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**TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

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## DEFINITIONS

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

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| Accommodation      | Any location approved by the AFF which provides accommodation to the AFF Delegation, Team Official Delegations, AFF Commercial Rights Partner and Commercial Affiliates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Accreditation Card | Any physical item which is issued by the AFF and/or Host MA which provides the recipient the right to access a Controlled Access Area (or part thereof) where the Controlled Access Area is under the control of the AFF or the Host MA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Advertising Rights | The right to promote brands and/or corporate names and/or products and/or services at and/or in relation to the Competition by whatever means available, whether existing now or to be developed in the future, whether at the Stadiums or Facility Areas or within the Controlled Access Areas, by in-stadium/out-stadium perimeter signage and other advertising, digital signage and screens, closed circuit television, equipment usage or other methods and through printed matter (including digitally delivered printed matter) such as programmes, posters, letterheads, press releases, newsletters and Tickets and subject to any AFF regulations, the right to display such advertising on the clothing or footwear worn, or on any equipment used, carried or transported by officials (including for the avoidance of doubt by Match Officials), medical and security staff, ball crew, player escorts, flag bearers and/or photographers. The display of the name and/or logo of the bona fide supplier of clothing on the uniform strip of officials is also included. For the avoidance of doubt, advertising on the strip of Players is excluded, other than where it is the trademark of the bona fide |

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|                               | manufacturer and is in accordance with any FIFA and/or AFF regulations. Similarly, branding on any equipment, goods and/or services used in connection with the Competition, save where supplied by a Commercial Affiliate, may only include customary branding of the bona fide manufacturer.                                                   |
| AFC                           | Asian Football Confederation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| AFF                           | ASEAN Football Federation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| AFF Commercial Rights Partner | The entity appointed by the AFF for the sale of Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) and the provision of services in relation thereto.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| AFF Committee                 | Any Committee of the AFF as constituted in accordance with the AFF statutes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| AFF Delegation                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) AFF staff members;</li> <li>(ii) Match Officials;</li> <li>(iii) other officials appointed by the AFF;</li> <li>(iv) AFF Committee members; and</li> <li>(v) AFF guests.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                   |
| AFF Marks                     | All design marks, slogans, designations, names, logos, insignia, emblems or devices (in any application) owned and/or controlled by the AFF (in any language) relating to the AFF itself but excluding the Competition Marks.                                                                                                                    |
| Broadcast Partner             | Any entity, including the Host Broadcaster, which has been granted the Media Rights (or any part thereof) to the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Clean Stadium                 | <p>An Indoor Stadium or Official Training Site whether inside, in the air space above or the outer perimeter, delivered to the AFF at a prescribed time, that is free from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Any advertising and commercial signage of any kind, whether on any stadium infrastructure, staff uniforms,</li> </ul> |

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|                      | <p>accreditations, fences, equipment, surrounding vicinity or elsewhere;</p> <p>(ii) Third-party agreements relating to the use and operation of the stadium (or part thereof);</p> <p>(iii) Stadium or venue naming rights; and/or</p> <p>(iv) Encumbrances that may affect the use and exploitation of the Commercial Rights.</p>                                                                     |
| Commercial Affiliate | Any entity which has been granted the right to exercise and exploit the Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) in respect to the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Commercial Rights    | Advertising Rights, Concession Rights, Hospitality Rights, Image Rights, Media Rights, Merchandise Rights, Promotional Rights, Sponsorship Rights, Travel and Tour Rights and any other rights of a commercial nature relating to the Competition.                                                                                                                                                      |
| Competition          | The ASEAN U19 Boys' Futsal Championship 2025, which includes without limitation, all Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, all activities on the Pitch (other than Matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or Official Functions connected therewith.                                                                                                   |
| Competition Data     | Any and all information related to the Competition, including fixture lists, Image Rights, information and/or statistics about the 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. |

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| Competition Marks      | All design marks, slogans, designations, names, logos, insignia, emblems, mascots or devices (in any application) owned and/or controlled by the AFF (in any language) relating to the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Competition Website    | The official website of the Competition (if any) with a dedicated URL including without limitation all other domains or official media accounts and channels of the Competition created and/or owned by the AFF (e.g. Facebook, YouTube, X, etc.).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Complimentary Tickets  | Tickets which are supplied without charge.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Concession Rights      | Sampling, vending, display and other distribution methods and payment methods connected therewith for and of products or services, including pourage rights at the Indoor Stadiums and Facility Areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Controlled Access Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any Indoor Stadium;</li> <li>(ii) any Official Training Site;</li> <li>(iii) any official hotel (public areas being excepted), subject to and to the extent agreed in any executed hotel agreement;</li> <li>(iv) any official exclusion zone encircling an Indoor Stadium on a Match day;</li> <li>(v) any official parking area, accreditation centre, international broadcast compound, and/or hospitality area;</li> <li>(vi) the venue of any Official Function;</li> <li>(vii) any official AFF fan park;</li> <li>(viii) Facility Areas; and/or</li> <li>(ix) any other location and/or facility designated by the AFF as a Controlled Access Area, associated to the Competition to which access is permitted only to those in possession of an Accreditation</li> </ul> |

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|                         | Card, Ticket, and/or other officially sanctioned entry permit.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Digital Media           | The AFF Website and any other authorised Competition Website, in addition to any mobile application (app), online video channel, data product, photo-sharing account, social media account and any further form of digital media developed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Extra Time              | Two (2) equal periods of additional time which shall be played in accordance with these Regulations should there be no winner at the conclusion of normal playing time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Facility Areas          | The location of Official Functions, ceremonies, press centres, Ticket offices, Competition hotels, media areas (including without limitation areas used for viewing of any public exhibition), sponsor village areas (including without limitation “AFF fan park” areas, and areas used for the activation of the Commercial Rights), official hospitality areas (including without limitation areas used for the exploitation of the Hospitality Rights), and information centres controlled by or on behalf of the AFF and used in connection with the Competition whether at the Indoor Stadium or elsewhere at the Venues. |
| FIFA                    | The Fédération Internationale de Football Association.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Futsal Laws of the Game | The laws of Futsal issued by FIFA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Hospitality Rights      | The opportunity to offer and sell hospitality and entertainment services at the Venues or within the Controlled Access Areas in combination with the Tickets whether such facilities are in boxes, marquees or otherwise, but excluding those non-commercial functions and facilities reserved for the AFF and/or Organising Association officials and its guests not forming part of the Commercial Rights.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| Host Broadcaster                  | The party appointed to ensure and provide the production of broadcast signals of the Matches and other events of the Competition, and the provision of all related services in accordance with the Media Rights granted to it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Host Member Association / Host MA | A Member Association which is approved by the AFF to organise, host and stage Matches in the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Image Rights                      | The right to use still and/or moving images and/or representations of Participating Teams, Participating Players, Participating Officials, Match Officials and other officials and persons forming part of the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Indoor Stadium                    | <p>Any indoor stadium at which a Match is played. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the entire premises (to the extent that a valid Accreditation Card or Ticket is required in order to gain access) of an indoor stadium facility inside the outer stadium perimeter fence and (on Match days and any day on which any official training takes place within the indoor stadium), the aerial space above such indoor stadium premises;</li> <li>(ii) parking facilities;</li> <li>(iii) VIP and hospitality areas (including any hospitality village);</li> <li>(iv) concession areas;</li> <li>(v) commercial display areas;</li> <li>(vi) buildings;</li> <li>(vii) the Pitch;</li> <li>(viii) the media tribune;</li> <li>(ix) any broadcast compound;</li> <li>(x) the stadium media centre;</li> <li>(xi) the press conference room;</li> </ul> |

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|                             | <p>(xii) the mixed zone;</p> <p>(xiii) any stands; and</p> <p>(xiv) any areas beneath the stands</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Kicks from the Penalty Mark | “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” as described in the Futsal Laws of the Game.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Match                       | A Futsal 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.                                              |
| Match Officials             | Any individual appointed to officiate a Match in the Competition in the role of the Referee, Second Referee, Third Referee, Timekeeper, and any other match official stipulated in the Futsal Laws of the Game.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Match Schedule              | The official schedule which sets out, without limitation, the dates and times on which Matches will be played, the Indoor Stadiums at which the Matches will be played, and the names of the Participating Teams.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Media                       | Any individual granted a media Accreditation Card by the AFF.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Media Rights                | 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 |

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|                    | <p>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.</p> |
| Member Association | <p>A football association which is a member of the AFF.</p> <p>The term “MA” is the abbreviation of this term and shall be construed accordingly.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Merchandise Rights | <p>The right granted to Commercial Affiliates for the use and exploitation of the Competition Marks and/or official designation in the manufacture, packaging, distribution and sale of goods and services of all kinds, including items of equipment (e.g., futsal balls), clothing, coins, medals, games (electronic or otherwise), other collectibles and Premiums related to the Competition.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Official Function  | <p>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 closing ceremony, any AFF gala dinner, lunch, or banquet, cultural events, official press conferences, official draws, workshops and launch events.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| Official Training Site                                | Any site designated by the Host MA and approved by the AFF for use by the Participating Teams throughout the Competition for training purposes.                                                                                                                  |
| Participating Member Association/<br>Participating MA | A Member Association whose representative team participates in the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Participating Official                                | Any official who is registered to participate in the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Participating Player                                  | Any player who is registered to participate in the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Participating Team                                    | The representative team of the Participating MA, who participates in the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Pitch                                                 | The area described in Law 1 of the Futsal Laws of the Game issued by FIFA.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Premiums                                              | Any promotional items (including packaging, labelling and/or containers thereof) which incorporate a mark and/or logo of the AFF and/or the Competition, and which may only be distributed free of charge or as prizes.                                          |
| Promotional Rights                                    | Any advertising and/or promotions which are carried out in connection with the Competition, Competition Marks, or other rights/opportunities granted by the AFF.                                                                                                 |
| Proprietary Interests                                 | Without limitation, intellectual property, copyright and analogous rights, trademark rights, moral rights, performing rights, personality rights, and all remedies available under the applicable laws of unfair competition comprised in the Commercial Rights. |
| Regulations                                           | These ASEAN U19 Boys' Futsal Championship 2025 Tournament Regulations.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sponsorship Rights                                    | 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)                                    |

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|                          | <p>the exclusive right to exercise rights of association with the Competition, including without limitation the right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) use an official designation;</li> <li>(ii) use the AFF Marks and/or applicable Competition Marks on branded products and/or product packaging (including Premiums, and in relation to the Competition Marks only on items for retail sale) and/or advertising;</li> <li>(iii) receive commercial programme Tickets; and</li> <li>(iv) receive broadcast sponsorship opportunities in connection with broadcasts of a Match or Official Function.</li> </ul> |
| Team                     | Any representative team affiliated to a Participating Member Association.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Team Official Delegation | 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Ticket                   | A pass providing access to a venue for the purpose of attending either a Match, official training, or Official Function.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Ticketing                | All operational measures to provide Tickets to all spectators of every Match and for Official Functions of the Competition allowing them to enter the Indoor Stadium or a Venue. Ticketing shall include the management of the operation necessary for the production, sale, distribution, delivery and payment of the Tickets of the Competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Travel and Tour Rights   | The right to 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| Venue | The geographical city within the Host MA's jurisdiction including immediate surrounding area in which an Indoor Stadium is located. |
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For the 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.

## **SECTION 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The ASEAN U19 Boys' Futsal Championship (the "Competition") is organised by the AFF for the ASEAN Member Associations (the "MAs") in order for the MAs to field their best and strongest team.
- 1.2. These ASEAN U19 Boys' Futsal Championship 2025 Tournament Regulations (these "Regulations") govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of the AFF, the Host Member Association, the participating Member Associations, Teams, Players, Participating Officials and Match Officials taking part in the 2025 edition of the Competition.
- 1.3. These Regulations and all related directives, decisions, guidelines and circulars issued by the AFF shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation and hosting the Competition.
- 1.4. The Competition will be staged from 23-29 December 2025 in Nonthaburi, Thailand.
- 1.5. Any rights and Proprietary Interests associated with the Competition that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to any Host Member Association or Member Association shall vest in the AFF.
- 1.6. Any reference to the AFF Statutes and to AFF, AFC and FIFA regulations refer to those valid at the time of application.
- 1.7. All capitalised terms used in these Regulations shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the relevant AFF/AFC/FIFA regulations and/or the AFF Statutes.

## **SECTION 2: ADMINISTRATION**

### **2. Management**

- 2.1. The Competition shall be organised and managed by the relevant Host MA in collaboration with the AFF.

### **3. Participants and Hosts**

- 3.1. The Competition's participants shall be those MAs which are affiliated to the Federation Internationale de Football Association (the "FIFA").
- 3.2. Upon confirmation of their participation, the MAs cannot withdraw the same without the prior written approval of the AFF Tournament Committee. Except in the case of Force Majeure (as defined in Article 8 of these Regulations), in case any MA withdraws itself from the Competition without such prior written approval, a fine to the tune of a maximum of USD100,000 (United States Dollars One Hundred Thousand) shall be imposed by the AFF Council. Such decision shall be final, binding and not appealable. Further, such MA shall automatically not be invited to participate in the subsequent edition of the Competition, by whichever name called.
- 3.3. Upon confirmation of their hosting, a Host MA cannot refuse to host the Competition without the prior written approval of the AFF Tournament Committee. Except in the case of Force Majeure (as defined in Article 8 of these Regulations), in case any MA refuses to host the Competition without such prior written approval, a fine to the tune of a maximum of USD 250,000 (United States Dollars Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand) shall be imposed by the AFF Council. Such decision shall be final, binding and not appealable.
- 3.4. The above Articles 3.2 and 3.3 shall be subject to the provisions of Article 13 of these Regulations.

### **4. Committees**

#### **4.1. Tournament Committee**

- 4.1.1. The Competition shall have a tournament committee named the ASEAN U19 Boys' Futsal Championship 2025 Tournament Committee (the "Tournament Committee"), who shall ensure that the Competition is compliant with the Futsal 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 of the Competition shall consist of a Chairperson and at least four (4) other Members to be nominated by the AFF Competitions Committee as follows:
- (a) AFF President;
  - (b) Chairperson of the AFF Competitions Committee;
  - (c) Deputy Chairperson of the AFF Competitions Committee; and
  - (d) Two (2) selected AFF Council Members.
- 4.1.3. It shall be a requirement that any member of this Tournament Committee who has an interest (personal and/or otherwise) and/or conflict in any way or form, in any matter under discussion, recuses him/herself from the discussion/decision forthwith by informing the other members of the Tournament Committee.
- 4.1.4. The Tournament Committee shall have the overall authority for the Competition, under the auspices of the AFF Competitions Committee, shall have responsibility for all major decisions required in connection with the staging of the Competition. This shall include:
- (a) the competition format;
  - (b) match scheduling, which shall include dates, kick off times and venues;
  - (c) decisions in cases of force majeure; and
  - (d) 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 Articles 4.2, 4.3 or 4.4 below, or the appointment of any member of any such committee (or sub-committees).
- 4.1.5. For the avoidance of doubt:
- (a) decisions about the inclusion or exclusion from the Competition of any Team, Player or Official; and
  - (b) decisions about the possibility of a MA or any related Official(s) or Player(s) being fined or suspended from the

Tournament or from any other AFF competition to be held in future

shall be made by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee,

- 4.1.6. For the avoidance of any 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.
- 4.1.7. 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 Team(s) and Match Officials, like airport arrangements for arrival into and travel out of the country, arrangements for local transportation, 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 member from the Local Organising Committee.
- 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 for matters under its jurisdiction shall be final.

#### 4.4. Security Committee

- 4.4.1. The Host MA shall form a Security Committee whose Chairperson shall be a security officer holding a high position in the Police Force of the relevant country.
- 4.4.2. Each Team shall be provided a security officer to accompany such Team and he/she shall be a member of the Security Committee. Such provision shall be the responsibility of the Host MA.
- 4.4.3. The Security Committee shall follow all guidelines, rules and regulations and measures recommended by FIFA/AFC to ensure there is security both on and off the pitch at all times.
- 4.4.4. The Host MA shall be responsible for providing security arrangements to all participants, team 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, the AFF will be the final authority on deciding any such disagreement.

## 6. General Jurisdiction

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

## 7. AFC Competition Operations Manual

- 7.1. In the event that these Tournament Regulations are silent on any matter relating to the Competition, including without limitation on Competition system, official countdowns, friendly matches, official trainings, warming up and cool down, drinking procedure during the matches, equipment, safety and security, medical provisions, taxes and duties, the AFF reserves its right to refer to the AFC Competition Operations Manual, which shall apply to all the Participating Teams, Players and Officials of this Competition.
- 7.2. Only the AFF has the authority to refer the AFC Competition Operations Manual for any matter relating to the Competition, at its own discretion. All decisions made in this regard, i.e., on whether to refer to the AFC

Competition Operations Manual or not, shall be final, binding and not appealable.

8. Force Majeure

- 8.1. The Articles 13.2.1 to 13.2.9 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 Tournament 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 limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, structural damage, unforeseen epidemic, pandemic or other natural disasters, health and/or medical crisis, 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 General Secretariat is the only body 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 19);
  - 9.1.3. approving Indoor Stadiums for the Competition after consultation with the Host MA (cf. Article 15);
  - 9.1.4. appointing Match Officials and AFF Delegation for each Match;
  - 9.1.5. choosing and/or approving the official futsal 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 Participating Teams that have withdrawn from the Competition (cf. Article 13);
  - 9.1.9. dealing with cases of cancelled Matches or abandoned Matches (cf. Articles 20 and 21);
  - 9.1.10. dealing with cases of Force Majeure;
  - 9.1.11. providing insurance coverage (or reimbursement thereof) for the AFF Delegation and Match Officials 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 5).
- 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 each Host MA are stipulated in the (where relevant) Hosting Member Agreement (the “HMA”), if any, the AFF Hosting Obligations, 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 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 license, permits, grants and authorisations as may be required to fulfil its obligation in relation to the hosting, staging and organising of the Competition;
  - 10.2.6. Comply with the AFF’s instructions on the provision of key services, facilities, equipment and infrastructure at each Stadium;
  - 10.2.7. Provide the necessary assistance and support to the AFF, AFF Commercial Rights Partner and Commercial Affiliates in relation to the use and exploitation of the Commercial Rights and all Proprietary Interests of the AFF and the protection and enforcement of rights in relation thereto;
  - 10.2.8. Procure all necessary insurance policies which shall provide coverage for all risks relating to the hosting, staging and organising of the Competition and name the AFF as a co-insured;

- 10.2.9. Make the appropriate arrangements for the staging of Matches in conjunction with the AFF General Secretariat in accordance with these Regulations and any instructions from the AFF;
- 10.2.10. Ensure the provision of awards as per Article 80.5 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 Indoor Stadium.
- 10.3. Each Host MA shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the AFF, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, its Commercial Affiliates 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) or any act or omission of the Host MA (including its officers, directors, representatives, auxiliary persons, employees or agents) in connection with the performance of its obligations under these Regulations.

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

- 11.1. The principal obligations and responsibilities of each Participating Team and its Member Association are stipulated in the Participating Team Obligations (the "PTO") as per Annexure A of these Regulations, these Regulations, the AFF Statutes, and all other AFF regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars.
  - 11.1.1. Each Participating MA shall ensure as a condition of its participation in the Competition that every member of its Official Team Delegation for each Match is aware of and agrees to comply with the PTO, annexed hereto as Annexure A.
  - 11.1.2. Each Participating Team that has entered the Competition must submit a PTO.

- 11.1.3. The PTO and such other documents are requested by the AFF in relation to the PTA shall be completed and submitted to the AFF not later than the deadline provided by the AFF.
- 11.1.4. Failure to submit a validly completed PTO to the AFF by the deadline shall result in the non-participation of the relevant Participating Team.
- 11.2. Each Participating MA shall undertake that they and their Team shall:
  - 11.2.1. 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;
  - 11.2.2. comply with the Laws of the Game;
  - 11.2.3. accept that all the 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;
  - 11.2.4. field its strongest team throughout the Competition;
  - 11.2.5. observe the principles of fair play;
  - 11.2.6. ensure the good conduct of its Team Official Delegation and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Competition, which includes but is not limited to from their arrival on the territory of any Hosting MA until their departure;
  - 11.2.7. accept all arrangements made by any Host Team and/or Host MA in agreement with the AFF;
  - 11.2.8. ensure that its Players and Participating Officials attend and participate in all official activities and events, including without limitation any team arrival meeting, match coordination meeting, press conference, and other media and marketing activities in accordance with the instructions issued by the AFF;
    - 11.2.8.1. 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
    - 11.2.8.2. the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue further sanctions at its discretion.

- 11.2.9. provide to the AFF, free of charge, prior to the Competition, any photographs, audio/visual materials and/or information regarding the Participating Team, Players and/or Participating Officials including without limitation statistics and historical information and any further information as requested by the AFF;
  - 11.2.10. link the official URL for the Competition, if any, on its official website and official digital and social media channels; and
  - 11.2.11. not establish any digital, media or social media platform in connection with the Competition without the involvement and express written approval of the AFF.
- 11.3. Each Team and its Member Association shall, at their own expense, be solely responsible throughout the Competition for:
- 11.3.1. 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;
  - 11.3.2. 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 Participating Member Association's participation in the Competition. Such policies must cover all risks connected with the organising, hosting, and staging of Matches in the Competition, exempt the AFF from all claims and liabilities, and name the AFF as a co-insured. The AFF must be notified of all insurance policies and may request copies of any and all policies at its discretion;
  - 11.3.3. payment of incidental expenses and for any costs incurred by its Team Official Delegation (cf. Appendix 6, Article 3);
  - 11.3.4. payment of any costs of extending the stay of any member of its Team Official Delegation in any Host MA;
  - 11.3.5. obtaining visas to enter the territory of any Host MA. This includes all costs related to the visa application process; and
  - 11.3.6. payment of all taxes, fees, duties and any other costs related to the importation and/or exportation of equipment, merchandise and/or goods to be used for the Competition.
- 11.4. Each Team and/or its Member Association shall indemnify, defend, and hold the AFF and all of its officers, directors, employees, representatives,

agents, subsidiaries, local organising committees, Commercial Rights Partners, Commercial Affiliates 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 Member Association, its Team Official Delegation, its affiliates and any third-parties contracted to the Participating Team and/or its Member Association.

- 11.5. It is acknowledged that one or more Teams may qualify directly for one or more International Competitions as a result of their performance in the Competition. Where applicable, each such Participating Team undertakes to participate in the relevant International Competition(s).
- 11.6. Teams are not authorised to represent the AFF or the Competition without the prior written approval of the AFF.
- 11.7. Each Team and its Member Association shall ensure that any decision made by the AFF relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately

## 12. Entry

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

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

- 13.1. All MAs who are invited by AFF shall participate in every Match of the Competition, so long as they are qualified for such Match.
- 13.2. Any MA that:
  - 13.2.1. does not participate in the Competition after having been officially confirmed with AFF; or
  - 13.2.2. informs the AFF that it does not intend to or is unable to report to a Venue and/or for a Match, whether in writing or not; or
  - 13.2.3. withdraws from the Competition after it has commenced; or

- 13.2.4. does not report for a Match; or
  - 13.2.5. fails or refuses to continue a Match; or
  - 13.2.6. leaves the Indoor 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 for 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 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/or approval of the Tournament Committee, shall:
    - 13.3.1. except as provided for in Article 20, (cancellation of matches) of these Regulations, have all its Matches cancelled and considered null and void and, for the avoidance of any doubts, 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 16.3 of these Regulations;
    - 13.3.2. be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other teams, the AFF, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, and the MAs. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFF Council;
    - 13.3.3. return to the AFF any subsidy including but not limited to airfare reimbursement 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;
    - 13.3.4. be disqualified from participating in the next edition of the Competition;
    - 13.3.5. be subject to a fine to the tune of a maximum of USD75,000 (United States Dollars Seventy-Five Thousand); and

- 13.3.6. be referred to the AFF Disciplinary & 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 hosting the Competition other than with the recommendation and approval of the Tournament Committee, shall:
  - 13.4.1. be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the AFF, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, and the other MAs. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFF Council;
  - 13.4.2. return to the AFF any subsidy that had been paid in support of their hosting the Competition or if not yet paid, forfeit their right to that subsidy and the yearly grant;
  - 13.4.3. be disqualified from hosting the next edition of this Competition or any other competition as per the discretion of the AFF Council;
  - 13.4.4. be subject to a fine to the tune of a maximum USD200,000 (United States Dollars Two Hundred Thousand); and
  - 13.4.5. be referred to the AFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion.
- 13.5. If, through the fault of any Participating Team, a Match cannot take place or be played in its entirety, the Tournament Committee shall declare the Match to be forfeited, awarding victory and resultant three (3) points to the opposing team unless the opposing Team has already scored a higher score as well as the score 5-0, or more.
- 13.6. The AFF shall be responsible for making the necessary decisions where a Participating MA withdraws from the Competition, at any stage, whether before or after the commencement and shall be entitled to take any action it considers appropriate in such circumstances, including without limitation regarding whether or not to change the technical regulations (cf. Section 5) and/or the competition system (cf. Section 4) and where applicable, the means of affecting such change(s).
- 13.7. All decisions made under Articles 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 and Referee's Report within 48 (forty-eight) hours after the completion of each Match to AFC via AFCAS.

- 14.2. A detailed statement of accounts showing the gross receipt and the amount deducted for government or municipal taxes must be sent to the FIFA and/or AFC General Secretariat duly completed, within 30 (thirty) 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 the AFF within two (2) weeks 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 the recommendations offered for the benefit of future Competitions, with supporting videos and photographs. The failure to submit the said report within two (2) weeks of the completion of the Competition shall result in a fine of USD 5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand) on such Host MA. A format of such report of the Competition, may be shared by the AFF in due course.

## 15. Stadium Obligation

- 15.1. The Indoor Stadium(s) to be utilised shall be nominated by the Host MA and are subject to inspection and confirmation by 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 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 Venue Information Form including proof of confirmation of use.
  - 15.1.2. AFF reserves the right to refuse the nomination of any Indoor Stadium and require the Host MA to nominate an alternate Indoor Stadium, within the same Venue or its territory.
- 15.2. All Matches must be played in an Indoor Stadium which meet the minimum requirements as per AFF Hosting Obligations, if any.
- 15.3. Should the Host MA wish to change a Stadium during the Competition, it must provide evidence to the AFF, including without limitation photographs, other visual evidence, and letters from the relevant authorities as to why the Stadium is unable to host Matches.
  - 15.3.1. Only upon receipt of the evidence shall the AFF make a decision on whether the Host MA may change to the secondary Stadium for

the Matches. Such Stadium must comply with the AFC Stadium Regulations and all other applicable AFF regulations.

- 15.3.2. The Host MA shall bear all the additional costs incurred by the AFF, including but not limited to transportation, hotels, broadcasting and such other aspects, due to the change in the Stadium.
- 15.3.3. Should the newly nominated Stadium not be approved by the AFF, the AFF General Secretariat shall select an alternate Stadium, at a neutral venue in accordance with **Article 15.1.2** hereinabove. Each Stadium must also meet the minimum requirement 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. All costs relating to shifting of and playing the Competition at a neutral venue shall be borne by the Host MA.
- 15.4. If at any time during the Competition the AFF General Secretariat deems that, for whatever reason, an Indoor Stadium is not fit to host a Match, it shall consult with the Host MA and propose an alternate Indoor Stadium.
- 15.5. Smoking is strictly prohibited within any section of any Indoor Stadium and in particular, in the technical area, the vicinity of the Pitch, the spectator stands, or within competition areas which includes, without limitation, the Team dressing rooms.
- 15.6. The Host MA shall ensure that no matches and/or any other events or activities are held at the Indoor Stadium(s) during the period starting at least five (5) days prior to the first Match in the Indoor 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.
- 15.7. Unless otherwise specified or directed by the AFF, the Indoor Stadium(s) shall be made available for the exclusive use in relation to the Competition, during the period starting at least five (5) days prior to the date on which the Indoor Stadium(s) will first be used in connection with the Competition (such as the first Match or training sessions to be held in the Indoor Stadium(s), or any other Competition-related event to be held in the Indoor Stadium(s) prior to such Match or training session) until twenty-four (24) hours after the last use of the Indoor Stadium(s) in connection with the Competition.
- 15.8. Any Host MA that fails to comply with Articles 15.5 to 15.7 hereinabove, shall be:

- 15.8.1. fined at least USD10,000 (Unites States Dollars Ten Thousand);  
and
- 15.8.2. the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further  
sanctions at its discretion.

## SECTION 4: COMPETITION SYSTEM

### 16. Mode of Competition

16.1. The Competition shall consist of:

16.1.1. Group Stage

16.1.2. Knockout Stage:

16.1.2.1. Semi-Finals;

16.1.2.2. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Match; and

16.1.2.3. Final Match.

16.2. Group Stage

16.2.1. The Group Stage shall consist of seven (7) Participating Teams drawn into two (2) groups of three (3) and four (4) teams respectively, with each group played in a centralised league format.

16.2.2. The final Group Stage format will be determined by the AFF at its sole discretion.

16.2.3. The Participating Teams shall be designated as follows:

| GROUP A | GROUP B |
|---------|---------|
| A1      | B1      |
| A2      | B2      |
| A3      | B3      |
|         | B4      |

16.2.4. Each Participating Team shall play one (1) Match against each of the other Participating Teams within its group in accordance with the Match Schedule.

16.2.5. At the conclusion of each Match:

16.2.5.1. Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win;

16.2.5.2. One (1) point for a draw; and

16.2.5.3. Zero (0) for a defeat.

16.2.6. At the conclusion of the Group Stage:

16.2.6.1. the first-placed and second-placed Participating Teams in each group shall qualify for the Knockout Stage; and

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

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

16.3.1. greater number of points obtained in the group Matches;

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

Head-to-Head criteria

16.3.3. higher number of points obtained in the group Matches played among the Teams in question;

16.3.4. superior goal difference from the group Matches played among the Teams in question;

16.3.5. higher number of goals scored in the group Matches played among the Teams in question;

Tiebreaker

16.3.6. 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.

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

Group Results criteria

16.3.8. superior goal difference from all group Matches played;

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

16.3.10. 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;

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

16.3.12. the drawing of lots.

16.4. Knockout Stage

16.4.1. After the completion of the Group Stage, the top two (2) teams from each of the groups shall qualify to the Semi-Finals, as follows:

Semi-Final 1 (SF 1)            Winner A vs Runner-up B

Semi-Final 2 (SF 2)            Winner B vs Runner-up A

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

16.4.2. After the completion of the Semi-Final Matches, the Teams will play the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Match and Final Match as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Match            Loser SF 1 vs Loser SF 2

Final Match                      Winner SF 1 vs Winner 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 different venues.

16.6. The Tournament Committee has the right at any time to reschedule any Matches, including changing the format of the Competition. Any such decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final, binding and not appealable.

16.7. The Teams participating in the Competition must necessarily be the National team (within the Futsal category) of each Participating Member Association. Failure to send the National team, and/or withdrawal prior to the commencement of the Competition, may result in sanctions as deemed appropriate by the AFF, including but not limited to appropriate reduction in the financial grants provided by the AFF for this Competition.

16.8. Any decision made pursuant to Articles 16.2 to 16.7 hereinabove, shall be final, binding and not appealable.

17. Duration of Play

17.1. Group Stage

- 17.1.1. The duration of every Match shall be forty (40) minutes, divided into two (2) halves each of twenty (20) minutes, with a half-time interval of fifteen (15) minutes as stipulated in the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game.

17.2. Knock-out Stage

- 17.2.1. Semi-Final Stage: If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time in the Semi-Final Matches, there shall be an Extra Time. If no decisive results 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 Futsal Laws of the Game.
- 17.2.2. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Match: If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Match, the winner shall be determined by taking Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- 17.2.3. Final Match: If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time in the Final Match, there shall be an Extra Time. If no decisive results 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 Futsal Laws of the Game.

18. Extra Time and Kicks from the Penalty Mark

- 18.1. In case that Extra Time is applied, it shall always consist of two periods of five (5) minutes each, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, but not between the periods of extra time.
- 18.2. Whenever there is an extension of time, no player shall be allowed to leave the Pitch unless consent has been given by the Referee.
- 18.3. Where these Regulations provide, if a Match is levelled after Extra Time, Kicks from the Penalty Mark shall be taken to determine the winner, in accordance with the procedures described in the Futsal Laws of the Game.
- 18.4. 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) Teams.

- 18.5. If through the fault of a Team, the Kicks from the Penalty Mark cannot be completed, **Article 13** (Withdrawal Prior to or After Commencement of the Competition) of these Regulations shall apply.

19. Match Schedule and Delay of kick-off

- 19.1. All Matches shall be played in accordance with the AFF Competitions Calendar. The dates are final and binding and not appealable.
- 19.2. The Match Schedule shall be determined following the official draw for the Competition
- 19.3. The AFF General Secretariat retains final discretion to amend the Match Schedule at any time.
- 19.4. Any Team that causes a delay of any scheduled kick-off a Match (as determined by the Official Countdown) may be sanctioned by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee in its discretion. 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 first and second period of an Extra Time and the kick-off to commence Kicks from the Penalty Mark.

20. Cancellation of Matches

- 20.1. Where any 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 16.3 of these Regulations.
- 20.2. For any Match which is cancelled as a result of Force Majeure, the Tournament Committee aided by consultations with the AFF, shall decide on the matter at its discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.
- 20.3. Decisions made pursuant to Article 20.2 hereinabove, are final and binding and not appealable.
- 20.4. Any Match which is cancelled, except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the Tournament Committee and the AFF Competitions Committee, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee against the relevant party that has caused the cancellation in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

20.5. If a Match cannot commence for any reason, the following procedure shall be followed:

20.5.1. 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;

20.5.2. Following the first delay, either:

20.5.2.1. 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

20.5.2.2. The Match is declared cancelled by the Referee.

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

## 21. Abandonment of Matches

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

21.2. Decisions made pursuant to Article 21.1 are final and binding and not appealable.

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

21.4. If a Match is stopped by the Referee for any other reason except for that set out in Article 21.6 of these Regulations, the following procedure shall be followed:

21.4.1. 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;

21.4.2. Subsequent to the first stoppage, either:

21.4.2.1. 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

21.4.2.2. The Match is declared abandoned by the Referee.

21.4.3. Following two (2) stoppages of thirty (30) minutes, the Referee must declare the Match abandoned.

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

21.5.1. The Match shall recommence with the same score at the minute at which play was interrupted rather than being replayed in full;

21.5.2. The Match shall recommence with the same Players on the Pitch and same substitutes at the time it was initially abandoned;

21.5.3. No additional substitutes may be added to the Player Selection List or Match Starting List;

21.5.4. Any Player sent off during the abandoned Match cannot be replaced;

21.5.5. Any sanction imposed before the Match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the rescheduled Match;

21.5.6. The kick-off time, date and Stadium of the re-scheduled Match shall be decided by the Tournament Committee in consultation with the AFF; and

21.5.7. Any other matters not set out above shall be decided by the Tournament Committee in consultation with the AFF.

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

## 22. Match Interruption

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

- 22.2. The Match Commissioner may, after consulting with the LOC and/or Security Officer, advise the Referee to suspend the Match in the event that safety and security is not guaranteed in the Stadium and/or there exists potential danger to the Teams and/or spectators.
- 22.3. If a Match is suspended before the completion of normal playing time, the following recommendations are to be considered subject to the nature of incident. A Match shall restart at the same minute when it was suspended:
- 22.3.1. Suspended for up to fifteen (15) minutes: The Teams should stay on the Pitch subject to the nature of the suspension;
  - 22.3.2. Suspension for fifteen-thirty (15 – 30) minutes: The 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., Teams, Match Officials, spectators, Broadcast Licensees, Media).
  - 22.3.3. Suspension for more than thirty (30) minutes: The 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., Teams, Match Officials, spectators, Broadcast Partner, Media).
  - 22.3.4. 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 Local General Coordinator should inform the Teams prior to any other parties.

## **SECTION 5: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

### **23. Futsal Laws of the Game**

- 23.1. All Matches shall be played in accordance with the Futsal Laws of the Game. In the case of any discrepancy in the interpretation of the Futsal Laws of the Game, the English version shall prevail.
- 23.2. Each Match shall last forty (40) minutes, comprising two (2) periods of twenty (20) minutes each, with a half-time interval of fifteen (15) minutes.
- 23.3. The nine (9) substitutes listed on the 'Match Start List' may take part in the Match. An unlimited number of substitutions may be made during a Match.
- 23.4. The Participating Teams are entitled to one (1) timeout per period, consisting of one (1) minute each. Participating Officials are authorised to submit a request for a timeout to the Third Referee or Timekeeper (if there is no Third Referee) using the form provided by the AFF.
- 23.5. At any stage of a Match, if a Team is only able to field fewer than three (3) Players, the Match shall be abandoned, and Article 21 of these Regulations shall apply.
- 23.6. The AFF may, at its discretion, decide to use football technologies in any Match or Matches in the Competition or in the Competition as a whole (including video support [VS] system or Electronic Performance and Tracking Systems [EPTS]) in accordance with the Laws of the Game, in accordance to Appendix 4 of these Regulations.

### **24. Official Training Sites**

- 24.1. Official Training Sites shall contain a fully equipped training pitch prepared to Match condition.
  - 24.1.1. The Host MA that fails to comply with Article 24.1 shall be fined at least USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand).
  - 24.1.2. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.
- 24.2. 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.

- 24.2.1. The Host MA that fails to comply with Article 24.2 shall be fined at least USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand).
  - 24.2.2. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.
- 24.3. Participating Teams must solely utilise Official Training Sites for any official training from two (2) days prior to their first Match.
- 25. Referees
  - 25.1. Only FIFA Registered Futsal Referees or AFC Elite Referees shall be appointed to referee in the Competition.
  - 25.2. If one of the two (2) Referees is prevented from carrying on their duties, such a Referee shall be replaced by the Third Referee.
- 26. Referees Assessor
  - 26.1. The AFF shall appoint a Referee Assessor who shall be responsible for the daily appointment and assessment of the Referees.
  - 26.2. The Referee Assessor shall appoint the Referee for all Matches to officiate in this Competition.
- 27. Team Bench and Technical Area
  - 27.1. Up to a maximum of six (6) Participating Officials and a maximum of nine (9) Participating Players are allowed to sit on the team bench during the Match, provided they are in possession of the appropriate Accreditation Card.
  - 27.2. The Head Coach, Team Manager and Team Doctor must form part of these six (6) designated Team's Participating Officials who are sitting on the bench.
  - 27.3. All six (6) Participating Officials on the team bench must possess valid Accreditation Card which shall always be worn during the match.
  - 27.4. All Participating Players on the Pitch and substitutes on the bench (14 players) must possess valid Accreditation Card which shall always be available for inspection whenever requested by Match Officials/AFF Officials. The Accreditation Cards shall also be made available for inspection prior to the start of the Match.

- 27.5. All persons on the bench must wear kits that are contrasting with the kit of the Participating Players and Referees on the Pitch. These kits must comply with the AFF Equipment Regulations, as per Appendix 3, of these Regulations.
- 27.6. Team 'A' shall occupy the left-hand side bench and Team 'B' shall be on the right-hand side as viewed from the Fourth Official Bench.
- 27.7. Players (including substitutes and sent off Players) are not permitted to wear or use any form of electronic or communication equipment [except where Electronic Performance and Tracking System (EPTS) is allowed]. The use of any form of electronic communication by Team Officials is permitted where it directly relates to Player welfare or safety or for tactical/coaching reasons but only small, mobile, hand-held equipment (e.g., microphone, headphone, earpiece, mobile phone/smartphone, smartwatch, tablet, laptop) may be used. A Team Official who uses unauthorised equipment or who behaves in an inappropriate manner as a result of the use of electronic or communication equipment will be dismissed from the technical area. The use of (EPTS) must be in line with the AFC Equipment Regulations and bear the IMS (International Match Standard) mark.
- 27.8. Individuals serving suspension, non-selected Players and Team Officials part of a Team Delegation but not listed in 'Officials on the Team Bench List' are not permitted to enter the Pitch and/or sit on the Team bench. They may sit at the designated area in the stand for Team Delegations.
- 27.9. Appendix 5 of these Regulations sets out the restrictions that apply inside the Controlled Access Areas for Players and Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension.
28. Futsal Balls
- 28.1. The Futsal balls used in the Competition shall be selected and supplied by the AFF.
- 28.2. Participating Teams shall solely utilise the Futsal balls provided by the AFF for training and warming-up purpose.
- 28.3. All balls used in Matches must comply with the Futsal Laws of the Game and bear one (1) of the following marks:
- 28.3.1. FIFA Quality PRO; or
  - 28.3.2. FIFA Quality; or
  - 28.3.3. FIFA Basic (previously known as International Match Standard [IMS]).

28.4. Each Participating MA is responsible for any taxes and/or fees pertaining to the customs clearance of Futsal balls delivered to it by the AFF.

29. Equipment

29.1. The AFF has the sole authority to approve the equipment (including kit) in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations and the Equipment Regulations, as per Appendix 3 of these Regulations.

29.2. The Teams and Participating Member Association shall ensure that the Equipment Regulations as mentioned in Appendix 3 of these Regulations are adhered to without fail.

29.3. Any breaches of equipment regulations contained in this Article 29 read with Appendix 3 of these Regulations, will be subject to following sanction by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee:

29.3.1. A fine amounting to USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand) (1st offence);

29.3.2. A fine amounting to USD10,000 (United State Dollars Ten Thousand) (Repeated offence);

29.3.3. Further infringement will result in more severe sanctions.

29.4. Each Participating MA 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 AFF Equipment Regulations and/or the provisions of any commercial deal(s) in place between AFF and its commercial partners.

30. Warming up

30.1. Before a Match:

30.1.1. Each Participating Team shall be entitled to warm-up on the Pitch. Such warm-up should not affect the condition of the Pitch during the Match.

30.1.2. The warm-up shall be conducted in accordance with the official countdown, unless otherwise instructed by AFF.

30.2. During a Match:

30.2.1. Participating Players must wear bibs with assigned or contrasting colour.

- 30.3. A maximum of five (5) Participating Players from each Participating Team may warm-up simultaneously, without the ball, at the designated area behind their team bench, or alternatively in a space designated by AFF.

## **SECTION 6: TEAM OFFICIAL DELEGATION**

### **31. Team Official Delegation**

- 31.1. Each Participating Team shall ensure that no person in its Team Official Delegation or otherwise enter or are present on its team bus, in its team dressing room, on the Pitch, or in any other Controlled Access Area without being in physical possession of the necessary Accreditation Card which has been validly issued to such person.
- 31.2. A Participating Team shall register a Team Official Delegation, subject to the conditions set out below, comprising fourteen (14) Participating Players and up to six (6) Participating Officials.
  - 31.2.1. Each Participating Team may nominate an additional four (4) Participating Officials as part of its Team Official Delegation, who shall receive the same Accreditation Card as the six (6) Participating Officials referred to above.
  - 31.2.2. All costs related to the additional four (4) Participating Officials shall be borne by the relevant Participating Team.

### **32. Eligibility of Players**

- 32.1. Each Participating Team shall ensure that prior to registering as Players, such individuals:
  - 32.1.1. are duly registered with the AFF pursuant to these Regulations;
  - 32.1.2. hold the nationality of its country and area subject to its jurisdiction;
  - 32.1.3. were born on 01 January 2006 and 31 December 2010; and
  - 32.1.4. are eligible to participate for the representative team of the MA in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes.
- 32.2. Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Article 32.1 are eligible to participate in the Competition, subject to the provisions of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 32.3. In cases of registration of Players who have acquired a new nationality (cf. Article 8 - Acquisition of a new nationality, FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the documents set out in Appendix 7 of these Regulations must also be submitted.

- 32.4. In cases of registration of Players who hold a passport entitling them to represent more than one (1) MA (cf. Article 7 - Nationality entitling players to represent more than one association, FIFA Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes), the documents set out in Appendix 8 of these Regulations must also be submitted.
- 32.5. Each Participating Team shall ensure to submit authentic documents for registration of its Participating Players.
- 32.6. The approval of the registration of a Participating Player by the AFF General Secretariat does not automatically provide for the eligibility of the Participating Player. Each Participating MA is responsible for fielding only eligible Participating Players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 32.7. A Participating Player shall be deemed ineligible, without limitation, if:
- 32.7.1. there is a violation of Article 32.1; or
  - 32.7.2. he participates in a Match contrary to a decision of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, these Regulations, or the operation of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code; or
  - 32.7.3. the AFF determines that any document submitted during registration is falsified or forged.
33. Registration of Players
- 33.1. There are three (3) stages of registration of Players:
- 33.1.1. Preliminary Registration: Each Participating Team shall register a Preliminary Registration List of minimum of fourteen (14) and a maximum of twenty-five (25) Participating Players, which shall include a minimum of three (3) goalkeepers, with a copy of the registered Players' passport no later than twenty-one (21) days before the commencement of the Competition in the form prescribed by the AFF;
  - 33.1.2. Final Registration: Each Participating Team shall register a Final Registration of fourteen (14) Participating Players, which shall include a minimum of two (2) goalkeepers, from the Preliminary Registration List at the Match Coordination Meeting, which shall be held one (1) day before the commencement of the Competition; and
  - 33.1.3. Player Selection List: Each Participating Team shall submit a "Player Selection List" prior to each Match which identifies

the starting five (5) and up to nine (9) substitutes comprising Players registered in the Final Registration.

- 33.2. All Participating Players will be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the AFF. Should a card be misplaced/lost or damaged, the relevant Participating Team shall be required to pay USD1,000 (United States Dollars One Thousand) as a replacement production fee.
- 33.3. Should the AFF not receive all required documents in accordance with Article 38 of these Regulations by the stipulated deadline, the Participating MA 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.

34. Preliminary Registration

- 34.1. Each Participating MA shall submit the supporting documents to AFF by the stipulated deadline determined by AFF.
- 34.2. If a Participating MA fails to register a minimum of fourteen (14) 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.
- 34.3. No later than ten (10) days prior to the first Match of the Competition, each Participating MA may replace or add up to five (5) players for any reason provided that the maximum number of registered players is not exceeded.

35. Final Registration

- 35.1. Each Participating MA shall submit to AFF a Final Registration of a minimum of fourteen (14) Participating Players. The Final Registration shall be submitted during the Match/Tournament Coordination Meeting to be held one (1) day before the first match of the Competition.
  - 35.1.1. The Final Registration may only be composed of those Participating Players registered in the Preliminary Registration.
  - 35.1.2. Jersey numbers 1 – 14 shall be allocated for the Competition. Jersey number 1 shall be reserved for a goalkeeper. Each Player shall wear the same number allocated in the Final Registration during all Matches in the Competition. Participating Player names must appear on the back of the shirt used as Playing Equipment in all Competitions as specified in Article 4.2 of Appendix 3 of these Regulations.

35.2. Once the Final Registration has been received by the AFF, Participating Teams may replace any of the registered Participating Players up to six (6) hours prior to their first Match in the Competition, subject to the conditions below:

- 35.2.1. any replacement Participating Player must have been registered in the Preliminary Registration;
- 35.2.2. replacement Participating Players shall only be allocated the vacated shirt numbers;
- 35.2.3. 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; and
- 35.2.4. replacement Participating Players shall only be eligible to participate in the Competition after receiving their Accreditation Card.

36. Player Selection List

36.1. Each Participating Team shall mark the starting five (5), including the team captain and up to nine (9) substitutes, on the “Player Selection List”.

- 36.1.1. Each Participating 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.

36.2. Each Participating Team must hand their “Player Selection List” signed by the Head Coach or the Team Manager, together with the “Officials on the Substitution Bench” form with the names of the six (6) Participating Officials who shall be entitled to sit on the team bench, to the AFF Match Commissioner by latest ninety (90) minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.

37. Documents for Registration of Players

37.1. Documentations for the registration of Players include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 37.1.1. 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;

- 37.1.2. Colour copy of a national identification card (where applicable);
- 37.1.3. Copy of birth certificate (where requested by AFF);
- 37.1.4. Passport-size coloured photo (taken within three [3] months prior to the submission of the registration);
- 37.1.5. Where original documents are not in English, the original and an accredited translation shall be provided.
- 37.1.6. AFF reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

### 38. Registration of Officials

- 38.1. There shall only be one (1) registration period for Participating Officials.
- 38.2. Each Participating Team shall submit the supporting documents in accordance with Article 40 to the AFF on or before the date stipulated by the AFF.
- 38.3. Each Participating Team may nominate a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of six (6) Team Officials. Each Participating Team may also nominate an additional four (4) Participating Officials in accordance with Article 31.2.1.
- 38.4. Each Participating Team must include the following three (3) Participating Officials in the registration list:
  - 38.4.1. Head Coach;
  - 38.4.2. Team Manager (who shall also act as the Team Media Officer in the event that there is no dedicated Team Media Officer); and
  - 38.4.3. Team Doctor.
- 38.5. Up to six (6) Participating Officials may sit on the team bench for each Match. The following three (3) Participating Officials must be registered on the "Officials on the Substitution Bench" form:
  - 38.5.1. Head Coach;
  - 38.5.2. Team Manager; and
  - 38.5.3. Team Doctor.

- 38.6. Each Participating MA must designate a Team Safeguarding Officer responsible for handling all matters concerning the safety and well-being of players and Team Delegation during the Competition. This officer must be familiar with the FIFA Guardians Safeguarding Essentials. The role does not need to be exclusive and can be assigned to a Team Doctor or any other official. The role of the Team Safeguarding Officer is to:
- Act as the first point of contact and lead for all safeguarding matters within the team delegation during the competition;
  - Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the players' mental and physical well-being are prioritised;
  - Liaise with AFF and LOC should a concern or an allegation of harassment or abuse (be it psychological, physical or sexual, or neglect) arise;
  - Know the specific safeguarding measures for the competition and the avenues available for reporting concerns; and
  - Ensure the submission of the Safeguarding Declaration Form, within the deadline provided by the AFF.
- 38.7. Each Participating Team is entitled to register a "Video Analyst" who shall be the only member of a Team Official Delegation entitled to record Matches in the relevant stage of the Competition using only one (1) lightweight amateur camera each. This recording shall be strictly for technical purposes and should not interfere with Match operations or be utilised by any Broadcast Partner or otherwise distributed.
- 38.8. All Participating Officials will be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the AFF. Should a card be misplaced/lost or damaged, the relevant Participating Team shall be required to pay USD1,000 (United States Dollars One Thousand) as a replacement production fee.
- 38.9. Should the AFF not receive all required documents in accordance with Article 40 of these Regulations by the stipulated deadline, the Participating MA 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.
- 38.10. Once the registration of Participating Officials has been received by the AFF, Participating MAs may replace any of the listed Participating Officials at any stage with twenty-four (24) hours' notice to the AFF by submitting the documents set out in Article 40 via email, subject to the conditions below:

- 38.10.1. To replace a Participating Official, a Participating Team must provide the official's Accreditation Card to the AFF and shall receive the Accreditation Card of the replacement Participating Official in exchange; and
- 38.10.2. Replacement Participating Officials shall only be eligible to participate in the Competition after receiving their Accreditation Card.

39. Documents for Registration of Officials

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

- 39.1.1. Colour copy of valid passport 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;
- 39.1.2. Colour copy of a national identification card (where applicable);
- 39.1.3. Passport-size coloured photo (taken within three [3] months prior to the submission of the registration);
- 39.1.4. Evidence of their qualification based upon their function
  - 39.1.4.1. Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Fitness Coach, and Goalkeeper Coach.
  - 39.1.4.2. Team Doctor and other medical personnel: relevant medical qualification.
- 39.1.5. Where original documents are not in English, the original and an accredited translation shall be provided.
- 39.1.6. AFF reserves the right to request additional documents in all cases.

40. Failure to submit

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

- 40.1.1. Sanction by the AFF with a fine of USD10,000 (United States Dollars Ten Thousand);
- 40.1.2. Disqualification from the Competition; and/or

- 40.1.3. Referral to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for further sanctions.

41. Accreditation Card

- 41.1. Players and Team Officials listed on the Final Registration List will be issued with Accreditation Cards bearing a photograph and personal details, authorised by AFF, to participate in the Competition.
- 41.2. 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.
- 41.3. The Team Official Delegation shall be granted full access to all official Competition areas, including the Pitch and other necessary Controlled Access Areas, as determined by AFF.
- 41.4. Should a card be misplaced, the relevant Participating MA shall be required to pay USD1,000 (United States Dollars One Thousand) as a replacement production fee.

## **SECTION 7: MEDIA**

### **42.        Media Access**

- 42.1. The AFF is the owner of all Media Rights emanating from the Competition as well as from any other related events coming under its jurisdiction, without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. The AFF may grant such Media Rights to the Host MA, in whole or in part to the Host MA, upon its sole discretion.
- 42.2. The Host MA shall ensure that the AFF, the Host Broadcaster, and all Broadcast Partners have free access to each Indoor Stadium from five (5) days prior to the first Match in the Indoor Stadium until twenty-four (24) hours after the final Match in the Indoor Stadium to allow for the resolution of any technical issues and for the assembly and/or disassembly of the relevant infrastructure required to execute the Media Rights.
- 42.3. The Host MA shall adhere to all instructions and circulars issued by the AFF, from time to time, in relation to the grant and exercise of all Media Rights relating to the Competition.

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

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

- 43.4. The Teams shall ensure that the selected members of their Team Delegation conducting any press conference or interview sessions refrain from making any statements or references which will or is likely to damage or bring into disrepute the good name, image and reputation of the AFF, Competition or sport of association football.
- 43.5. The Teams shall ensure, during any press conference or interview session, that:
- 43.5.1. The products or other identifiers of their affiliated MA, the Team Delegation, Players, Team Officials, or their commercial partners or any associated third parties do not appear or are not used in any manner.
  - 43.5.2. Their Players and Team Officials do not make reference to any third-party products or entities.
- 43.6. Any individual who fails to attend an obligatory press conference shall be considered to have breached the media obligations and shall be fined in accordance with Article 55 of these Regulations. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.
44. Pre-Tournament Press Conference
- 44.1. The attendance of the Head Coaches and one (1) selected starting key Player from each Team in a Pre-Tournament Press Conference to be held one (1) day before the Match are compulsory.
- 44.2. The Team Media Officer must ensure the attendance of the Head Coach and one (1) selected starting key Player.
- 44.3. The Teams shall be responsible for ensuring the provision of interpretation and translation services of its Head Coach and selected starting key Player who conduct media sessions in languages other than English. For the avoidance of doubt, the interpretation and translation services provided shall be for translation of dialogues from all other languages to the English language. In case the interpretation into the local language of the host country is necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the Host MA to ensure the same.
45. Post-Match Press Conference
- 45.1. A post-Match conference will be conducted at the Stadium and will commence no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the final whistle. Both Teams are obligated to make their Head Coach and Player of the Match available for the Post- Match Press Conference.

- 45.2. In the event the Head Coach is suspended for the Match, the Team shall request the individual replacing the Head Coach on the Team bench to attend any scheduled press conferences or interview sessions.
- 45.3. The Teams shall be responsible for ensuring the provision of interpretation and translation services of its Head Coach and Player of the Match who conduct media sessions in languages other than English. For the avoidance of doubt, the interpretation and translation services provided shall be for translation of dialogues from all other languages to the English language. In case the interpretation into the local language of the host country is necessary, it shall be the responsibility of the Host MA to ensure the same.

46. Promotional Interviews and Flash Interviews

- 46.1. Subject to any measures as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities, in the event that any promotional and/ or Flash interviews are required, the following must be adhered to:
- 46.1.1. If requested by the AFF, the Hosting MA and/or Host Broadcaster (HB), Teams should have their Head Coach and one (1) selected Player, as requested, to be made available for an interview to be recorded.
- 46.1.2. For the 'Flash' interviews, if requested by the Host MA and/or the Host Broadcaster, if any, the Head Coach and at least one (1) key selected Player from both Teams must be available. All Players and the Head Coach of each Team must be briefed by their respective Team Media Officer prior to the Match, so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.
- 46.2. In the final minutes of the game, the Host Broadcaster or other broadcaster representatives shall inform the AFF Media Officer of the Players who are selected for the flash interview, who shall then inform the Team Media Officers.
- 46.3. It would be the duty of the respective Team Media Officer(s) to ensure that the selected Player is made available for such flash interview(s). Any Team Media Officer who fails to ensure the availability of the selected Player may be sanctioned by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

47. Team Dressing Room

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

- 47.2. Notwithstanding the above, the AFF reserves the right to grant the Host Broadcaster, official photographers, AFF digital crew and AFF Commercial Partner access to the Team dressing rooms prior to the arrival of a Team Delegation to record and film the Team's playing kit and equipment.
- 47.3. Only the Host Broadcaster and official photographers as approved by the AFF may in certain instances be allowed to film the winning celebrations inside the team dressing rooms.
48.     Pitch
- 48.1. Media and/or any unauthorised third parties are strictly prohibited from entering the Pitch or any prohibited areas in the Indoor Stadium(s) including technical zones and the area between the boundaries of the Pitch and spectator stands. The Host MA shall ensure that no such parties are allowed access or brought to the said areas unless otherwise authorised by the AFF.
- 48.2. Notwithstanding the above, only accredited and authorised photographers, television crew and cameramen, the Host Broadcaster or any authorised broadcast licensee shall be allowed access to the Pitch and the area between the boundaries of the Pitch 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.
49.     Drones
- 49.1. The use of drones or any flying object in the vicinity of the Pitch at Matches or Official Training is strictly prohibited.
- 49.2. The use of drones shall include drones being flown inside or above the perimeter of the Pitch or an Official Training Site.
- 49.3. The Host MA shall be liable for drones being flown by spectators, media and broadcasting representatives and/or any other individual regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight.
50.     Recording of Matches
- 50.1. The Host MA shall ensure 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:
- 50.1.1.     File format: MP4
- 50.1.2.     Video Resolution: 1080p (1920x1080)

- 50.1.3. Video Bitrate: 4.5 - 6 Mbps
- 50.1.4. Video Codec: H264/H265
- 50.1.5. Audio: International sound only (no commentary)
- 50.1.6. Audio Codec: AAC or MP3
- 50.1.7. 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.

- 50.2. Any Host MA that fails to comply with Article 51.1 shall be fined at least USD3,000 (United States Dollars Three Thousand). The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.
- 50.3. The Participating Team(s) shall ensure that no member of its Team Delegation or any third parties produce, exploit, and/or further distribute any film material relating to the Competition or the participation of a Team in the Competition, for any commercial or non-commercial purposes without the prior written consent of the AFF.
- 50.4. Participating Team(s) shall be permitted to make their own recordings of Matches subject to the following:
  - 50.4.1. Only members of the Team Delegation may make such recordings;
  - 50.4.2. Only one (1) camera per Participating MA may be used;
  - 50.4.3. Only lightweight, amateur equipment may be used, not the type of professional equipment used by professional broadcasters;
  - 50.4.4. During filming, the Team Official making the recording must wear the technical bib. Only one (1) such bib will be distributed to each Team. It must be returned when the Team is eliminated from the Competition or after the conclusion of the Competition, as applicable;
  - 50.4.5. The Team Official must contact the AFF Media Officer before the Match to locate a suitable position;
  - 50.4.6. 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;

50.4.7. Filming is permitted for technical football purposes only as opposed to any general documentation of the stay in the Hosting MA country and/or the Competition.

50.4.8. Under no circumstances shall recordings or images taken in the Pitch or other Controlled Access Area be publicly distributed or otherwise used for any type of commercial or non-commercial exploitation, either during or after the Competition. Any abuse of video footage constitutes a serious violation of the Media Rights and will be sanctioned by the AFF, at its own discretion.

51. Mixed Zone

51.1. The 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.

51.2. Any individual who fails to pass through the mixed zone shall be fined at least USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand). The relevant Participating Team may also be held liable for any failure to pass through the mixed zone in accordance with these Regulations. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its discretion.

51.3. The Team Media Officer is responsible for briefing the Head Coach and all Players prior to the Match, so they are aware of their responsibilities in this regard.

52. Official Training Session

52.1. Each official training session shall be opened to the Media and any other individuals as approved by AFF at least the first fifteen (15) minutes. The fifteen (15) minutes shall commence from the scheduled start time of the session or the actual start time (in case it is later than the scheduled start time), to be determined by the AFF Match Commissioner.

52.2. If the official training session is held at another Indoor Stadium, the areas accessible by Media (if any) shall be the same areas accessible for them during the Match provided they are in possession of valid accreditation. Such areas shall be strictly controlled by the Host MA. All Media, without exception, shall leave the venue at the end of the first fifteen (15) minutes or at a later time if decided by the relevant Team.

53. Media and Media Access Area

- 53.1. The Host MA shall be responsible for the management and provision of support to all Media of the Competition through the implementation of accreditation procedures;
- 53.2. Procurement and setting up of Media Access Area(s); and
- 53.3. Coordination of all media-related activities at any Stadium and Official Training Sites.
- 53.4. The Host MA shall provide the AFF with all media accreditation requests together with details relating to the specific request including:
  - 53.4.1. The name and designation of the requesting persons;
  - 53.4.2. The media company they represent;
  - 53.4.3. Their nationality; and
  - 53.4.4. The type of media coverage they intend to cover for the Competition.
- 53.5. Upon receipt of approval by the AFF, the Host MA shall produce and issue Accreditation Cards to approved Media in a timely manner and shall be responsible for any delay resulting in the issuance or provision of such accreditation to the Media.
- 53.6. The Host MA shall ensure that designated media access area(s) may only be accessed by authorised Media with valid Accreditation Cards and that no Media shall be allowed access to any parts of the Pitch or Official Training Sites other than as permitted under their respective accreditations.
- 53.7. The Host MA shall ensure that two (2) to three (3) dedicated Media slots are allotted to the AFF Media Delegation, for all Matches in the Competition, without fail.
- 53.8. The Teams shall ensure that any officials or media persons or third parties accompanying them possess valid Accreditation Cards to gain access into the relevant areas at any Stadium and/or Official Training Sites and shall comply with all applicable terms and instructions as issued by the AFF.
- 53.9. The Teams shall ensure that no media representatives accompany them in the Team bus to and from the Indoor Stadium or Official Training Sites.

53.10. All approved Media shall comply with the Photographer Operations Guidelines as set out in Appendix 9 and have access to and remain in the designated Media Access Areas as follows:

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

54. Breach of Media Obligations

54.1. Subject to the sanctions provided in Section 7 hereinabove regarding failure to attend and/or fully participate in any official activities or events as mentioned in this Section 7 of these Regulations, shall result in the Participating MA being fined at least USD10,000 (Unites States Dollar Ten Thousand).

54.2. Any breach of the provisions regarding media obligations may also be subject to additional sanctions by the AFF Disciplinary & Ethics Committee

## **SECTION 8: LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS**

### **55. Arrival and Departure**

- 55.1. Each Team may arrive at the Competition Venue no later than the evening of two (2) days (MD-2) before the commencement of the Competition and must depart from the Venue one (1) day after their last Match.
- 55.2. The official arrival date shall be determined by the AFF, which will be communicated to all the Team appropriately.
- 55.3. Teams shall bear all costs as a result of arriving early or departing late from a Venue.
- 55.4. Where members of the Team Official Delegation arrive at the Venue of the Match by different flights, the Team shall notify the AFF 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.

### **56. Host MAs' Responsibilities**

- 56.1. The Host MA shall provide for the following arrangements in accordance with Appendix 6 of these Regulations:
  - 56.1.1. Accommodation;
  - 56.1.2. Local Transportation;
  - 56.1.3. Visas for the AFF Delegation;
  - 56.1.4. Airport Reception; and,
  - 56.1.5. Liaison Officers.

### **57. Teams' Responsibilities**

- 57.1. Each Team shall be responsible for certain logistical arrangements as mentioned in Appendix 6 of these Regulations.

### **58. Failure to adhere**

- 58.1. The failure to adhere to the provisions of this Section 8 and Appendix 6 of these Regulations, may result in sanctions including fines at the discretion of the AFF.
- 58.2. The AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions at its direction.

## **SECTION 9: EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS**

### **59. Scope of Application**

- 59.1. Section 9 of these Regulations governs the authorisation of all equipment, sponsor advertising, and manufacturer identification used inside of any Control Access Area by the:
  - 59.1.1. Team Delegations;
  - 59.1.2. Match Officials; and
  - 59.1.3. Ball persons, Player escorts and flag bearers.
- 59.2. Where no provision of these Regulations is applicable, the corresponding AFF Equipment Regulations as provided in Appendix 3 of these Regulations, the Futsal Laws of the Game issued by the International Football Association Board and administered by FIFA, and the FIFA/AFC Equipment Regulations apply in descending order.
- 59.3. Participating MAs and/or Teams are solely responsible and liable for the conduct of their Team Delegations relating to the correct implementation of these provisions of these Regulations.
- 59.4. For the avoidance of doubt, footwear is expressly excluded from the provisions of these Regulations.

### **60. General Principles**

- 60.1. The authorisation of any Kit is subject to the following provisions:
  - 60.1.1. Each Participating MA or Team is responsible for compliance with these Regulations and any further applicable laws, regulations, guidelines and decisions issued by the AFF in relation to any Equipment.
  - 60.1.2. The wearing of any Kit on the Indoor Stadium(s) remains subject foremost to the authority of the Referee as defined in the Futsal Laws of the Game.
  - 60.1.3. Any Kit that does not comply with these Regulations is strictly prohibited.
  - 60.1.4. 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.

- 60.2. The Participating Teams shall submit to the AFF the design (e.g. mock-up and/or photos of the actual kits) of their Team Kit along with the Team Kit colours along with the Preliminary Registration of their Team Official Delegation. Failure to do so will result in sanctions, at the discretion of the AFF.
- 60.3. Each Team, Player and Participating MA shall adhere to the provisions of the equipment regulations as detailed in Appendix 3 of these Regulations.
61. Breach of Equipment Regulations
- 61.1. Any breach of the provisions relating to equipment regulations including those mentioned in Appendix 3 of these Regulations, will be subject to following sanctions by the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee:
- 61.1.1. with a fine of USD5,000 (United States Dollars Five Thousand) (1st infringement);
  - 61.1.2. with a fine of USD10,000 (United States Dollars Ten Thousand) (Repeated infringements);
  - 61.1.3. Further infringement will result in more severe sanctions.

## **SECTION 10: TICKETING**

### **62. General Requirements**

- 62.1. Tickets, electronic or hard copy, shall include seat numbering and serial numbering, and only include AFF Marks, Competition Marks, and/or marks of Commercial Affiliates approved by the AFF.
- 62.2. The AFF reserves the right at 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.
- 62.3. The Host MA must ensure that access to the Indoor Stadium is granted to the AFF Delegation, Participating Teams' Official Delegation, AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Commercial Affiliates, Media and travelling supporters without any discrimination.

### **63. Match Tickets, Invitation (VVIP) and Car Park Pass**

- 63.1. The Host MA shall provide complimentary Tickets, invitation (VVIP) and car park pass to the AFF for each Match in the Competition in the quantities and categories as requested by the AFF.
- 63.2. The Host MA shall provide the following Complimentary Tickets to each Participating Team competing at a Venue which it controls:
  - 63.2.1. two (2) VVIP Tickets for each Match the Participating Team participates in;
  - 63.2.2. two (2) VIP Tickets for each Match the Participating Team participates in;
  - 63.2.3. fifteen (15) Tickets of the next-best category (as determined by the AFF) for each Match the Participating Team participates in;
  - 63.2.4. two (2) Tickets of the next-best category (as determined by the AFF) for all other Matches at the Venue not involving the relevant Participating Team; and
  - 63.2.5. three (3) car park stickers.

### **64. Purchasable Tickets**

- 64.1. The Host MA must make available at least eight percent (8%) of the net saleable capacity of each Indoor Stadium available exclusively to the supporters of each Participating Member Association playing in a Match, in

a segregated, safe area to be determined by the AFF General Secretariat and the Host MA.

64.2. The number of Tickets to be purchased must be declared by each Participating MA in accordance with the Ticketing timeline and guidelines issued by the AFF. Each Participating MA is responsible for all Tickets purchased, even if the Tickets are not utilised. The price of the Tickets shall not exceed the price of comparable Tickets that are sold to the general public by the Host MA.

64.3. The Host MA shall provide the AFF Commercial Rights Partner with the opportunity to buy Tickets at face value for each Match. The number of Tickets to be purchased must be declared at a time to be mutually agreed between the AFF Commercial Rights Partner and the Host MA.

65. Terms and Conditions

65.1. 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.

65.2. The Ticket terms and conditions shall set forth the rules applicable to all holders of Tickets for Matches and Official Functions relating to the sale, purchase and use of the Tickets as well as access to the Stadia and other Controlled Access Areas. The Hosting MA shall provide to AFF any specific Stadia provisions that are to be included in the Ticket terms & conditions at least 30 (thirty) days prior to final approval of the Ticket terms and conditions.

65.3. The Ticket terms and conditions shall, at a minimum, contain statements that reflect the following:

65.3.1. Tickets cannot be used for promotional and/or commercial purposes;

65.3.2. The holder of the Ticket may not take any dangerous, commercial, political or religious item into the Stadia;

65.3.3. AFF and the Hosting MA reserve the right to refuse entry to the Stadia or to eject from the Stadia anyone attempting to breach or breaching any and all Ticket Terms and Conditions; and

65.3.4. The sales restrictions as per the Ticket policy.

- 65.4. 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.
- 65.5. AFF and the Host MA shall collaborate to enforce the Ticket Terms and Conditions on any Ticket holder. For avoidance of doubt, any measures with regard to Stadia access, especially refusal and access control, shall be the responsibility of the Host MA.
- 65.6. The AFF may change the terms and conditions and shall advise the Host MA on any requirements relating to Ticket production, distribution and/or sales.

## **SECTION 11: COMMERCIAL MATTERS**

### **66. Ownership of Commercial Rights**

- 66.1. The AFF is the owner of all the Commercial Rights emanating from 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.
- 66.2. The Host MA shall use reasonable efforts 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).
- 66.3. 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 relevant stage of the Competition.
- 66.4. The Host MA shall appoint a reasonable number of personnel to assist the AFF in the conduct of its rights protection programme.

### **67. Clean Stadium**

- 67.1. The Host MA shall deliver all Indoor Stadiums and Official Training Sites as a Clean Stadium five (5) days before the first Match at each Indoor Stadium or official training at each Official Training Site, until twenty-four (24) hours after the final Match of the Competition.

### **68. Advertising and Branding**

- 68.1. Except where instructed or communicated otherwise by the AFF, the Host MA shall ensure that all relevant approvals are secured and unrestricted access for the placement and publishing of advertising or branding of the Competition shall be available to the AFF five (5) days before the first Match at each Stadium or official training at each Official Training Site.

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

### **69. General Principles**

- 69.1. All matters relating to safety and security shall be undertaken in compliance with the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Stadium Regulations and AFC Safety and Security Regulations (as applicable).
- 69.2. The Host MA shall, in conjunction with the relevant government authorities and/or Indoor Stadium owners, devise, plan, and implement adequate security and safety measures for the Competition at all Controlled Access Areas within the Venue and other relevant locations to protect all relevant persons, including without limitation the AFF Delegation, Team Official Delegations, AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Commercial Affiliates, Media, spectators, and all goods brought in by the AFF, Team Official Delegations, AFF Commercial Rights Partner and Commercial Affiliates.
- 69.3. The Host MA is also responsible for providing the following facilities/services to all participating Players and Officials, subject to any measures as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities:
  - 69.3.1. Accommodation shall be on a dedicated floor or level;
  - 69.3.2. Security shall be deployed at each dedicated floor and lobby area of the hotel;
  - 69.3.3. Security arrangements shall also cover the Indoor Stadium and its vicinity, the training grounds as well as all other official areas identified; and
  - 69.3.4. Security facilities to be provided shall also include police outriders on Match days.
- 69.4. The Host MA shall issue a detailed security plan in the form of a binding agreement with, without limitation, the management of all Indoor Stadium, Official Training Sites and the Accommodation of the AFF Delegation and Team Official Delegations. This security plan shall be based upon the principles set out in the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Stadium Regulations and AFC Safety and Security Regulations.
- 69.5. The Host MA shall discharge the AFF and hold it harmless from all responsibility and relinquish any claim against the AFF and the members of its delegation for any damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the organisation of the Competition to the exclusion of damages caused by the AFF or the members of its delegation acting with intent or gross negligence.

69.6. The Host MA shall ensure that the Stadia are not overcrowded at any point in time during the Matches 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 videographic proof of such overcrowding.

69.6.1. Failure to ensure the same shall result in the Host MA being sanctioned with:

69.6.1.1. a fine of at least USD 15,000 (United States Dollars Fifteen Thousand); and/or

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

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

## **SECTION 13: MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING**

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

- 70.1. Each Participating Team shall ensure that each Participating Player undergoes a Pre-Competition Medical Assessment (PCMA) at least thirty (30) days prior to the first Match of the Finals.
- 70.2. Participating Players that have undertaken a PCMA for a FIFA and/ or AFC competition may provide the AFF with the physician and player's declaration form originally provided to FIFA, provided that the PCMA was conducted within one (1) year of the Finals.
- 70.3. The AFF shall provide all Participating Teams and its Member Associations with the PCMA form setting out the necessary matters to be tested, which shall include testing to prevent players from experiencing sudden cardiac death during any Match.
- 70.4. Each Participating Member Association must submit to the AFF by latest ten (10) days prior to the first Match of the Competition the following signed documents:
  - 70.4.1. "Member Association Declaration of Agreement to the PCMA"; and
  - 70.4.2. for each Participating Player, the "Player and Examining Physician Declaration for PCMA".
- 70.5. Any player for whom the required documents are not provided is not eligible to be registered in the Final Registration for a Participating Team.
- 70.6. The AFF Ad-Hoc Medical Committee, if any or any other relevant authority as deemed fit by the AFF may, at 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.

### **71. Ambulances at Stadium**

- 71.1. Two (2) ambulances to be stationed ninety (90) minutes before the commencement of each Match at the designated tunnel near the Medical room and the Indoor Stadium.
- 71.2. One (1) ambulance to be stationed for the care of Team Officials, VIPs and AFF Delegation.

- 71.3. Each ambulance must be equipped with advanced life support equipment such as defibrillator, oxygen/mask, I/V drip sets and emergency medicaments and trained emergency medical personnel.
- 71.4. The following logistical requirements for medical services are recommended for the spectators in the Indoor 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* |
| Fixed Medical Post with a minimum of 2 BLS staff each     | Up to 15,000    | 2                       |
|                                                           | 15,000 – 25,000 | 3                       |
| Mobile Medical Teams** with a minimum of 2 BLS staff each | Up to 15,000    | 4                       |
|                                                           | 15,000 – 25,000 | 8                       |
| Advanced Life Support (EM doctor, EM nurse, paramedic)    | Up to 15,000    | 1                       |
|                                                           | 15,000 – 25,000 | 2                       |

(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 Indoor 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 Indoor Stadium (number of levels, spectators, movement limitation measures, etc.) and the accreditation limitations of the event.

- 71.5. The Host MA shall be responsible for establishing communication channels with the ambulance(s) for emergency evacuation.
- 71.6. The tunnel wherein the ambulance(s) are stationed shall be free from any obstruction. Media is not permitted within this area.
- 71.7. Ambulances to leave stadium only after both the Teams have left the Stadium.

## 72. Facilities and Personnel

72.1. Medics with AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and other life-saving equipment shall be positioned behind a suitable position as indicated by the Match Commissioner. For the avoidance of any doubt, no Match shall commence without an available AED positioned as indicated by the Match Commissioner.

72.2. The Host MA shall provide a medical room and doping control room fully equipped with all items stipulated in the AFC Competition Operations Manual Edition 2023.

72.3. The Host MA shall be fined:

72.3.1. at least USD20,000 (United States Dollars Twenty Thousand) for failing to fully equip the medical rooms; or

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

72.3.3. at least USD40,000 (United States Dollars Forty Thousand) for failing to fully equip both the medical rooms and the doping control room.

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

72.4. The Host MA shall provide all medical personnel and doping control personnel stipulated by the in the AFC Competition Operations Manual Edition 2023.

72.5. The Host MA shall be fined:

72.5.1. at least USD10,000 (United States Dollars Ten Thousand) for failing to provide all required doping control personnel; or

72.5.2. at least USD20,000 (United States Dollars Twenty Thousand) for failing to provide all required medical personnel.

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

### 73. Anti-Doping

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

- 73.2. Doping control may be carried out in accordance with the latest AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 73.3. Each Player may be subjected to in-competition testing and out-of-competition testing in accordance with the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.
- 73.4. The Doping Control Officer is responsible for the implementation of doping control in all Matches. The Host MA shall appoint a local doping control officer (must be a Medical Doctor) to provide assistance in doping control matters.
- 73.5. The Host MA shall ensure that the Indoor Stadium has 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.
74. Official Training
- 74.1. Official Training Sites to be equipped with basic emergency medical equipment, massage tables and supply of ice, and staffed with paramedic/medical personnel. An Ambulance must be stationed at each Official Training Site, equipped with advance life support equipment and trained emergency medical personnel.
75. Accommodation
- 75.1. Medical services and facilities to be set-up at hotels for the Teams and the AFF Delegation. The Host MA to provide contact details of the designated doctor(s) that will be on- call twenty-four (24) hours for the duration of the Match and/or Competition.
76. Hospital
- 76.1. One (1) to two (2) hospitals per Indoor Stadium to be identified to provide, as a minimum, twenty-four (24) hour accident and emergency department services, including without limitation the ability to manage major trauma.
- 76.2. All designated hospitals to be located within close proximity of the Indoor Stadium and Accommodation as to minimise any response time for emergency incidents and/or the transfer of a patient to hospital.
- 76.3. 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.

77. Obligations for Medical Treatment

- 77.1. The respective Participating MA must conclude the necessary general insurance policies for their Players and Team Officials whilst the Host MA will provide insurance cover for the duration of the Competition including repatriates.
- 77.2. The Hosting MA shall provide free medical treatment, including hospital facilities for injuries and emergencies incurred and sustained during the Competition as follows:
  - 77.2.1. out-patient treatment (non-admission to hospital);
  - 77.2.2. minor surgeries (e.g., suturing);
  - 77.2.3. radiological investigations (x-rays); and
  - 77.2.4. emergency treatment.
- 77.3. However, the Teams shall be responsible for the cost of the following treatments:
  - 77.3.1. hospitalisation (admission to hospital);
  - 77.3.2. surgical operations not provided for in Article 78.2.2; and
  - 77.3.3. specialised investigative procedures (e.g., MRI, C-Scan).
- 77.4. The Host MA shall provide insurance coverage for all members of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials for the duration of the Competition including repatriates.
- 77.5. The Host MA shall also be responsible for the costs of the medical treatments for all members of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials from their arrival until their departure.
- 77.6. Subject to the sanctions explicitly provided for in this SECTION 13: MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING, any failure to comply with the provisions herein shall be sanctioned by the AFF, at its own discretion.

## **SECTION 14: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### 78. Responsibilities

- 78.1. 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.
- 78.2. The Participating Teams shall cover their international and domestic travel costs to the Venue or the nearest airport, as well as incidental expenses.
- 78.3. The AFF and the Host MA shall provide all other logistical arrangements. Such arrangements shall be communicated to the Participating Teams by circular prior to the Competition.

## **SECTION 15: AWARDS**

### **79. Trophy, Awards and Medals**

- 79.1. A trophy called “The ASEAN U19 Boys’ Futsal Championship” shall be awarded to the Team winning the Competition.
- 79.2. The original trophy of the Competition shall be presented as a formality to the Champion during the prize presentation ceremony after the Finals. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, the original trophy shall be returned to the AFF and shall 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.
- 79.3. The replica trophy awarded to the Champion must remain within its control at all times and must not leave its region or territory of its Member Association without the prior written consent of the AFF. The Champion must not permit the replica trophy to be used in any context (including without limitation, the involvement of the Champion’s sponsors, commercial partners and/or any third parties) which grants visibility or in any other way which could lead to an association between any third party, the trophy and/or the Competition.
- 79.4. The AFF may issue additional trophy guidelines which the Champion must comply with from time to time.
- 79.5. The following awards of the Competition shall be presented:
  - 79.5.1. Most Valuable Player;
  - 79.5.2. Top Goalscorer; and
  - 79.5.3. Best Goalkeeper
- 79.6. The awards mentioned in Article 79.5.1 to Article 79.5.3 would be provided by the Host MA.
- 79.7. The AFF shall be responsible to provide and award the following medals [fourteen (14) for Players and six (6) for Team Officials]:
  - 79.7.1. Twenty (20) medals to the Champion;
  - 79.7.2. Twenty (20) medals to the runner-up;
  - 79.7.3. Twenty (20) medals to the third place; and
  - 79.7.4. commemorative medals to the Match Officials of the Final.

- 79.8. Upon request of any of these Teams for additional medals, a minimum of five (5) medals must be ordered with corresponding payment.
- 79.9. The AFF may decide to introduce additional awards.
- 80. Fair Play
  - 80.1. In every match of this Competition, fair play should be actively promoted.

## **SECTION 16: DISCIPLINARY**

### **81. Disciplinary Measures**

- 81.1. All disciplinary measures in relation to the Competition shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AFF Statutes, AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code, AFF Anti-Match Fixing Policy, AFC Anti-Doping Regulations and any relevant AFF circulars.
- 81.2. The AFF may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Competition. Such rules shall be communicated to the Member Associations thirty (30) days before the first Match of the Competition at the latest.
- 81.3. All Participating Players and Participating Teams agree to:
  - 81.3.1. respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
  - 81.3.2. behave accordingly; and
  - 81.3.3. refrain from doping.

### **82. Good Conduct**

- 82.1. Each Participating Member Association is liable for the improper conduct of:
  - 82.1.1. any member of its Team official Delegation; and/or
  - 82.1.2. Any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Competition.
- 82.2. For any violation of the above-mentioned provision, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue any sanction listed in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

### **83. Cautions and Expulsions**

- 83.1. 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.
- 83.2. Any Participating Player who completes the Group Stage having cumulatively received one (1) caution shall not carry-over that caution to

the Semi Finals. A Participating Player who received two cautions during the Competition shall automatically be suspended for the Match following the Match in which he received the second caution.

- 83.3. A Participating Player and/or Participating Official who receives a red card (direct or indirect)/ sent off during the Competition shall automatically be suspended from the Match following the Match in which he received the red card/sent off.
- 83.4. 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.
- 83.5. Any Player or Participating Official who completes Semi-Finals Matches having only received one (1) caution shall not carry-over that caution to the Finals.
- 83.6. Each Participating Team shall bear the responsibility of monitoring the cautions and/or suspensions received by its Players and Officials and to ensure that all Players and Officials registered and/or fielded during the Competition are eligible to play.
- 83.7. All suspensions and disciplinary matters liable to be carried forward, arising from this Competition, will be carried forward in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

#### 84. Protests

- 84.1. 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.
- 84.2. Unless otherwise stipulated, to be considered valid, protest shall be:
  - 84.2.1. submitted in writing (using the appropriate Protest Form issued by the AFF General Secretariat) to the AFF Match Commissioner for the relevant Match within two (2) hours of the final whistle, or if the relevant Match was canceled or abandoned, within two (2) hours of the decision to cancel or abandon the Match (the "Protest Deadline");
  - 84.2.2. 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

- 84.2.3. accompanied by a non-refundable fee of USD500 (United States Dollars Five Hundred) (non-inclusive of any bank charges) which must be transmitted to the bank account nominated by the AFF General Secretariat within twenty-four (24) hours of the Protest Deadline.
- 84.3. No protest shall be lodged relating to the Referee's decisions regarding facts connected to play. Such decisions are final and binding and not subject to appeal, unless expressly otherwise stipulated in the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 84.4. Any protest which relates to the eligibility of a Player to participate in the Competition must be submitted to the AFF General Secretariat with a copy to [aff.legal@aseanfootball.org](mailto:aff.legal@aseanfootball.org) no later than five (5) days before the day on which the opening Match of the Competition is scheduled to take place. To be considered valid, such a protest must be:
  - 84.4.1. submitted in writing (in the form of a full written report); and
  - 84.4.2. accompanied by a non-refundable fee of USD500 (United States Dollars Five Hundred) (non-inclusive of any bank charges) which must be transmitted to the bank account nominated by the AFF General Secretariat before the expiry of the aforementioned deadline.
- 84.5. If any of the formal requirements set out in **Articles Error! Reference source not found.** and/or **Error! Reference source not found.** are not met, the relevant protest shall be disregarded. The AFF General Secretariat decides whether or not such formal requirements have been met. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.
- 84.6. Subject to any exceptions set out in these Regulations, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code, the AFF Statutes and/or any other applicable AFF regulation, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall make decisions on protests.
- 84.7. Should AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee determine that a protest is unfounded or irresponsible, it may impose a fine.
- 84.8. 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.
- 84.9. 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.

85. Anti-Match Fixing

- 85.1. Match Fixing is forbidden and is a punishable offence.
- 85.2. In case of a violation of Article 85.1 hereinabove, the AFF shall initiate disciplinary proceedings, and may impose provisional measures, in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 85.3. Participating MAs are responsible for ensuring that all Participating Players and Participating Officials have received robust anti-match fixing education prior to the first Match of the Competition. The provision and receipt of such anti-match fixing education to all Participating Players and Participating Officials must be confirmed by the respective MAs, in writing to the AFF General Secretariat along with necessary evidences, if any to [aff.legal@aseanfootball.org](mailto:aff.legal@aseanfootball.org) at least two (2) days prior to their first Match in the Competition.
- 85.4. Failure to provide the confirmation as stipulated in Article 86.3 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.

86. Reporting Concerns

- 86.1. During the Competition, all individuals, including but not limited to Participating Players, Participating Officials and/or other staff from each Participating Team (“Individuals”), AFF Delegation and members of the LOC have the mandatory obligation to report all concerns relating to any:
  - 86.1.1. Integrity matters including without limitation Match-Fixing, Doping, Betting, Gambling, Bribing;
  - 86.1.2. Safeguarding matters including without limitation abuse, assault, harassment (physical, mental, sexual, emotional), neglect; and
  - 86.1.3. Any other similar matters gravely affecting the Individuals, the game of Football, the Competition and/or the AFF.
- 86.2. It is mandatory for the Individuals to report any integrity matter to the designated Integrity Officer of their respective Participating MA with relevant information and documents.
  - 86.2.1. It is mandatory for the Participating MA Integrity Officer to report the concerns to the AFF Integrity Officer/Integrity Point of Contact, with at least the following:

- 86.2.1.1. A copy of the report received by the Participating MA Integrity Officer;
  - 86.2.1.2. The preliminary investigation conducted by the PMA Integrity Officer including, without limitation a) a copy of the investigation report by the Participating MA Integrity Officer including but not limited to the details of the alleged violation as well as the relevant rules, regulations and policies of the respective MA and/or the AFF in relation to the alleged violation and the applicable sanctions for the same, and b) a copy of the reporting done to the relevant authorities, if required by AFF and/or local authorities as well as the subsequent actions taken by said local authorities, if any;
  - 86.2.1.3. The next steps/plan of action of the relevant Participating MA to the concern(s) raised.
  - 86.2.1.4. The relevant Participating MA 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.
- 86.3. It is mandatory for the Individuals to report a safeguarding concern to the designated Participating MA Safeguarding Officer with relevant information and documents.
- 86.3.1. It is mandatory for the Participating MA Safeguarding Officer to report the concerns to the AFF Safeguarding Officer/Safeguarding Point of Contact for the Competition with at least the following:
    - 86.3.1.1. A copy of the report received by the Participating MA Safeguarding Officer;
    - 86.3.1.2. The preliminary investigation conducted by the Participating MA 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 MA in relation to the alleged violation and the applicable sanctions for the same;

- 86.3.1.3. The next steps/plan of action of the relevant Participating MA relating to the concern(s) raised.
- 86.4. 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 Delegation.
  - 86.4.1. It is mandatory for the Participating MA Head of Delegation to report the concerns to the AFF Competitions Officer/Secretariat with at least the following:
    - 86.4.1.1. A copy of the report received by the Participating MA Head of Delegation;
    - 86.4.1.2. The preliminary investigation conducted by the Participating MA Head of Delegation including without limitation a) a copy of 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 MA in relation to the alleged violation and the applicable sanctions for the same;
    - 86.4.1.3. The next steps/plan of action of the Participating MA relating to the concern(s) raised.
    - 86.4.1.4. The relevant Participating MA 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.
- 86.5. In case where any Individual has an Integrity/Safeguarding or any other similar matters as provided in Article 86.1 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/Integrity Point of Contact, AFF Safeguarding Officer, AFF Competitions Officer/Secretariat directly with the relevant information as provided in Articles 86.2.1.1 to 86.2.1.3, 86.3.1.1 to 86.3.1.3 and/or 86.4.1.1 to 86.4.1.3 as relevant.
- 86.6. The AFF may conduct its own investigation into the concerns raised, including without limitation informing the AFC and/or FIFA regarding such concerns.
- 86.7. The AFF may further initiate a disciplinary proceeding in accordance with the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

87. Administrative Procedure

87.1. 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:

87.1.1. 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;

87.1.2. if the offence is admitted, the AFF shall submit the compounded offence to the Chairperson of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for approval;

87.1.2.1. should the party deny the offence, the AFF shall open disciplinary proceedings;

87.1.3. upon approval of the Chairperson of the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, the sanction shall be notified and applied administratively by the AFF;

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

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

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

88. Arbitration

88.1. Any dispute in connection with the Competition shall be promptly settled by negotiation.

88.2. In compliance with the AFF Statutes, Participating Teams, Participating Member Associations, 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.

- 88.3. Participating Teams, Participating Member Associations, Participating Players and Participating Officials acknowledge and accept that, once all internal channels have been exhausted at the AFF, their sole recourse shall be 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**

### **89. Official Countdown**

- 89.1. The official countdown established for each Match is informed to all Teams and persons responsible for organising the Match. Its purpose is to ensure consistency in all pre-Match operations. It shall be distributed at the Match Coordination Meeting held on one (1) day before the commencement of the Competition.
- 89.2. The Participating Teams shall observe the official countdown and all other Match related protocol notified by the AFF, from time to time.
- 89.3. A Participating Team that causes a delay 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.
- 89.4. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes the kick-off to commence each period (e.g., the first half and second half) of a Match, and if applicable, the kick-off to commence each period of Extra Time.
- 89.5. AFF attaches particular importance to the following points:
  - 89.5.1. Preparation of the Indoor Stadium and the enclosure
  - 89.5.2. Care of the Teams at the Stadium
  - 89.5.3. Loudspeakers, scoreboard, floodlights
  - 89.5.4. Safety and security services
  - 89.5.5. First-aid services
  - 89.5.6. Protocol (VIP box, flags, FIFA anthem)
  - 89.5.7. Media facilities and services
  - 89.5.8. Doping control (if any)
  - 89.5.9. Official reports

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

- 90.1. In order to ensure orderly Match procedure, only persons with special accreditation and entrusted with specific responsibilities will be permitted access to the Controlled Access Areas.

### **91. Orders in the Enclosure & Surroundings**

- 91.1. Apart from the Players in each Team, the refereeing group, the ball persons and the flag bearers, only the following people will be given access to the inner enclosure, subject to any, further measures as stipulated by the Tournament Committee or local authorities:

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AFF Officials          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFF Head of Delegation</li> <li>• AFF Tournament Director</li> <li>• AFF Representatives</li> <li>• AFF Match Commissioner</li> <li>• AFF Referee Assessor</li> <li>• AFF Media Officer</li> <li>• AFF General Coordinator</li> <li>• AFF Secretariat</li> </ul> |
| Teams                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officials</li> <li>• Players</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Venue Officials        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MA General Secretary</li> <li>• Stadium Manager</li> <li>• Venue Coordinator</li> <li>• Chief of Police and/or Security Officer</li> <li>• Limited number of Service Staff (janitor, cleaner, etc.)</li> </ul>                                                   |
| Media Representative   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photographers</li> <li>• Cameraman (no commentators) for Host Broadcaster</li> <li>• Auxiliary personnel (“runners”) for AFF, Host Broadcaster</li> </ul>                                                                                                        |
| AFF Commercial Partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial partner representatives</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| Sponsor, if any | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited Personnel</li> </ul> |
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## 92. Match Ceremonies

### 92.1. Opening Ceremony

- 92.1.1. Any opening ceremony shall not affect any pre-Match operations, including without limitation Teams' warm-up and the pre-Match ceremony.
- 92.1.2. The Pitch shall be strictly protected from damage caused by any activity related to the opening ceremony.
- 92.1.3. 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.

### 92.2. Pre-Match Ceremony

- 92.2.1. The Official Countdown shall follow Appendix 11 of these Regulations.

### 92.3. Prize Presentation Ceremony

- 92.3.1. A prize presentation ceremony, managed and controlled by the AFF and coordinated with the Host MA, shall be held immediately after the Final to present the awards, trophies, and medals.
- 92.3.2. The Players and Teams that qualify to receive the awards, trophies, and medals are required to attend the relevant prize presentation ceremony. Each Team shall be represented by their Team Official Delegation. No other officials, players, or staff may participate. Players and Team Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension are allowed to take part in the award ceremony as set out in Appendix 5.
- 92.3.3. 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 review and approval.
- 92.3.4. 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 individual, 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.

93. AFF Flags

93.1. The Host MA shall ensure that the AFF Flags, as prescribed by the AFF, shall be used throughout the Competition.

93.2. The AFF Flags shall be used in the following manner:

93.2.1. Marching-in ceremony; and

93.2.2. Flying flag, at the Stadium.

## **SECTION 18: CLOSING PROVISIONS**

### **94. Finals**

94.1. The Final Match shall be organised and managed by the AFF in collaboration with the Host MA including without limitation:

94.1.1. tickets and ticketing in accordance with Section 10;

94.1.2. protocol;

94.1.3. Match organisation;

94.1.4. commercial operations; and

94.1.5. media operations.

94.2. 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 said Match and be approved by the AFF.

### **95. Special Instructions**

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

95.2. These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

### **96. Decisions**

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

### **97. Amendments**

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

### **98. Implementing Provisions**

98.1. 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.

### **99. Enforcement**

99.1. These Regulations were ratified by the AFF Competitions Committee on [please enter the date] and came into force immediately.

For the AFF Competitions Committee

Dr Tran Quoc Tuan

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AFF General Secretary

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

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

## Appendix 2: Best-Ranked Team from Different Groups and Overall Competition Ranking

While determining the best-ranked Participating Teams among different groups, the following principles shall be applied:

1. Should all groups consist of the same number of Participating Teams, the best-ranked Participating 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.

Case 1: Should the best second-placed Participating Team be required to be identified among the following groups:

| <b>Group A</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GF</b> | <b>GA</b> | <b>GD</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 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          |

| <b>Group B</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GF</b> | <b>GA</b> | <b>GD</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 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          |

- (i) Team B and Team F are the second-placed Participating Teams from each group.

- (ii) Both Teams have six (6) points, therefore, criteria 1.1. does not determine the best second-placed Participating 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 Participating Team.
2. Should the groups consist of different numbers of Participating Teams, the Participating Teams in each group will have played a different number of Matches in total. In order to ensure equality, all Participating Teams shall be compared across the same number of Matches, the number of which shall be decided by the AFF. In principle, the results between the relevant Participating Teams and the bottom-placed Participating Team in the relevant group shall be considered null and void. In such cases, the best-ranked Participating 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 Matches identified by the AFF in accordance with Appendix 1; or
  - 2.5. drawing of lots.

Case 2: Should the best second-placed Participating Team be required to be identified among the following groups:

| <b>Group A</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GF</b> | <b>GA</b> | <b>GD</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 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          |

| <b>Group B</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GF</b> | <b>GA</b> | <b>GD</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 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 |
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- (i) Team Be and Team F are the second-placed Participating Teams from each group.
- (ii) Groups A and B have played a different number of matches. In order to identify the best second-placed Participating Team, the number of matches shall be equalised.
- (iii) 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 Participating Team). Accordingly, the number of matches played in Group B shall be reduced to three (3) matches per Participating Team. In principle, the match between Team F and Team I, who is the bottom-placed Participating Team in the group, will be considered null and void.
- (iv) Assuming Team F won the match against Team I 3-0, we will have a new calculation for Team F:

| <b>Group B</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>GF</b> | <b>GA</b> | <b>GD</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Team F         | 3        | 2        | 0        | 1        | 2         | 2         | 0         | 6          |

- (v) 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 best second-placed Participating Team.

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

## **Appendix 3: Equipment Regulations**

### **1. PLAYING EQUIPMENT**

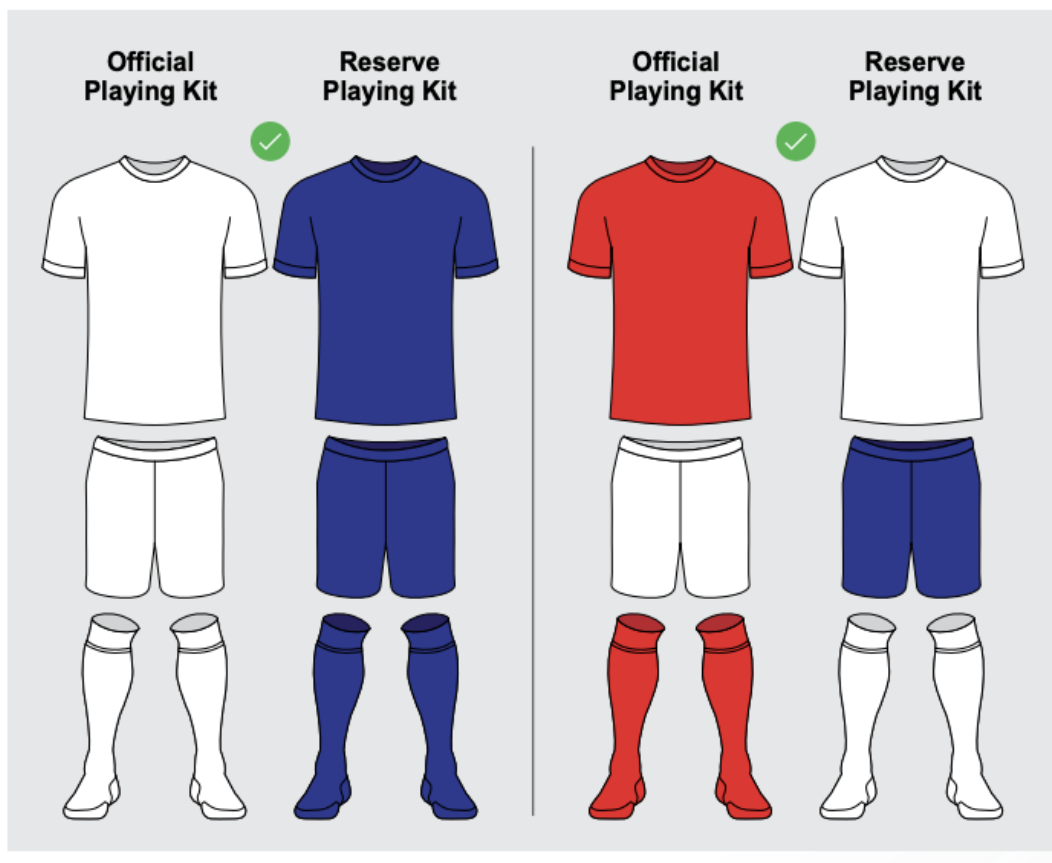
- 1.1. All outfield Participating Players in a Team must wear the same Playing Kit as each other, and all goalkeepers in a Team must wear the same Playing Kit as each other. All items of a Team's Playing Kit must be produced by the same Manufacturer or remain unbranded in whole or in part.
- 1.2. In accordance with Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, the inside of all Playing Equipment(s) must comply with the Laws of the Game and may be freely used by the Participating Team provided that under any prevailing conditions, such as weather and light, no detrimental effect is caused to the identical visible appearance and clear distinction of the Participating Players.
- 1.3. 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:
  - 1.3.1. being transparent or the identical colour as the respective part of the Playing Equipment associated with the performance tool;
  - 1.3.2. 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;
  - 1.3.3. not bearing any identifications associated with any Participating Team or Manufacturer; and
  - 1.3.4. not being used as a Decorative Element.
- 1.4. 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).
- 1.5. 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.

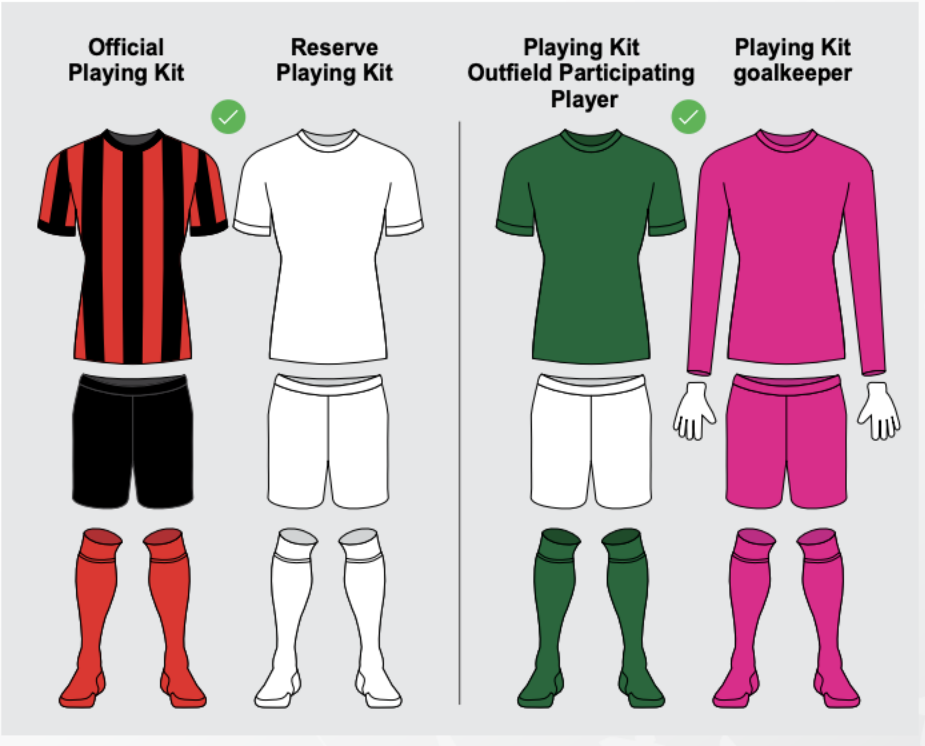
### **2. COLOURS**

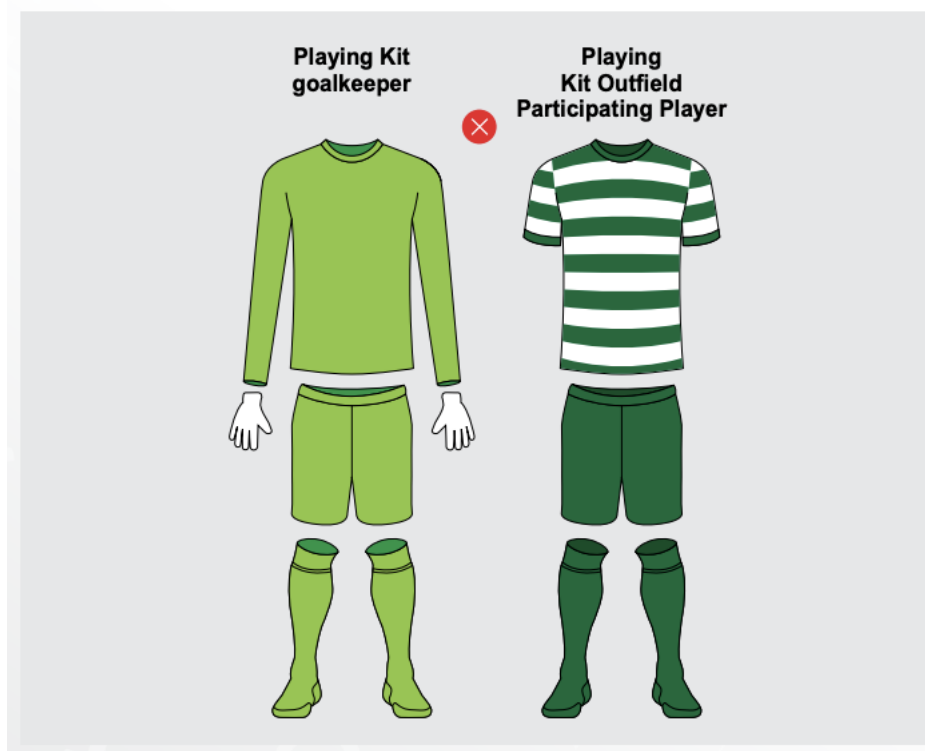
- 2.1. Save where these Regulations require otherwise, there is no limit on the number of colours that may appear on a Team's Playing Kit. Furthermore, unless stated otherwise, the restrictions in these Regulations on the use of colours of Playing Kit items do not apply to colours appearing in Team Identifiers, 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 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 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.



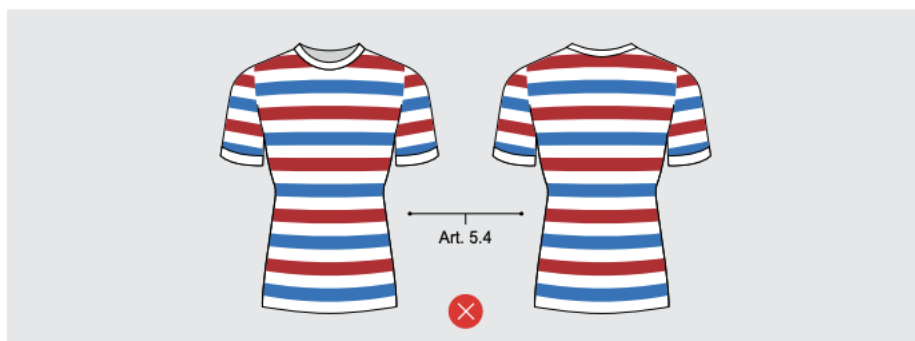
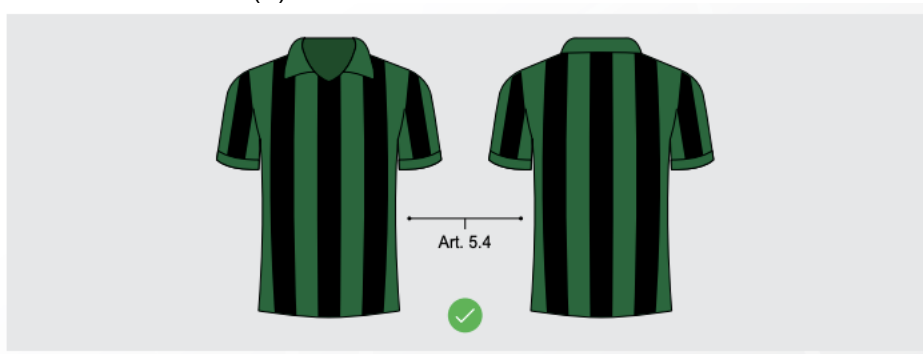




- 2.3. Subject to Article 2.4, if a Playing Kit item features more than one (1) colour, one (1) of the colours must be clearly predominant (the “Dominant Colour”) over the other colour(s) and must be predominate to the same extent on the front and back of the Playing Kit item.

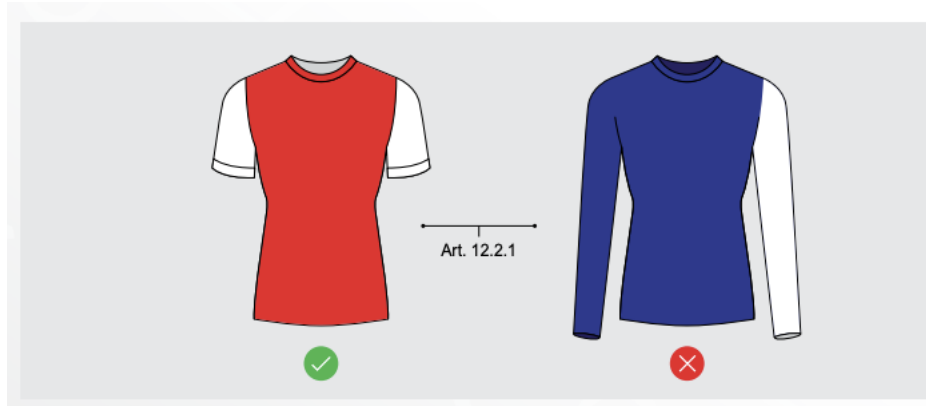


- 2.4. The Shirts of the outfield Participating Players (but not the shirt of a goalkeeper) may feature a basic geometric repeated pattern (such as stripes, hoops or checks) with two (2) equally prominent colours. In such cases, the Shirt of at least one (1) of the Team's Reserve Playing Kits must not 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) featuring two (2) equally prominent colours. In such a case:

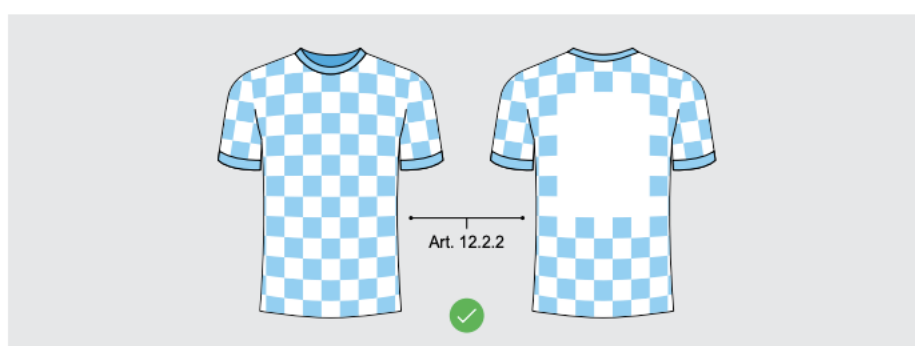
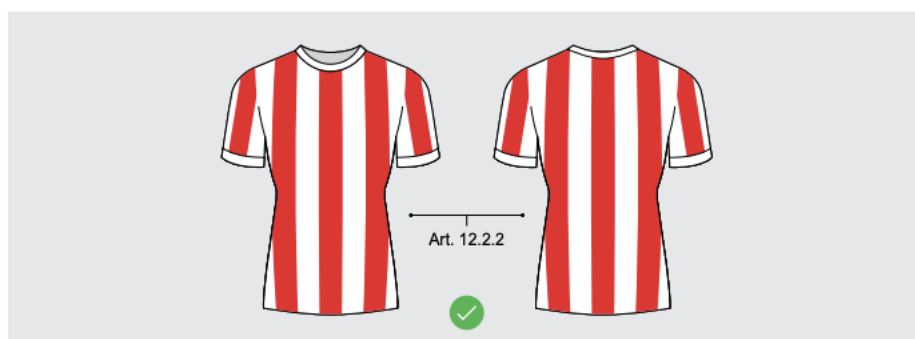
2.6.1. the back area of the shirt must:

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.



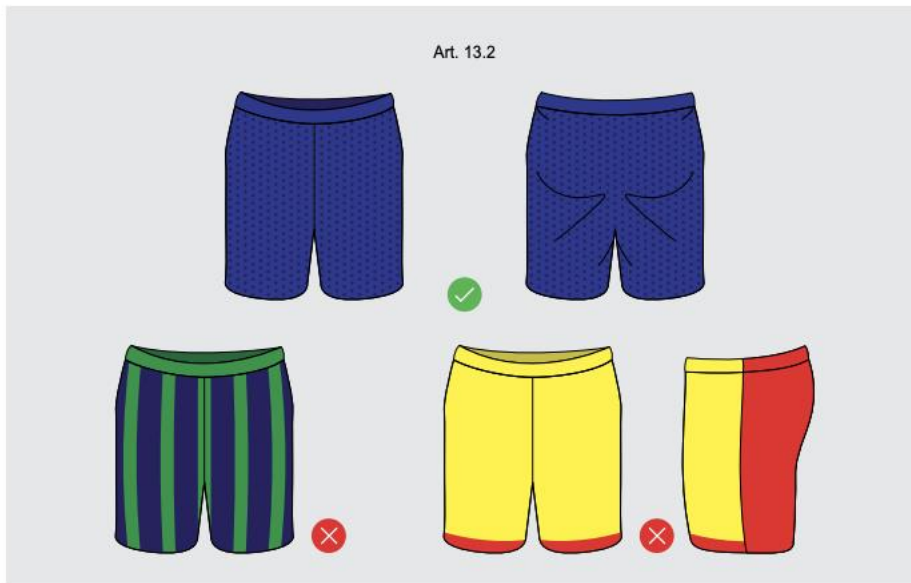


- 2.6.2. Any prominent additional colour(s) on the shirt (in particular on a sash, bar, or a colour appearing prominently around the Participating Player's shoulders) must not undermine the predominant visual impression of the Dominant Colour (or that two [2] equally prominent colours, as applicable) 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.



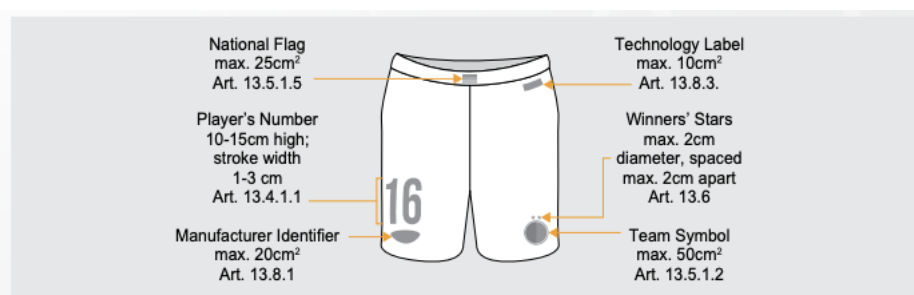


- 2.7. The shorts must feature the same single Dominant Colour when viewed from either the front or the back.



- 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 (5cm<sup>2</sup>) 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 14 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 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, which shall apply to all the Participating Clubs, 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 4: Approval of Electronic Performance Tracking System (EPTS) Devices**

In case a Participating Team intends to use any EPTS device, it shall inform the AFF of the type of device that it will be using. All devices shall be inspected by the AFF, which shall make the final decision regarding their use. If there are any concerns, the devices may be presented to the AFF ad-hoc Medical Committee for further inspection.

Independent testing institutes verify the functionality of the products, playing surfaces and technologies in accordance with the respective standard. The institutes conducting these tests are subject to the approval of FIFA. The following quality marks identify those products, playing surfaces and technologies tested and certified to the prevailing requirements:

- FIFA Quality Pro
- FIFA Quality
- FIFA Basic (previously known as International Match Standard [IMS])

Regarding the data collected through such devices, please note the following points:

- The data (including physical, technical and tactical data) collected, or any interpretation of it, may only be used by the respective Participating Team and/or the Participating Player for performance monitoring purposes and by no means for any commercial purpose and/or in association with any third-party.
- The data may not be disclosed to the public for any reason.
- To protect the integrity of, and AFC's rights in, the Competition, AFC may impose further restrictions on the use of the data collected by an approved electronic performance or tracking system device.

In accordance with the Equipment Regulations of these Regulations, the device shall not display the branding of its manufacturer or any third-party.

Participating Teams shall ensure that all members of their Team Official Delegation fully comply with the above requirements. The responsibility for failing to do so will be borne by the respective team.

AFF would like to emphasise that any device worn is at the risk and responsibility of the Participating Player and/or Participating Team concerned.

## Appendix 5: Expulsions and Suspensions at Competitions

Restrictions that apply inside the Controlled Access Areas for Players and Officials who have been expelled or are serving a Match suspension.

| Venue              | Player                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                      | Official                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                    | Expulsion                                                                                                                                                            | Suspension                                                                                                           | Expulsion                                                                                                | Suspension                                                                                                                 |
| Pitch              | ordered to leave the pitch and its surroundings                                                                                                                      | banned from the pitch and its surroundings                                                                           | ordered to leave the pitch and its surroundings                                                          | banned from the pitch and its surroundings                                                                                 |
| Team bench         | ordered to leave the team bench                                                                                                                                      | banned from the team bench                                                                                           | ordered to leave the team bench                                                                          | banned from the team bench                                                                                                 |
| Technical Area     | cannot sit in the technical area                                                                                                                                     | banned from the technical area                                                                                       | cannot sit in the technical area                                                                         | banned from the technical area                                                                                             |
| Team Dressing Room | shall stay in either the dressing room or doping control room accompanied by a chaperon until the names of the players selected for the doping test are communicated | banned from the dressing room at any time before and during the Match in question (can join after the final whistle) | banned from entering the Team dressing rooms at half time if sent off during the first half of the Match | banned from the Team dressing rooms at any time before and during the Match in question (can join after the final whistle) |

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stands            | allowed to sit in the stands, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded, he is not picked for doping control and is no longer wearing his football equipment | allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate vicinity (e.g. Team Technical Seats) of the Pitch, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded | allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate surroundings of the pitch, for the rest of the Match, provided that integrity and security are safeguarded | allowed to sit in the stands, but not in the immediate vicinity of the pitch, provided his integrity and security are safeguarded |
| Team Bus          | allowed to take the Team bus                                                                                                                                           | allowed to take the Team bus but not allowed to talk to the media upon arrival or departure                                                                   | allowed to take the Team bus                                                                                                                                      | allowed to take the Team bus but not allowed to talk to the media upon arrival or departure                                       |
| Award Ceremony    | allowed to take part in the award ceremony                                                                                                                             | allowed to take part in the award ceremony                                                                                                                    | allowed to take part in the award ceremony                                                                                                                        | allowed to take part in the award ceremony                                                                                        |
| Mixed Zone        | not allowed in the mixed zone                                                                                                                                          | banned from the mixed zone                                                                                                                                    | not allowed in the mixed zone                                                                                                                                     | banned from the mixed zone                                                                                                        |
| Press Conferences | not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference                                                                                             | banned from all Match-related press conferences                                                                                                               | not allowed to attend or participate in any Match-related press conference                                                                                        | banned from all Match-related press conferences                                                                                   |
| 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 Indoor Stadium                                                                               | not allowed to undertake any media activities in the Indoor Stadium | not allowed to undertake any media activities in the Indoor Stadium                        | not allowed to undertake any media activities in the Indoor Stadium on Match Day                                                           |
| Doping Control Room       | eligible for doping control and shall stay accompanied by a chaperon until the names of the players selected for the doping test are communicated | N/A                                                                 |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                            |
| Contact and Communication | not allowed in the VIP tribune                                                                                                                    | can sit in an area designated by the AFF                            | shall not communicate with or contact anyone involved in the Match by any means whatsoever | shall not be permitted to communicate with or contact any person involved in the Match by any means whatsoever for the duration of a Match |

## **Appendix 6:           Logistical Arrangements**

1. This Appendix details the logistical arrangements to be made by both the Host MA as well as the Teams for the duration of the Competition, in accordance with SECTION 8: LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS these Regulations.
2. Host MA obligations for each Participating Team (for maximum of fourteen [14] players and six [6] officials)
  - 2.1. Accommodation and Laundry:
    - 2.1.1. Single or twin sharing rooms for each member of the Teams as determined by the AFF.
    - 2.1.2. Daily meals with sufficient quantity, including light meals on Match days for all members of the Teams. Halal food, 'pork-free' or specific dietary requirements should be catered for;
    - 2.1.3. Six (6) pieces of laundry service per person per day for all members of Teams (non-cumulative and no dry cleaning);
    - 2.1.4. Six (6) litres of drinking water per person per day and sufficient ice for all member of the Teams: and
    - 2.1.5. One (1) extra empty room for usage as equipment or storage room.
  - 2.2. Transportation
    - 2.2.1. The Host MA shall provide for each of the visiting Team, for internal transportation which includes transport to training ground, Matches and other movements, in the following manner:
      - 2.2.1.1. one (1) air-conditioned bus with a dedicated driver to accommodate a minimum of thirty (30) people;
      - 2.2.1.2. one (1) air-conditioned multi-purpose vehicle with a dedicated driver to accommodate a minimum of seven (7) people; and
      - 2.2.1.3. one (1) roofed luggage truck (preferably with a 4-ton capacity) for airport transfers, hotel transfers (if applicable) and Match Day;
    - 2.2.2. Security facilities to be provided in the Stadium and hotel including police outriders, subject to the relevant national law and policies, for Teams on Match days.
  - 2.3. Arrangements for the AFF Delegation and Match Officials

- 2.3.1. Single rooms for each member of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials. AFF Delegation and Match Officials to be accommodated at a separate hotel from the Teams.
- 2.3.2. Sufficient quantity daily meals, including light meals on Match days for all members of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials. Halal food, 'pork-free' and/or specific dietary requirements should be catered for.
- 2.3.3. Six (6) pieces of laundry per person per day for all members of the AFF Delegation and Match Officials (non-cumulative). Two (2) pieces of dry-cleaning service every alternate day for AFF Delegation only.
- 2.3.4. Four (4) litres of drinking water per person per day and sufficient ice for all members of AFF Delegation and Match Officials.
- 2.3.5. AFF Competition Secretariat room(s) for the AFF Delegation at the hotel fully equipped with office equipment as per the AFF Hosting Obligations. If Competition Secretariat room(s) is not available, the Hosting MA shall ensure that the AFF Delegation are able to use the hotel's business centre at no additional cost to the AFF.
- 2.3.6. Each AFF Official (except Referees) shall receive a SIM Card with international calling with nominal value inclusive of internet upon their arrival to the Accommodation and/or Venue.
- 2.3.7. For internal transportation which includes transport to training ground, Matches and other movements, in the following manner:
  - 2.3.7.1. one (1) sedan with dedicated driver for the AFF Match Commissioner;
  - 2.3.7.2. one (1) multi-purpose vehicle with dedicated driver to accommodate at least seven (7) people for the Referee Group (Referees and Referee Assessor); and
  - 2.3.7.3. additional vehicles upon request of the AFF for the AFF Delegation and/or other officials appointed by the AFF.

## 2.4. Airport Reception

- 2.4.1. The Host MA shall ensure that the LOC representatives are present at the immigration/custom checkpoints to assist the AFF Delegation/Officials and Teams for clearance purposes.
- 2.4.2. The Host MA shall also ensure all respective official vehicles are on time to pick- up the AFF Delegation/Officials and Teams.

2.5. The AFF will pay the following:

- 2.5.1. Daily and subsistence allowances and reimbursement of air tickets (economy class only) from their capital city to Match Venue and return of the appointed AFF Match Officials and AFF Delegation, and
- 2.5.2. 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 fourteen [14] and six [6] officials each team).

2.6. Liaison Officers

- 2.6.1. Each Team shall be provided with an English-speaking Liaison Officer during their entire official duration. The Liaison Officers shall be with their respective Teams all the time.
- 2.6.2. The Match Commissioner, the Referee Assessor and Match Officials, the AFF Delegation shall be provided with an English-speaking Liaison Officers during their entire official duration. The Liaison Officers shall be with the AFF Delegation all the time.

2.7. Visas

- 2.7.1. The Host MA shall ensure that the requisite visa letters and/or entry endorsements to the relevant territory are provided to the AFF Delegation, all members of any Team Delegation, the AFF Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, Media, and travelling supporters, without any discrimination on the basis of, without limitation, gender, race or nationality, in a timely manner.

3. Team obligations

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

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

3.2. Visa

- 3.2.1. Each Team must apply for all necessary visas for their Team Official and/or Players prior to their arrival. Visa application costs shall be borne by each Team.

3.2.2. Any Team unable to fulfil a fixture as a result of failing to secure visas shall be referred to the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

## Appendix 7: Registration of Players Who Have Acquired a New Nationality

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

**Appendix 8: Registration of Players Who Have a Nationality Entitling Them to Represent More Than One Football Association**

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

## **Appendix 9: Photographer Operations Guidelines**

1. Failure to adhere to this Appendix may result in the eviction of a photographer from an Indoor Stadium and refusal of accreditation for future Competitions.
2. All photographers requiring access to the Competition must contact the Host MA and complete the necessary application procedures to clear their request.
3. All photographers requiring Pitch area access must wear a Media Bib. The Host MA shall make the bibs available at the entrance to an Indoor 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 Pitch 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 Pitch.
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 between 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(es), except when seats have been allocated in any particular Match.
8. The Head Coaches of the Teams shall attend a post-Match 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 Photographer 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 an Indoor Stadium shall 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 (25cm) and shall only be serviced during half time.

## Appendix 10: Official Countdown

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

If there is any VIP handshake, 2 minutes to be added to the above countdown.

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 any Match shall be prepared by the Host MA in accordance with any instructions from the AFF.

### Pre-Match – Introduction of Teams and Match Officials

| Time | Items                  | Announcement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Remarks                                                                                                                    |
|------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| T-30 | Introduction of match  | Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to _____(Stadium name, City name) for today's match of the _ (Competition Name) between _____(Team A Name) and _ (Team B Name)                                                                                                 | Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the match information.                                             |
|      | Introduction of Team A | Here are the Team line-ups, for (Team A Name). Number __ (Players number), _ (popular name)<br><br>The substitutes are, number _____ (Players number), _____ (popular name)<br><br>The Head Coach is _____ (Head Coach name), from _____ (country of origin) | 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 (Team B Name). Number __ (Players number), _ (popular name)<br><br>The substitutes are, number _____ (Players number), _____ (popular name)<br><br>The Head Coach is _____ (Head Coach name), from _____ (country of origin) | Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer and display the Team B Players' and Head Coach Photos and name (if applicable) |

|  |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  |                                 | _____(country of origin)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                |
|  | Introduction of Match Officials | <p>The first referee for this match is _____(name of referee) from (country of origin)</p> <p>The second referee is _____(name referee) from _____(country of origin) and the third referee (if any) is _____(name of referee) from _____(country of origin)</p> | <p>Giant Screen must coordinate with announcer</p> <p>Giant Screen shall display the Match Officials' name</p> |

#### Pre-Match Ceremony

\*General Coordinator and/or AFF Match Commissioner will reconfirm the time on a match by match basis.

|                            |                      |                                                                                              |                                                                   |
|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                            |                      |                                                                                              | <p>Giant Screen shall go on</p> <p>LIVE by T-12'</p>              |
| -9*                        | Teams' Flag March-in |                                                                                              | LIVE - March in of Teams' flag                                    |
| -7*<br>(MC/<br>GC<br>to Q) | Teams' March-in      | <p>Ladies and gentlemen, let's welcome the Teams of _____(Team A Name) and (Team B Name)</p> | <p>After Teams' flag are in position.<br/>MC/GC to give the Q</p> |
|                            | FIFA Anthem          |                                                                                              | <p>Anthem to be tuned down slowly at the signal of</p>            |

|                               |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                     |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                               |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 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 National Anthem *A                              | <i>Ladies and Gentlemen, please stand up for the national anthem of ____ (Team A Name)</i>                                                                                                          | Team A national anthem is played immediately after the announcement |
| After end of 1st anthem       | Team National Anthem *B                              | and now the national anthem of ____ (Team B Name)                                                                                                                                                   | Team B national anthem is played immediately after the announcement |

*\*National Anthems are played only for National Team Competitions. Host national anthem will always be the second anthem even if they are Team A.*

#### During the Match

| Time | Items       | Announcement                                                                                         | Remarks                                                                                                                                             |
|------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|      | Goal Scorer | Goal for ____ (name of Team) by Players number ____ (Players number), ____ (popular name of Players) | Immediately after the MC/GC give the confirmation of goal scorer Giant Screen shall display Graphic for Goal. TV<br><br>Replay or Photo of Players. |

|           |                 |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|           | Own goal        | Own goal by ____( <i>name of Team who scored the own goal</i> )                                                   | Immediately after the MC/GC give the confirmation Team name (the Players shall NOT be mentioned) Giant Screen shall display Match Results. |
|           | Additional time | There will be ____( <i>minutes added</i> ) minutes of additional time.                                            | Announce when Fourth Official show the Additional Time at the touchline. Giant Screen shall display Graphic for Additional Time.           |
| Half time | Half-time Score | Ladies and gentlemen, the half-time score is ____<br><br><i>(Team A Name, [score]), __ (Team B Name, [score])</i> | Immediately after half- time Whistle                                                                                                       |

After the Match Announcer's Text

| Time                      | Items                     | Announcement                                                                                                                | Remarks                                         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Full-time (after whistle) | Final Score               | Ladies and gentlemen, the final score is ____( <i>Team A Name, [score]</i> ), ____( <i>Team B Name, [score]</i> )           | Immediately after final whistle                 |
| Tbc                       | Player of the Match Award | We have the honour to present the Player of the Match Award to (popular name of player), player number (player number) from | At the beginning of the PoTM award presentation |

|                      |                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                      |                        | (team name) for his/her excellent performance in the match.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| After the PoTM Award | Next Match Information | Ladies and gentlemen, we thank you for your attendance this evening and hope you enjoyed the match as much as we did. The next match to be played here is between ___( <i>Teams name</i> ) at ___ ( <i>time</i> ), ____( <i>date</i> ). Hope to see you again and goodnight. |  |

#### Extra Time Announcer's Text

| Time                                | Items      | Announcement                                                                                                                  | Remarks                                   |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| End of regular time (if applicable) | Extra Time | The match will go to Extra Time. If the match is still tied after this Extra Time, there will be Kicks from the Penalty Mark. | Giant screen to show the graphic and text |

#### Moment of Silence/Applause Announcer's Text

| Time | Announcement                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Remarks                                                                       |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|      | <p>We kindly ask you to stand to observe a moment of silence in memory of (reason). Thank you.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>We kindly ask you to take part in a moment of applause in celebration of (reason). Thank you.</p> | <p>Giant screen shall display "Moment of Silence" or "Moment of Applause"</p> |

#### Match Abandonment/Cancellation Announcer's Text

| Time | Items | Announcement | Remarks |
|------|-------|--------------|---------|
|------|-------|--------------|---------|

|  |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                           |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|  | Match<br>Abandonment  | <p>It is regrettable that the match will be stopped temporarily due to some unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>We will update you when the match will be resumed. Thank you for your understanding and patience.</p> | Giant screen to show the graphic and text |
|  | Match<br>Cancellation | <p>It is regrettable that the match kick-off will be delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>We will update you when the match will start. Thank you for your understanding and patience.</p>              | Giant screen to show the graphic and text |

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

### **ASEAN U19 BOYS' FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2025**

#### **PARTICIPATING TEAM OBLIGATIONS**

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

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

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

"Applicable Regulations" means the ASEAN U19 Boys' Futsal Championship 2025 Tournament Regulations, the AFC Stadium Regulations, the AFF and AFC Equipment Regulations, the AFF Disciplinary and Ethics Code, the AFC Safety and Security Regulations, the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, all other relevant regulations of the AFF, all directives, guidelines, circulars and instructions issued by the AFF, all applicable FIFA regulations and the Laws of the Game.

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

"Data" means any and all data, information and statistics relating to: (i) the Competition and past editions of the ASEAN U19 Boys' Futsal Championship 2025 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 stimulate the MA Indicia and/or Attributes in any medium (including, without limitation, visual, audio and audio-visual) and to use and exploit the same.
4. The MAs and PTs are aware of all applicable laws and regulations and have executed and have in their possession all written agreements and/or waivers (including, where applicable, from Players and Participating Officials) necessary to grant the licences and rights provided for as per this Annexure A of these Regulations.
5. Notwithstanding any provision of this PTO, the MA Indicia, PT Indicia and/or Attributes shall not (without the prior written consent of the relevant Player and/or Participating Official) be used in any manner which may reasonably be considered to constitute a personal endorsement by the Player and/or Participating Official of any commercial product or service.
6. The MAs and PTs are fully aware of and shall comply with the Applicable Regulations at all times.
7. The PT hereby confirms that it is not in breach of any of the provisions set out in these Regulations, including this Annexure A and nor is it aware of any facts or circumstances that may lead to it breaching any of these provisions at any time during the Competition.

Signed by:

Participating MA: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_