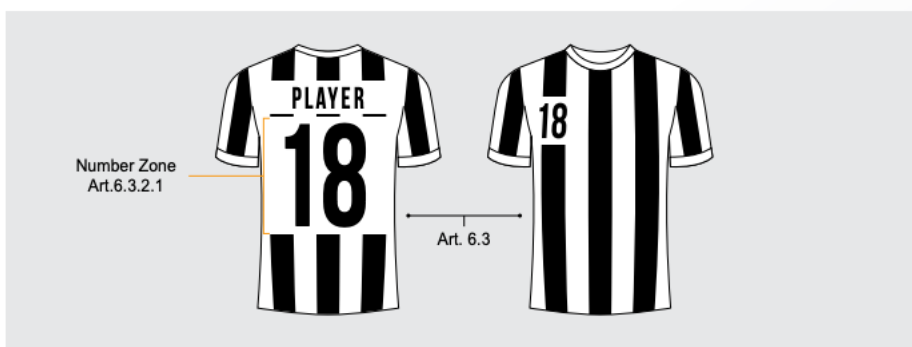
- 3.1. A Participating Player's Number must appear on the back of the Participating Player's Shirt and on the Participating Player's Shorts in all Matches in the Competition.
- 3.2. The Participating Player's Number on the back of the shirt must be:
 - 3.2.1. twenty-five to thirty-five centimetres (25-35cm) high and two to five centimetres (2-5cm) in stroke width (each digit);

- 3.2.2. positioned in the centre of the back area;
- 3.2.3. (where necessary to ensure the number is legible) located within a Number Zone that:
 - 3.2.3.1. has one (1) horizontal boundary two centimetres (2cm) above the highest point of the Number and the other horizontal boundary three centimetres (3cm) below the lowest point of the Number;
 - 3.2.3.2. has one (1) vertical boundary three centimetres (3cm) from the left edge of the left-hand digit, and the other vertical boundary three centimetres (3cm) from the right edge of the right-hand digit (or of the same digit, if there is only one [1]);
 - 3.2.3.3. is the same Dominant Colour as the Shirt (unless that would mean the number is illegible, in which case the Number Zone must be a colour that ensures the Number is legible);
 - 3.2.3.4. does not include any Team Identifier, other than as permitted;
 - 3.2.3.5. does not include any Manufacturer Identifier; and
- 3.2.4. entirely visible when the shirt is tucked into the shorts.



- 3.3. Where the Participating Player's Number is included on the front of the shirt, it must be:
 - 3.3.1. ten to fifteen centimetres (10-15cm) high and one to three centimetres (1-3cm) in stroke width (each digit);
 - 3.3.2. positioned in the chest area (in the centre or at or towards one [1] side); and
 - 3.3.3. (where necessary to ensure the number is legible) within a Number Zone that:

- 3.3.3.1. is proportionate in size to the size of the number, and big enough to ensure the number is legible whatever the conditions;
- 3.3.3.2. is the same Dominant Colour as the shirt (unless that would mean the number is illegible, in which the case the Number Zone must be a colour that ensures the Number is legible); and
- 3.3.3.3. does not include any Team Identifier or Manufacturer Identifier.



3.4. All Numbers must:

- 3.4.1. correspond to the Number of the Participating Player as registered to AFF in accordance with these Regulations;

- 3.4.2. be of one (1) single colour, which must contrast sufficiently with the surrounding colour(s) of the Playing Kit item (or of the Number Zone, where used) to be clearly legible, so that other Participating Players, Match Officials, Participating Officials, Media, and spectators are able to identify the Participating Player in question;
 - 3.4.3. be consistent in terms of style, font, size, position and colour for all Participating Players in the same Team, save that:
 - 3.4.3.1. the colour of the number of the shirt may be different from the colour of the number of the shorts; and
 - 3.4.3.2. the colour of the goalkeeper's numbers may differ from the colour of the numbers of the outfield Participating Players;
 - 3.4.4. not include any Team Identifiers, save that a Team Emblem or Team Symbol no bigger than five square centimetres (5cm²) may be included on the bottom of each digit of a number displayed on the back of the shirt'
 - 3.4.5. not include any Decorative Elements; and
 - 3.4.6. not function as a trademark or include anything that gives the visual impression of a Manufacturer Identifier or Sponsor Advertising, or that creates an association with a Manufacturer, a sponsor, or other third-party, or that constitutes a promotion or other message of any kind.
- 3.5. Numbers may:
- 3.5.1. incorporate a border or shadow outline in a different colour to improve the legibility of the number, provided this does not impair the predominance of the Dominant Colour of the Playing Kit item in question;
 - 3.5.2. contain breathing holes that are not more than two millimetres (2mm).
- 3.6. Each digit of a number may be divided into no more than four (4) segments, each segment being no more than two millimetres (2mm) apart.



- 3.7. Numbers should range from 1 to 23 in figures universally used, with the number 1 reserved for a goalkeeper.

4. PLAYER NAMES

- 4.1. Participating Players must be identified by their surname on the back of the shirt. The name must correspond to the Name of the Participating Player as registered to AFF in accordance with these Regulations.
- 4.2. Participating Players' registered name must appear on the back of the shirt used as Playing Equipment in all Matches of the Competition, at least four centimetres (4cm) above the Participating Player's Number. The letters of the name must be between five centimetres (5cm) and seven and a half centimetres (7.5cm) high.
- 4.3. The Participating Player's Name may not appear on the Participating Player's shorts.
- 4.4. All Names must:
- 4.4.1. be of one (1) single colour, which must contrast sufficiently with the surrounding colour(s) of the Playing Kit item to be clearly legible, so that other Participating Players, Match Officials, Participating Officials, Media, and spectators are able to identify the Participating Player in question;
 - 4.4.2. comprise letters of Latin characters only, in upper or lower case (phonological diaereses, such as accents or umlauts, are also permitted);
 - 4.4.3. be consistent in terms of style, font, size, position and colour for all Participating Players in the same Team, save that:
 - 4.4.3.1. the colour of the goalkeeper's name may differ from the colour of the names of the outfield Participating Players;
 - 4.4.4. not include any Team Identifiers;
 - 4.4.5. not include any Decorative Elements; and

- 4.4.6. not function as a trademark or include anything that gives the visual impression of a Manufacturer Identifier or Sponsor Advertising, or that creates an association with a Manufacturer, a sponsor, or other third-party, or that constitutes a promotion or other message of any kind.

4.5. Names may:

- 4.5.1. incorporate a border or shadow outline in a different colour to improve the legibility of the name, provided this does not impair the predominance of the Dominant Colour of the Playing Kit item in question;
- 4.5.2. contain breathing holes that are not more than two millimetres (2mm).

5. DECORATIVE ELEMENTS

- 5.1. Decorative Elements may be displayed on, or incorporated into, Playing Kit items and other clothing and equipment in accordance with these Regulations, provided they are approved by the AFF in writing.



5.2. A Decorative Element must not:

- 5.2.1. limit the ability of Match Officials, Participating Players, Participating Officials, Media, and spectators (including, whenever reasonably practicable, those with a colour vision deficiency) to distinguish clearly between the Participating Players and the Match Officials, between the different Teams, and between the goalkeepers and the outfield Participating Players on each Team, even in difficult weather conditions;

- 5.2.2. undermine the contrast between a Team's Official Playing Kit and any Reserve Playing Kit;
 - 5.2.3. dominate a Playing Kit item or impair the predominance of a Dominant Colour on a Playing Kit item;
 - 5.2.4. impair the legibility of a Name or Number on a Playing Kit item;
 - 5.2.5. function as a trademark or include anything that gives the visual impression of a Manufacturer Identifier or Sponsor Advertising, or that creates an association with a Manufacturer, a sponsor, or other third party, or that constitutes as a promotion;
 - 5.2.6. contain any words, images, statements or messages that are political, religious, controversial, derogatory or insulting in nature or other commercial messages of any kind; or
 - 5.2.7. portray, or give the impression of, a person's face or identity, or the shape of a country or territory.
- 5.3. A Decorative Element may incorporate elements of a Team Identifier. In particular, it may incorporate elements of a National Flag (e.g. its colours) even if they do not maintain the official geometric form and usual proportions of the National Flag.
- 5.4. Unless otherwise stated in these Regulations in respect of a particular item, there is no limit on the number, the size, or the positioning of the Decorative Element(s) on the Playing Kit items or other clothing or equipment.

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 twelve centimetres (12cm) high and eight centimetres (8cm) wide and be centred between the shoulder point and the elbow point.

7. CAPTAIN'S ARMBANDS

- 7.1. The Captain of each Team must wear the captain's armband provided by the AFF, if available. If the AFF provides a choice of captain's armbands, the captain should wear the one (1) that contrasts most clearly with the sleeve on which it is worn.
- 7.2. Otherwise, any captain's armband worn by the captain of a Team:
 - 7.2.1. must be of a colour or colour(s) so as to ensure a clear contrast with the sleeve on which it is worn;

- 7.2.2. may not be incorporated into but rather must be separate from the shirt itself;
- 7.2.3. must not include any Manufacturer Identifiers, Sponsor Advertising or Decorative Elements
- 7.2.4. may display the word “captain” (or an abbreviation or translation thereof) in a legible font and with lettering no higher than five centimetres (5cm).

8. ADVERTISING ON EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. For Participating MAs in all National Team Competition Matches, the display of the following in all forms on the Playing Kit and any other playing item is prohibited:
 - 8.1.1. Sponsor Advertising;
 - 8.1.2. Third-party Advertising;
 - 8.1.3. Political, religious, controversial, derogatory or insulting words, images, statements or other commercial messages of any kind; and/or
 - 8.1.4. Other announcements.

9. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- 9.1. In the event that these Equipment Regulations are silent on any matter relating to the Playing Equipment, including without limitation on Manufacturing Considerations, Badges and Commemorative Symbols, Manufacturer Identifiers, Optional Playing Items, Non-Playing Items, and Match Officials and Match Support Personnel, the AFF reserves its right to refer to the AFC Equipment Regulations, in force at the time, which shall apply to all the Participating Teams, Participating Players and Participating Officials of this Competition.
- 9.2. Only the AFF has the authority to refer to the AFC Equipment Regulations for any matter relating to the Playing Equipment, at its own discretion. All decisions made in this regard, i.e., on whether to refer to the AFC Equipment Regulations or not, shall be final and binding and not appealable.

APPENDIX 10: OFFICIAL COUNTDOWN

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

Countdown	Activity
-04h	Arrival of AFF Match Commissioner, 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 Supplementary Access Devices (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 handshake (if applicable), National Anthem, handshake, teams' photo, coin toss and exchange of pennants
- 0'	Kick-off

*If there is any VIP handshake, countdown shall be adjusted accordingly

**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 by the Host MA with any instructions from the AFF.

Time	Items	Announcement	Remarks
T-30	Introduction of match	Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to <i>(Stadium name, City name)</i> for today's match of the <i>(Competition Name)</i> between <i>(Team A Name)</i> and <i>(Team B Name)</i>	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the match information.
	Introduction of Team A	Here are the Team line-ups, for <i>(Team A Name)</i> . Number <i>(Players number)</i> , <i>(popular name)</i> The substitutes are, number __ <i>(Players number)</i> , ____ <i>(popular name)</i> The Head Coach is ____ <i>(Head Coach name)</i> , from ____ <i>(country of origin)</i>	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the Team A Players' and Head Coach Photos and name (if applicable)
	Introduction of Team B	Here are the Team line-ups, for <i>(Team B Name)</i> . Number <i>(Players number)</i> , <i>(popular name)</i> The substitutes are, number __ <i>(Players number)</i> , ____ <i>(popular name)</i> The Head Coach is ____ <i>(Head Coach name)</i> , from ____ <i>(country of origin)</i>	Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the Team B Players' and Head Coach Photos and name (if applicable)
	Introduction of Match Officials	The referee for this match is __ <i>(name of referee)</i> from __ <i>(country of origin)</i> The assistant referees are ____ <i>(name of assistant referee 1)</i> from ____ <i>(country of origin)</i> and ____ <i>(name of assistant referee 2)</i> from <i>(country of origin)</i> The fourth official is __ <i>(name of Fourth Official)</i> from __ <i>(country of origin)</i> <i>(if applicable) The Video Assistant Referee is ____ (name of VAR) from ____ (country of origin)</i> <i>(if applicable) The Assistant Video Assistant Referee is __ (name of AVAR) from __ (country of origin)</i>	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 ____(<i>Team A Name</i>) and ____(<i>Team B Name</i>)	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 ____(<i>Team A Name</i>)</i>	Team A national anthem is played immediately after the announcement
After end of 1 st anthem	Team *B National Anthem	and now the national anthem of ____(<i>Team B Name</i>)	Team B national anthem is played immediately after the announcement

APPENDIX 12: DETERMINING THE OVERALL BEST SECOND-PLACED TEAM FROM DIFFERENT GROUPS

SCENARIO 1

1. Should all groups consist of the same number of Teams, the overall best second-placed Team from among different groups shall be determined in descending order as follows:
 - 1.1. higher number of points obtained in all group Matches
 - 1.2. superior goal difference from all group Matches
 - 1.3. higher number of goals scored from all group Matches
 - 1.4. the lower score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches in accordance with Appendix 1, or
 - 1.5. drawing of lots.

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Team A	3	2	1	0	3	0	3	7
Team B	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
Team C	3	0	2	1	0	3	-3	2
Team D	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Team E	3	3	0	0	4	0	4	9
Team F	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	6
Team G	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	3
Team H	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0

- Team B and Team F are the second-placed Teams from each group.
- Both Teams have six (6) points, therefore, criteria 1.1 does not determine the overall best second-placed Team. Team B has a goal difference of +3 whereas Team F has a goal difference of +2. Applying criteria 1.2, Team B is ranked as the best second-placed Team.

SCENARIO 2

2. Should the groups consist of different number of Teams, the Teams in each group will have played a different number of Matches in total. In order to ensure equality, all Teams shall be compared across the same number of Matches, the number of which shall be decided by the AFF General Secretariat. In principle, the results between the relevant Teams and the bottom-placed Team in the relevant group shall be considered null and void. In such case, the best-ranked Team from among different groups shall be determined in descending order as follows:
 - 2.1. higher number of points obtained in Matches identified by the AFF

- 2.2. superior goal difference from the Matches identified by the AFF
- 2.3. higher number of goals scored from the Matches identified by the AFF
- 2.4. the lower score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the group Matches in accordance with Appendix 1, or
- 2.5. drawing of lots.

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Team A	3	2	1	0	3	0	3	7
Team B	3	2	0	1	6	3	3	6
Team C	3	0	2	1	0	3	-3	2
Team D	3	0	1	2	2	5	-3	1

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Team E	4	3	1	0	14	1	13	10
Team F	4	3	0	1	5	2	3	9
Team G	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
Team H	4	0	2	2	2	9	-7	2
Team I	4	0	1	3	2	11	-9	1

- Team B and Team F are the second-placed Teams from each group.
- Groups A and B have played a different number of Matches. In order to identify the overall best second-placed Team, the number of matches shall be equalised.
- The number of Matches to be identified shall be equal to that played in Group A (i.e., the group with the lower number of Matches per Team). Accordingly, the number of Matches played in Group B shall be reduced to three (3) Matches per Team. In principle, the Match between Team F and Team I, who is the bottom-placed Team in the group, will be considered null and void.
- Assuming Team F won the Match against Team I, 3-0, we will have a new calculation for Team F:

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Team F	3	2	0	1	2	2	0	6

- After applying criteria 2.1, both Team B and Team F are equal, having accrued six (6) points. Team B has a goal difference of +3 and Team F has a goal difference of 0, and after applying criteria 2.2, Team B is identified as the overall best second-placed Team.

In operating the procedure set out in Scenario 2, the points or rankings of the other Teams in the same group shall not be affected. Any new calculation is solely for the purpose of determining the overall best second-placed Team among the groups.

ANNEXURE A: PARTICIPATING TEAM OBLIGATIONS

AFF WOMEN'S CUP 2026 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 AFF Women's Cup 2026 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 Participating 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 AFF Women's Cup 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 simulate 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 simulate 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 shall complete and transmit the AFF Feedback Survey/Form to the AFF General Secretariat within seven (7) days after their last Match in the Competition.
7. The MAs and PTs are fully aware of and shall comply with the Applicable Regulations at all times.
8. 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 is not aware of any facts or circumstances that may lead to it breaching any of these provisions at any time during the Competition.

Signed by:

Participating MA:

Signature & Stamp:

Name:

Date:
