

Tournament Regulations

AFC Dream Asia Cerebral Palsy U-19 Tournament

2017

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DEFINITIONS

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

Accommodation	Any location approved by the AFC which provides accommodation to the AFC Delegation, IFCPF Delegation, Team Official Delegations, AFC Commercial Rights Partner, and Official Licensees.
Accreditation Card	Any physical item which is issued by the AFC and/or Organising Association 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 AFC or the Organising Association
Advertising Rights	The right to promote brand and/or corporate names and/or products and/or services at and/or in relation to the Tournament by whatever means available, whether existing now or to be developed in the future, whether at the Stadia or Facility Areas or within the Controlled Access Areas, in association with the Tournament Marks and/or AFC Marks, 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 AFC 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 Match Officials), medical and security staff, ballkids, player escorts, flag bearers and/or photographers. The display of the name and/or logo of the bona fide supplier of clothing on the strip of the uniforms of the officials are also included. For the avoidance of doubt, advertising on the strip of Participating Players is excluded, other than where it is the trade mark of the bona fide manufacturer and is in accordance with any FIFA and/or AFC regulations. Similarly, branding on any equipment, goods and/or services used in connection with the Tournament, save where supplied by an Official Licensee, may only include customary branding of the bona fide manufacturer and may not be associated in any way with the Commercial Rights.

AFC	Asian Football Confederation
AFCAS	The AFC Administration System, the AFC's online competition management and registration system.
AFC Commercial Rights Partner	The entity appointed by the AFC for the sale of Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) and the provision of services in relation thereto.
AFC Committee	Any Committee of the AFC as constituted in accordance with the AFC Statutes
AFC Delegation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) AFC staff; (ii) Match Officials; (iii) Other officials appointed by the AFC; (iv) AFC Committee members; and (v) AFC guest
AFC Marks	All design marks, slogans, designations, names, logos, insignia, emblems or devices (in any application) owned and/or controlled by the AFC (in any language) relating to the AFC itself, but excluding the Tournament Marks
AFC Website	The domain http://www.the-afc.com owned by the AFC, including without limitation all other domains or official media platforms and channels created and/or owned by the AFC (e.g. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, etc)
Broadcast Licensee	Any entity, including the Host Broadcaster, which has been granted the Media Rights from the AFC or the AFC Commercial Rights Partner for the Tournament
Clean Stadium	<p>A Stadium or Official Training Site, whether inside, in the air space above or the outer perimeter, delivered to the AFC at a prescribed time, that is free from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) any advertising and commercial signage of any kind, whether on any stadium infrastructure, staff uniforms, accreditations, fences, equipment or elsewhere; (ii) third party agreements relating to the use and operation of the Stadium (or part thereof;) and/or

	(iii) stadium or venue naming rights
Commercial Rights	Advertising Rights, Concession Rights, Hospitality Rights, Image Rights, Media Rights, Merchandise Rights, Promotional Rights, Sponsorship Rights and Travel and Tour Rights
Competition Data	Any and all information related to the Tournament, including fixture lists, Image Rights, information and/or statistics about the Participating Teams and/or Participating Players, information and/or statistics about their participation and/or performance in the Tournament, Match analysis, Referee decisions, and any other information in relation to the Tournament
Competition Marks	All design marks, slogans, designations, names, logos, insignia, emblems, mascot or devices (in any application) owned and/or controlled by the AFC (in any language) relating to the Tournament
Competition Title	“AFC Dream Asia Cerebral Palsy U-19 Tournament 2017” or any variation thereof as advised and adopted by the AFC
Tournament Website	The official website of the Tournament with a dedicated URL including without limitation all other domains or official media platforms and channels of the Tournament created and/or owned by the AFC (e.g. Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, etc.).
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 Stadia and Facility Areas.
Classifiers	A person authorised as an official by the AFC and IFCPF to evaluate athletes for international competitions.
Controlled Access Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) any Stadium; (ii) any Official Training Site; (iii) any official hotel (public areas being excepted), subject to and to the extent agreed in any executed hotel agreement; (iv) any official exclusion zone encircling a Stadium on a Match day;

- (v) any official parking area, accreditation centre, International Broadcast Compound, and/or hospitality area;
- (vi) the venue of any Official Function;
- (vii) any official AFC fan park;
- (viii) Facility Areas; and
- (ix) any other location and/or facility designated by the AFC as a Controlled Access Area

associated to the Tournament to which access is permitted only to those in possession of an Accreditation Card, Ticket, and/or other officially-sanctioned entry permit.

Extra Time	Two (2) equal periods of additional time which shall be played in accordance with these Regulations should there be no winner at the conclusion of a match.
Facility Areas	The location of Official Functions, ceremonies, press centers, ticket offices, competition hotels, media areas (including without limitation areas used for viewing of any public exhibition), sponsor village areas (including without limitation “AFC 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 centers controlled by or on behalf of the AFC and used in connection with the Tournament whether at the Stadium or elsewhere at the Venues.
Field of Play	The area described in Article 1 of the IFCPF Laws of the Game.
FIFA	The Federation International de Football Association.
IFCPF	International Federation of Cerebral Palsy Football.
Football Association	The controlling body for football within a country or territory recognised by the AFC.
Force Majeure	Any event affecting the performance or any provision of these Regulations arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of a party, and shall include but not be limited to abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightning, storm, fire, explosion,

earthquake, structural damage, epidemic or other natural disaster, failure or shortage of power supplies, war, terrorist action, military operations, riot, crowd disorder, strike, lock-outs or other industrial action, or civil commotion.

Group Stage	The first stage of the Tournament held in accordance with these Regulations.
Hospitality Rights	The opportunity to offer and sell hospitality and entertainment facilities at the Venues or within the Controlled Access Areas in combination with the Tickets as may be purchased from the Host Association whether such facilities are in boxes, marquees or otherwise, but excluding those private facilities reserved for AFC officials and its guests not forming part of the Commercial Rights.
Host Broadcaster	The party appointed by the AFC to ensure and provide the production of broadcast signals of the Matches and other events of the Tournament, and the provision of all related services in accordance with the Media Rights granted to it.
Host City	Any city and/or identifiable metropolitan area in which any Match is staged.
Image Rights	The right to use still and/or moving images and/or representations of images of Participating Teams and Participating Players participating in the Tournament, and including, for the avoidance of doubt, images of Participating Officials, Match Officials, and other officials forming part of the Tournament.
Knockout Stage	The second stage of the Tournament held in accordance with these.
Laws of the Game	The laws of association football laid down by the IFAB and IFCPF.
Match	A football match in its entirety (including a replayed and/or deferred football match, Extra Time and Penalty Kicks) which takes place as part of the Tournament 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.

Match Officials	Any individual appointed to officiate a Match in the Tournament in the role of referee, assistant referee, fourth official or fifth official, and the appointed Referee Instructor(s) and/or Referee Assessor(s).
Match Schedule	The official schedule which sets out, without limitation, the dates and times on which Matches will be played, the Stadium at which the Matches will be played, and the names of the Participating Teams.
Media	Any individual granted a media Accreditation Card by the AFC.
Media Rights	The right and license to produce, edit, and 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 Tournament Data, world feed, and unilateral feeds) of the Tournament and all interview activities and action during and forming part of the Tournament including Official Functions and the Image Rights by any and all means of transmission distribution, exhibition and reception, now existing or hereinafter developed including but not limited to analogue, digital, satellite cable and interactive communication systems, on a live, delayed, and unlimited repeat basis, in full or in part (including without limitation by way of clips and/or highlights and/or support programmes and/or magazine shows and/or news access), and all rights to exploit any and all commercial opportunities (including for example broadcast sponsorship and commercial airtime opportunities) arising from and/or in connection with such rights.
Member Association	A Football Association which is a member of the AFC.
Merchandise Rights	The right granted to Official Licensees for the use and exploitation of the Tournament Marks and/or official

designation in the manufacture, packaging, distribution, and sale of goods and services of all kinds, including items of equipment (i.e. footballs), clothing, coins, medals, games (electronic or otherwise), other collectibles and premiums related to the Tournament.

Official Function Any event which is officially organised or sanctioned by the AFC in connection with the Tournament.

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 AFC gala dinner, lunch, or banquet, cultural events, official press conferences, and launch events.

Official Licensee Any entity to which the AFC and the AFC Commercial Rights Partner has granted the right to exercise and exploit the Commercial Rights (or any part thereof) in respect of the Tournament.

Official Training Site Any site designated by the Organising Association and approved by the AFC for use by the Participating Teams throughout the duration of the Tournament for training purposes.

Organising Association A Member Association approved by the AFC to organise, stage, and host Matches in the Tournament.

Participating Official Any official who is registered to participate in the Tournament.

Participating Player Any player who is registered to participate in the Tournament.

Participating Team Any representative team affiliated to a Member Association who participates in the Tournament.

Penalty Kicks “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” as described in the Laws of the Game.

Promotional Rights Any rights to official publications, official suppliers, official products, sales promotion including but not limited to the right to organise promotional competitions (including without limitation any sweepstakes or lotteries) and to make awards and give prizes, official music rights, the right to use an official

designation and all other rights of commercial value in regard to the Tournament.

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 Regulations.

Sponsorship Rights The right, in any and all media, throughout the world, and in all languages, to promote an association between the Tournament and certain products, services, and/or brands, and shall include (by way of illustration only) the exclusive right to exercise rights of association with the Tournament, including without limitation the right to (a) use an official designation; (b) use the AFC Marks and/or applicable Tournament Marks on branded products and/or product packaging (including Premiums, and in relation to the Tournament Marks only on items for retail sale) and/or advertising; (c) receive commercial programme Tickets, and (d) receive broadcast sponsorship opportunities in connections with broadcasts of a Match or Official Function.

Stadium Any stadium at which a Match is played. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes:

- (i) the entire premises (to the extent that a valid Accreditation Card or Ticket is required in order to gain access) of a stadium facility inside the outer stadium perimeter fence and (on Match days and any day on which any official training takes place within the stadium), the aerial space above such stadium premises;
- (ii) parking facilities;
- (iii) VIP and hospitality areas;
- (iv) the Media tribune;
- (v) concessions areas;
- (vi) commercial display areas;
- (vii) buildings;
- (viii) the Field of Play;
- (ix) any broadcast compound or stadium media centre;
- (x) any stands; and

(xi) any areas beneath the stands.

Team Official Delegation	The final-registered delegation of a Participating Team for the duration of the relevant stage of the Tournament subject to the limits set out in the Tournament regulations.
Tournament	The AFC Dream Asia Cerebral Palsy U-19 Tournament 2017, which includes without limitation, all Matches as set out in the Match Schedule, all activities on the Field of Play (other than Matches), opening ceremonies, presentation or closing ceremonies, press conferences or Official Functions connected therewith.
Travel and Tour Rights	The right to organise and/or sub-license official travel and tour activities in relation to the Tournament, 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 Tournament.
Venue	The Host City and immediate surrounding area in which a Stadium is located.

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

- (a) the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa;
- (b) the feminine gender shall include the masculine and vice-versa;
- (c) reference to natural persons shall include any legal person or corporation;
- (d) references to the AFC shall include its successors and permitted assigns and, in relation to the availability of the Commercial Rights, its respective Member Associations and AFC Committees;
- (e) all defined terms, unless otherwise stated herein shall bear the same meaning as ascribed in the AFC Statutes, unless the context indicates otherwise.

SECTION 1: AFC DREAM ASIA CEREBRAL PALSY U-19 TOURNAMENT 2017

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The AFC stages the AFC Dream Asia Cerebral Palsy U-19 Tournament 2017 for players aged between 14 years to 19 years.
- 1.2 Member Associations are eligible to participate by invitation only. Member Associations should also be IFCPF members (or at least have the intention to become an IFCPF member).
- 1.3 The AFC will select a maximum of eight (8) Member Associations to participate in the Tournament based on the IFCPF ranking for the Asia-Oceania Region as of January 2017.
- 1.4 The top three (3) ranked teams from this Tournament shall qualify and undertake to take part in the IFCPF World Championships Under 19 Tournament 2018.
- 1.5 These Regulations govern the rights, duties, and responsibilities of the AFC, Organising Association, Member Associations, Participating Teams, Participating Players and Participating Officials taking part in the Tournament.
- 1.6 These Regulations and all related directives, decisions, guidelines, and circulars issued by the AFC shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation, and hosting of the Tournament.
- 1.7 The AFC Competition Operations Manual (“Manual”) forms an integral part and shall be read in conjunction with these Regulations. The Manual shall be binding upon all parties participating and involved in the preparation, organisation, and hosting of the Tournament. Failure to adhere to any matter set out in the Manual may lead to the imposition of sanctions as set out in the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code. In the event of any discrepancy between these Regulations and the Manual, these Regulations shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 1.8 Any rights and Proprietary Interests associated with the Tournament that are not granted by these Regulations and/or specific agreements to any Organising Association or Member Association shall rest in the AFC.
- 1.9 For the avoidance of doubt, these Regulations provide no rights (sporting or economic) or Proprietary Interests to the IFCPF.
- 1.10 Any reference to the AFC Statutes and to AFC, IFCPF and FIFA regulations refer to those valid at the time of application.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

2. The Asian Football Confederation

- 2.1 The AFC shall be responsible for organising the Tournament in accordance with the AFC Statutes. The AFC General Secretariat shall carry out the necessary administrative work.
- 2.2 The responsibilities of the AFC shall include, but are not limited to:
- 2.2.1 supervising general preparations and deciding on the Tournament format, the draws, and the entries to the Tournament;
 - 2.2.2 determining the Match Schedule (*cf.* Article 9);
 - 2.2.3 selecting Stadia for the Tournament (*cf.* Article 13);
 - 2.2.4 appointing Match Officials for each Match;
 - 2.2.5 choosing the official football and stipulated technical material;
 - 2.2.6 approving the choice of the WADA-accredited laboratories that will carry out doping analyses (*cf.* Article 43);
 - 2.2.7 reporting cases where appropriate to the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee (*cf.* Article 44);
 - 2.2.8 replacing Participating Teams that have withdrawn from the Tournament (*cf.* Articles 6 and 7);
 - 2.2.9 dealing with cases of abandoned Matches or cancelled Matches (*cf.* Article 12);
 - 2.2.10 dealing with cases of force majeure (*cf.* Article 53);
 - 2.2.11 providing insurance coverage for the AFC Delegation appointed to any Match from the time of their departure from their home Member Association to their departure from the Venue; and
 - 2.2.12 dealing with any other aspect of the Tournament that is not the responsibility of any other body of the AFC pursuant to these Regulations or the AFC Statutes (*cf.* Article 54).
- 2.3 All decisions made by the AFC General Secretariat in relation to the Tournament are final and binding and not appealable (*cf.* Article 51).
- 2.4 All decisions made by the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee in relation to the Tournament are subject to the operation of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

3. Organising Association

- 3.1 The principal obligations and responsibilities of any Organising Association are stipulated in the (where relevant) Organising Association Agreement (“OAA”), these Regulations, the Manual, the AFC Statutes and all other AFC regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars.
- 3.2 The Organising Association shall undertake, at their own cost, to:

- 3.2.1 observe all obligations set out in the (where relevant) OAA, these Regulations, the Manual, the AFC Statutes and all other AFC regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars and all applicable national and supra-national laws;
 - 3.2.2 perform each of its obligations and exercise each of the rights granted to it as host, in connection with the hosting, staging and organization of the Tournament in accordance with professional standards;
 - 3.2.3 assist and coordinate with Member Associations on all arrangements relating to the Tournament in agreement with the AFC;
 - 3.2.4 negotiate with and/or lobby the appropriate government bodies and/or local authorities to assist for the successful hosting, staging and organising of the Tournament;
 - 3.2.5 obtain all applicable and relevant licenses, permits, grants and authorisations as may be required to fulfil its obligation in relation to the hosting, staging and organising of the Tournament;
 - 3.2.6 comply with the AFC's instructions on the provision of key services, facilities, equipment and infrastructure at each Stadium;
 - 3.2.7 provide the necessary assistance and support to the AFC, IFCPF, AFC Commercial Rights Partner and Official Licensees in relation to the use and exploitation of the Commercial Rights and all Proprietary Interests of the AFC and the protection and enforcement of rights in relation thereto;
 - 3.2.8 procure all necessary insurance policies which shall provide coverage for all risks relating to the hosting, staging and organizing of the Tournament and name the AFC as a co-insured;
 - 3.2.9 obtaining all clearances and executing all required documentation to enable the free and unfettered exercise and exploitation of Commercial Rights and clearance of all products, equipment or materials relating to the exploitation of the Commercial Rights of the Tournament;
 - 3.2.10 guarantee safety and security at the Stadium;
 - 3.2.11 guarantee and ensure that entry visa will be granted to the AFC Delegation, officials and players of the visiting teams, sponsors, travelling fans and media without any discrimination of gender, race or nationality.
- 3.3 The Organising Association shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the AFC, the IFCPF, AFC Commercial Rights Partner, its Official Licensees 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 Organising Association able and willing to stage the Tournament 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

Organising Association (including its officers, directors, representatives, auxiliary persons, employees or agents) or any act or omission of the Organising Association (including its officers, directors, representatives, auxiliary persons, employees or agents) in connection with the performance of its obligations pursuant to these Regulations.

4. Member Associations

- 4.1 The principal obligations and responsibilities of each Member Association are stipulated in the Participating Team Agreement (“PTA”), these Regulations, the Manual, the AFC Statutes and all other AFC regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars.
- 4.2 Each Member Association shall undertake to:

- 4.2.1 submit a completed PTA to the AFC not later than the deadline provided by the AFC. Failure to submit the PTA to the AFC by the deadline shall result in the non-participation of the relevant Member Association.
- 4.2.2 ensure as a condition of its participation in the Tournament that every member of its Team Official Delegation for each Match is aware of and agrees to comply with the PTA;
- 4.2.3 observe all obligations set out in the PTA, these Regulations, the Manual, the AFC Statutes, and all other AFC regulations, directives, guidelines and circulars, and applicable national and supra-national laws;
- 4.2.4 comply with the Laws of the Game laid down by the IFCPF and IFAB;
- 4.2.5 accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and refereeing matters connected with the Tournament shall be settled by the AFC in compliance with these Regulations;
- 4.2.6 observe the principles of Fair Play;
- 4.2.7 ensure the good conduct of its Team Official Delegation and of any person carrying out duties on its behalf throughout the Tournament, which includes but is not limited to their arrival on the territory of any Organising Association until their departure;
- 4.2.8 accept all arrangements made by any Organising Association in agreement with the AFC;
- 4.2.9 attend and participate in all official activities and events, including without limitation any team arrival meeting, match coordination meeting, press conferences, and other media and marketing activities in accordance with the instructions issued by the AFC.
- 4.2.9.1 Failure to attend and/or fully participate in any official activity or event shall result in the Member Association being fined at least USD100.00.

- 4.2.9.2 The AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue further sanctions in its discretion;
 - 4.2.10 provide to the AFC, free of charge, prior to the Tournament, any photographs, audio/visual materials and/or information regarding the Member Association, Participating Team, Participating Player and/or Participating Officials including without limitation statistics and historical information and any further information as requested by the AFC;
 - 4.2.11 link the official URL for the Tournament on its official website;
 - 4.2.12 not establish any digital, media or social media platform without the involvement and express approval of the AFC
- 4.3 Each Member Association shall, at its own expense, be solely responsible throughout the Tournament for:
 - 4.3.1 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;
 - 4.3.2 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 Member Association's participating in the Tournament. The AFC must be notified of all insurance policies, and may request copies of any and all policies at its discretion;
 - 4.3.3 payment of incidental expenses and for any costs incurred by its Team Official Delegation;
 - 4.3.4 payment of any costs of extending the stay of any member of its Team Official Delegation in any Organising Association;
 - 4.3.5 obtaining visas to enter the territory of any Organising Association no later than thirty (30) days prior to its first Match at that Venue. This includes all costs related to the visa application process; and
 - 4.3.6 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 Tournament.
- 4.4 Each Member Association shall indemnify, defend, and hold the AFC and IFCPF and all of its officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, 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 Member Association, their Team Official Delegation, their affiliates and any third-parties contracted to the Member Association.

- 4.5 Member Associations are not authorised to represent the AFC or the Tournament without the prior written approval of the AFC.
- 4.6 Each Member Association shall ensure that any decision made by the AFC relating to its duties and responsibilities is enforced immediately.

SECTION 3: ENTRY, WITHDRAWAL, DURATION OF TOURNAMENT, MATCH SCHEDULE, TOURNAMENT SYSTEM, RANKING

5. Entry

- 5.1 The AFC shall determine the Member Associations eligible to participate in the Tournament.
- 5.2 Eligible Member Associations must complete a PTA and submit it to the AFC in accordance with Article 4 to confirm their entry into the Tournament.

6. Withdrawal Prior to the Commencement of the Tournament

- 6.1 All Member Associations undertake that their Participating Teams shall play all of their Matches in the Tournament until elimination.
- 6.2 In the case of a Member Association withdrawing or being excluded from the Tournament, the AFC shall be responsible for making any decisions, including without limitation whether to:
 - 6.2.1 replace the Member Association;
 - 6.2.2 change the Tournament system; and/or
 - 6.2.3 change the technical rules.

7. Withdrawal After the Commencement of the Tournament

- 7.1 Any Member Association that:
 - 7.1.1 withdraws from the Tournament after it has commenced; or
 - 7.1.2 does not report for a Match; or
 - 7.1.3 refuse to continue a Match; or
 - 7.1.4 leaves the Stadium prior to the completion of a Match,Shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Tournament after its commencement.
- 7.2 A Member Association that withdraws from the Tournament after it has commenced:
 - 7.2.1 be required to pay compensation for any and all damages or losses suffered by, where applicable, the other Participating Teams, the AFC, the AFC Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, and the Member Associations. The amount of compensation shall be determined by the AFC Executive Committee;
 - 7.2.2 be disqualified from participating in IFCPF World Championships Under 19 Tournament 2018 if qualification has been attained;

- 7.2.3 be referred to the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee which may impose further sanctions in its discretion; and
- 7.2.4 return to the AFC any subsidy that had been paid in support of their participation in the Competition or if not yet paid, forfeit their right to that subsidy.

7.3 The above Articles 7.1 and 7.2 are not applicable in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AFC and it shall take whatever action it deems necessary.

8. Duration of Tournament

8.1 The duration of the Tournament will be ten (10) days.

9. Match Schedule

9.1 The Match Schedule shall be determined following the official draw(s) for the Tournament.

9.2 The AFC retains final discretion to amend the Match Schedule at any time.

10. Tournament System

10.1 The Tournament shall consist of:

Group Stage

- 10.1.1 Eight (8) Participating Teams shall be drawn into two (2) groups.
- 10.1.2 The duration of Matches shall be in accordance with Law 7 of the IFCPF Laws of the Game.
- 10.1.3 At the conclusion of the Group Stage, the first-placed and second-placed Participating Team in each group shall qualify for the Knockout Stage and all other Participating Teams shall be eliminated from the Tournament.

Knock-out Stage

- 10.1.4 The Knockout Stage shall consist of Semi Finals, 3rd/4th Match and Final, each conducted as single-leg knockout Match.
- 10.1.5 The duration of Matches shall be in accordance with Law 7 of the IFCPF Laws of the Game.
- 10.1.6 The four (4) Participating Teams shall play the Semi Finals as follows:
 - 10.1.6.1 Semi-Final 1 (SF1): Winner of Group A vs Runner-up of Group B;
 - 10.1.6.2 Semi-Final 2 (SF2): Winner of Group B vs Runner-up of Group A

10.1.7 The two (2) losers of the Semi Finals shall play the 3rd/4th Match as follows:

10.1.7.1 3rd/4th Match: Loser of SF1 vs Loser of SF2

10.1.8 The two (2) winners of the Semi Finals shall play the Final as follows:

10.1.8.1 Final: Winner of SF1 vs Winner of SF2

11. Ranking

11.1 The ranking in each group shall be determined in descending order as follows:

11.1.1 higher number of points obtained in all group Matches;

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

Head-to-Head criteria

11.1.2.1 higher number of points obtained in the group Matches played among the Participating Teams in question;

11.1.2.2 superior goal difference from the group Matches played among the Participating Teams in question;

11.1.2.3 higher number of goals scored in the group Matches played among the Participating Teams in question.

Tiebreaker

11.1.2.4 if, after having applied the Head-to-Head criteria, two (2) or more Participating Teams still have an equal ranking, the Head-to-Head criteria shall be reapplied exclusively to the Matches between the Participating Teams in question to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, the Group Results criteria shall apply

Group Results criteria

11.1.2.5 superior goal difference from all group Matches played;

11.1.2.6 higher number of goals scored from all group Matches played;

11.1.2.7 the drawing of lots.

SECTION 4: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

12. Extra Time and Penalty Kicks

- 12.1 If no winner is determined at the end of normal playing time, Extra Time comprising two (2) by ten (10) minute periods, with an interval of five (5) minutes at the end of normal playing time, shall be played during the Knockout Stage.
- 12.2 If no winner is determined at the end of Extra Time, Penalty Kicks shall be taken in accordance with Article 6 of the Manual and Law 14 of the IFCPF Laws of the Game with the exception that the players other than the kicker and goalkeeper must be located at least seven (7) metres from the penalty mark.

13. Cancellation and Abandonment of Matches

- 13.1 For any Match which is cancelled or abandoned as a result of Force Majeure, the AFC shall decide on the matter at its sole discretion and take whatever action is deemed necessary.
- 13.2 Any Match which is cancelled or abandoned, except in cases of Force Majeure recognised by the AFC, may lead to the imposition of sanctions by the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee against the relevant party that has caused the cancellation in accordance with the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

14. Stadium

- 14.1 The Organising Association shall ensure that no Matches and/or other activities are held at any Stadia approved to host Matches in the Tournament at least five (5) days prior to the first Match, unless written permission has been obtained from the AFC.
- 14.2 The Organising Association that fails to comply with Article 14.1 shall be fined at least USD100.00. The AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue further sanctions in its discretion.
- 14.3 Unless otherwise specified or directed by the AFC, the Stadia approved to host Matches in the Tournament shall be made available to the AFC as of three (3) days prior to the first Match until one (1) day after the last Match

15. Team Bench and Technical Area

- 15.1 A maximum of five (5) Participating Officials and a maximum of seven (7) Participating Players are permitted to sit on the team bench during a Match, provided they are in possession of the appropriate Accreditation Card.

16. Official Training Sites

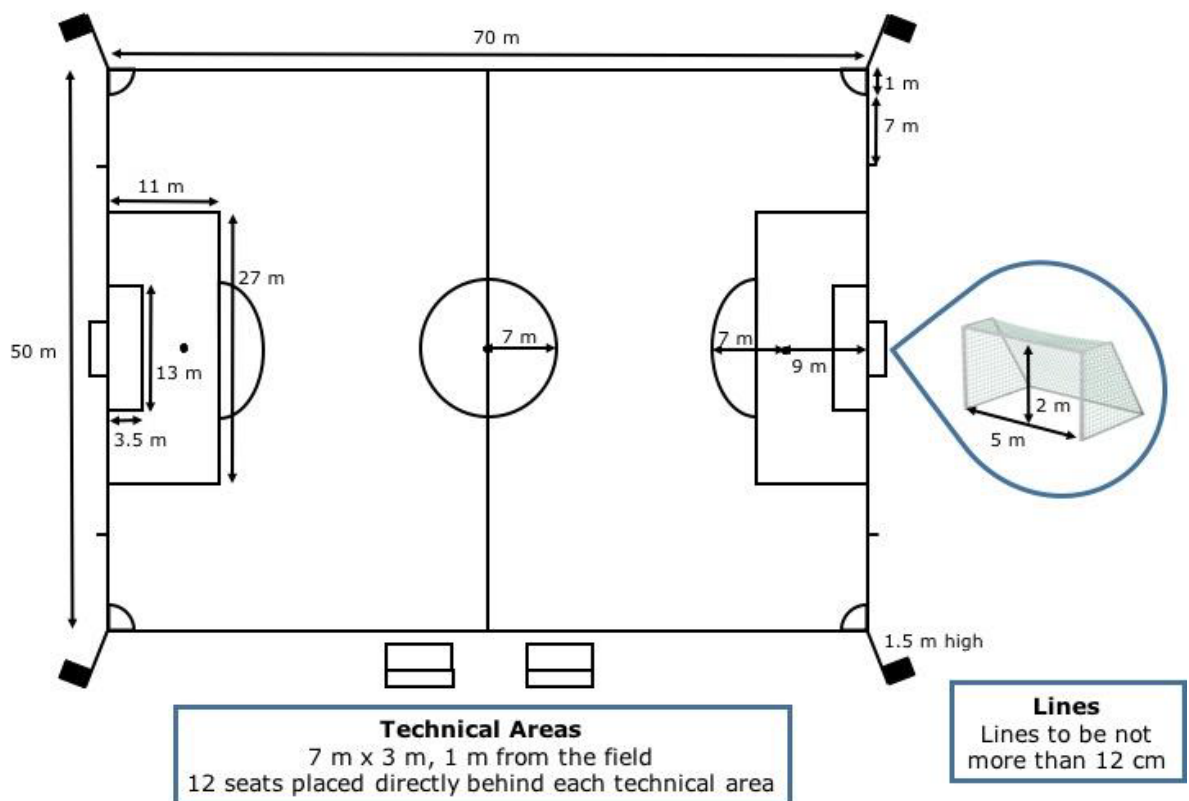
- 16.1 Official Training Sites shall contain a fully equipped training field prepared to Match-condition.
- 16.2 The AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue further sanctions in its discretion.

- 16.3 The Organising Association shall ensure that no Matches and/or other activities are held at any Official Training Site at least three (3) days prior to the relevant Match, unless written permission has been obtained from the AFC.
- 16.4 Participating Teams must solely utilise Official Training Sites for any official training from two (2) days prior to their first Match.

17. Footballs

- 17.1 The footballs used in the Competition shall be selected and supplied by the AFC/Organising Association.
- 17.2 Participating Teams shall solely utilise the footballs provided by the AFC/Organising Association for training and warming-up purposes.
- 17.3 Each Member Association is responsible for any taxes and/or fees pertaining to the customs clearance of footballs delivered to it by the AFC.

18. Dimension of Football 7-A-Side Field



Dimensions:

Length (touchline): 70m

Width (goal line): 50m

Goals:

The distance between the inside of the posts is 5m and the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground is 2m.

SECTION 5: TEAM OFFICIAL DELEGATION

19. Team Official Delegation

- 19.1 Participating Teams shall ensure that no unauthorised persons are permitted entry into the team dressing room, Field of Play, or any other Controlled Access Area without being in possession of the necessary Accreditation Card.
- 19.2 Participating Teams shall register a Team Official Delegation, subject to the conditions set out below, comprising of between fourteen (14) Participating Players and five (5) Participating Officials.
- 19.3 Participating Teams may bring additional officials for whom they must bear all costs.
- 19.4 Each Participating Team may register five (5) Participating Officials to sit on the team bench, which must include the Head Coach and Team Manager. Their identity must be confirmed on the 'Officials on the Team Bench List' to be submitted prior to the commencement of each Match.

20. Number of Players and Classification

- 20.1 Each Match will be played 7 vs. 7. Matches will not commence if either Participating Team consists of fewer than four (4) Participating Players.
- 20.2 Each Participating Team consists of up to seven (7) players, including one (1) goalkeeper.
- 20.3 A maximum of five (5) substitutes may be made within a maximum of three (3) opportunities in any match
 - 20.3.1 Injury substitutions count as an opportunity
 - 20.3.2 Half-time substitutions count as an opportunity
 - 20.3.3 If both teams make a substitution at the same time, both will use one of their opportunities.
 - 20.3.4 If all opportunities have been used by a team, then it may not use any remaining substitutions
- 20.4 Each Participating Team must field at least two (2) class FT5 or FT6 players on the field of play at all times during a Match or the Participating Team shall play with one (1) less Participating Player.
- 20.5 Each Participating Team may have a maximum of one (1) class FT8 player on the field of play at all times during a Match.
- 20.6 If the class FT8 player is expelled, the Participating Team is not allowed to replace a Participating Player in the field of play for a class FT8 player.
- 20.7 The Fourth Official (where appointed) shall make checks during substitutions that each Participating Team meets these criteria. Team Management bears final and full responsibility to ensure this rule is fully adhered to at all times.

21. Eligibility of Players

- 21.1 Each Member Association shall ensure that all players:

- 21.1.1 are duly registered with the AFC pursuant to these Regulations;
 - 21.1.2 hold the nationality of its country and are subject to its jurisdiction;
 - 21.1.3 are eligible to participate for the representative team of the Member Association in accordance with Article 5-8 of the Regulations Governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes; and
 - 21.1.4 must be between 14 to 19 years of age on 1st January 2017.
- 21.2 Individuals who meet the criteria set out in Article 21.1 are eligible to participate in the Tournament, subject to the provisions of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 21.3 The approval of the registration of a Participating Player by the AFC General Secretariat does not automatically provide for the eligibility of the Participating Player. Each Member Association is responsible for fielding only eligible Participating Players. Failure to do so shall lead to the consequences stipulated in the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
- 21.4 A Participating Player shall be deemed ineligible, without limitation, if:
- 21.4.1 there is a violation of Article 21.1; or
 - 21.4.2 he participates in a Match contrary to a decision of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, these Regulations, or the operation of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code; or
 - 21.4.3 the AFC determines that any document submitted during registration is false.
- 21.5 Participating Teams may register three (3) Participating Players older than eighteen (18) years of age and under twenty-one (21) years of age as of 1 January in the Tournament year.
- 21.6 Participating Teams are only permitted to field a maximum of two (2) over-aged Participating Players at one time. If an over-aged player is expelled, the Participating Team is not allowed to replace him with another over-aged Participating Player.

22. Registration of Players

- 22.1 There are three (3) stages of player registration for the Tournament:
- 22.1.1 Preliminary Registration (30 days before the start of the Tournament): each Participating Team must submit a provisional list with a maximum of twenty-eight (28) Participating Players;
 - 22.1.2 Final Registration (2 days before the start of the Tournament): each Participating Team must submit a maximum of fourteen (14) Participating Players comprised of individuals registered in the Preliminary Registration;

22.1.3 Player Selection List (75 minutes before the start of the Tournament):
For all Matches, each Participating Team will receive a 'Player Selection List' on which the numbers and full names (last name, first name) of the Participating Players are listed prior to their arrival at the Stadium.

Each Participating Team must submit a Player Selection List prior to each Match which identifies the starting seven (7), including the team captain and up to three (3) substitutes comprised of individuals registered in the Final Registration.

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 five (5) Participating Officials who shall be entitled to sit on the team bench to the AFC Match Commissioner by latest 75 minutes prior to the commencement of each Match.

22.2 The Participating Players must be assigned jerseys numbered 1-14. Jersey number 1 shall be reserved for a goalkeeper. Each Participating Player shall wear the same number allocated in the Final Registration during all Matches in the Tournament.

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

22.3.1 Any replacement Participating Player must have been registered in the Preliminary Registration;

22.3.2 Replacement Participating Players shall only be allocated the vacated shirt numbers;

22.3.3 To replace a Participating Player, a Participating Team must provide his Accreditation Card to the AFC and shall receive the Accreditation Card of the replacement Participating Player in exchange; and

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

22.4 All Participating Players will be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the AFC. Should a card be misplaced, the relevant Participating Team shall be required to pay USD100.00 as a replacement production fee.

22.5 Should the AFC not receive all required documents by the stipulated deadline, the Member Association concerned shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Competition prior to its commencement.

- 22.6 Participating Players must be registered via the AFCAS online registration with the supporting documents set out in Article 25 of the Manual and Consent for Medical Treatment Form. All registered players (next-of-kin/guardian) must sign the form and submit it together with the registration documents.

23. Registration of Officials

- 23.1 Each Participating Team shall submit via AFCAS online registration the supporting documents in accordance with Article 28 of the Manual by the deadline provided by the AFC.
- 23.2 Each Participating Team shall nominate five (5) Participating Officials.
- 23.3 The following two (2) Participating Officials must be registered on the “Participating Officials on the Substitution Bench” Form:
- 23.3.1 Head Coach; and
 - 23.3.2 Team Manager.
- 23.4 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 Tournament. This recording shall be strictly for technical purposes, and should not interfere with Match operations or be utilised by any Broadcast Licensee.
- 23.5 All Participating Officials will be issued with Accreditation Cards authorised by the AFC. Should a card be misplaced, the relevant Participating Team shall be required to pay USD100.00 as a replacement production fee.
- 23.6 Once the registration of Participating Officials has been received by the AFC, Member Associations may replace any of the listed Participating Officials at any stage with twenty-four (24) hours’ notice to the AFC by submitting the documents set out in Article 28 of the Manual in the AFCAS online registration, subject to the below conditions:
- 23.6.1 To replace a Participating Official, a Participating Team must provide his Accreditation Card to the AFC and shall receive the Accreditation Card of the replacement Participating Official in exchange; and
 - 23.6.2 Replacement Participating Officials shall only be eligible to participate in the Competition after receiving their Accreditation Card.

24. Documents for Registration of Players and Officials

- 24.1 Participating Players and Officials must be registered via the AFCAS online registration with the supporting documents set out in Article 25 and Article 28 of the Manual.

SECTION 6: LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

25. Responsibility

- 25.1 The AFC and Organising Association shall provide all logistical arrangements in accordance with the Organising Association Agreement. Such arrangements shall be communicated to the Participating Teams by circular prior to the Tournament.

26. Arrival, Departure and Travel Arrangements

- 26.1 Each Participating Team taking part in the Tournament shall arrive in the team hotel reserved for it in the host country by the official arrival date to be determined by the AFC and leave one (1) day after their last Match in the Tournament.
- 26.2 Participating Teams shall pay for their own airfares (international and domestic airfares) from their home venue to the venue of the Competition and vice-versa.
- 26.3 Participating Teams are required to purchase the published-fare air tickets (full fare air tickets) for their delegation to and from the Host Country to allow for potential change of departure dates. Tickets must be endorsable and date changes must be allowed with or without any penalties. The AFC will not be responsible for any penalties incurred for date changes.
- 26.4 Participating Teams shall undertake not to play in any commercially driven Matches when travelling to and from the venue of the Tournament unless express written permission is obtained from the AFC
- 26.5 Any costs relating to non-compliance with Article 26 shall be borne by the Participating Team concerned.

27. Accommodation, Local Hospitality, Meals and Refreshments

- 27.1 Only official hotels approved by AFC shall be used for Accommodation.
- 27.2 The Participating Teams will be provided with the following in the official hotel for their Team Official Delegation for the Participating Team's official duration:
- 27.2.1 accommodation for the Team Official Delegation not exceeding nineteen (19) persons [Seven (9) double rooms, One (1) single rooms]. All rooms must be on the same floor whenever possible or split to two floors, depending on the hotel floor layout.
- 27.2.2 facilities to be provided shall be for the whole duration of the Tournament. In the event of genuine unavailability of flights to and from the Host Venue (confirmed by AFC Travel Office) the Organising Association must ensure the visiting Participating Team's welfare upon arrival and to departure.
- 27.2.3 one (1) empty room shall be set aside for each Participating Team at the team hotel for the purposes of medical treatment and storage.
- 27.2.4 minimum one (1) meeting room for every four (4) teams on sharing basis for the duration of the Competition shall be set aside at the team hotel

equipped with whiteboard/marker pens and LCD projector or TV/DVD player. The meeting room shall be able to accommodate at least thirty-one (31) persons in classroom layout setting.

- 27.2.5 suitable meals three (3) times a day in international buffet style of sufficient quantity and an additional light meal on Match days in a dedicated dining area for each member of a Team Official Delegation.
- 27.2.6 a minimum of three (3) liters of water per person per day for each member of a Team Official Delegation, ice and refreshments for the teams at the hotel.
- 27.2.7 a minimum of three (3) liters of water per person per day for each member of a Team Official Delegation, ice and refreshments for the teams per training session and per Match.
- 27.2.8 laundry but no dry cleaning or pressing for playing and training outfits (eight pieces per day per person) for each member of a Team Official Delegation.
- 27.2.9 liaison Officers proficient in English and the language of the Organising Association.

28. Local Land Transportation

- 28.1 The Participating Teams will be provided with the following for their Team Official Delegation for the Participating Team's official duration:
 - 28.1.1 one (1) bus with forty-five (45) seats and one (1) sedan car for training, Matches, transfers to and from the airport of the Venue and Official Functions; and
 - 28.1.2 one (1) luggage truck during airport transfers and during hotel transfers between venues (if applicable).

SECTION 7: MEDIA

29. Media Access

- 29.1 The Organising Association shall ensure that the AFC, the Host Broadcaster, and all Broadcast Licensees have free access to the Stadium from ten (10) days prior to the first Match in the Stadium until three (3) days after the final Match in the Stadium to allow for the resolution of any technical issues and for the assembly of the relevant infrastructure required to execute the Media Rights.

30. Press Conferences

- 30.1 The Head Coach of each Participating Team must attend a post-Match press conference for each Match in which they participate, commencing no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Match.

31. Interviews

- 31.1 If requested by the AFC, Participating Teams shall make their Head Coach and one (1) Participating Player available the day before each Match for an interview of up to ten (10) minutes, to be recorded by the Host Broadcaster or any other Broadcast Licensee, any Official Licensee or Official Partner. All interview locations shall be designated by the AFC.

SECTION 8: EQUIPMENT

32. Responsibility

- 32.1 The AFC has the sole authority to approve the equipment (including kit) set out in the AFC Equipment Regulations, Article 9 of the IFCPF Tournament Regulations (updated November 2016) and Article 4 of the IFCPF Laws of the Game (updated November 2016).
- 32.2 Each Member Association shall indemnify the AFC and hold the AFC 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 AFC Equipment Regulations.

SECTION 9: COMMERCIAL

33. Rights Protection and Enforcement

- 33.1 The Organising Association shall use reasonable efforts in seeking political and administrative support from all local, regional and national governmental authorities through the implementation of government guarantees and tabling of supplementary legislation for the effective exploitation and protection of the Commercial Rights.
- 33.2 The Organising Association shall where requested by the AFC, procure at its own cost the registration of all Tournament Marks and Tournament Websites in its territory, at least two (2) months prior to the start of the Tournament.
- 33.3 The Organising Association shall appoint a reasonable number of personnel to assist the AFC in the conduct of its rights protection regime or programme.

34. Clean Stadium

- 34.1 The Organising Association shall deliver all Stadia and Official Training Sites as a Clean Stadium, three (3) days before the first Match at each Stadium or official training at each Official Training Site, until 24 hours after the final Match of the Tournament.

35. Advertising and Branding

- 35.1 The Organising Association shall ensure that all relevant approvals are secured and unrestricted access for the placement and publishing of advertising or branding of the Tournament shall be available to the AFC and/or AFC Commercial Rights Partner ten (10) days before the first Match at each Stadium or official training at each Official Training Site.

SECTION 10: SAFETY AND SECURITY

36. General Principles

- 36.1 All matters relating to safety and security shall be undertaken in compliance with the AFC Stadium Regulations and AFC Safety and Security Regulations.
- 36.2 The Organising Association shall, in conjunction with the relevant government authorities and/or Stadium owners, devise, plan, and implement adequate security and safety measures for the Tournament at all Controlled Access Areas within the Venue and other relevant locations to protect all relevant persons, including without limitation the AFC Delegation, IFCPF Delegation, Team Official Delegations, AFC Commercial Rights Partner, Official Licensees, Media, and spectators, and all goods brought in by the AFC, IFCPF Delegation and Team Official Delegations, AFC Commercial Rights Partner, and Official Licensees.
- 36.3 The Organising Association shall issue a detailed security plan in the form of a binding agreement with, without limitation, the management of all Stadia, Official Training Site(s), and the Accommodation of the AFC Delegation, IFCPF Delegation and Team Official Delegations. This security plan shall be based upon the principles set out in the AFC Stadium Regulations and AFC Safety and Security Regulations.

SECTION 11: MEDICAL AND ANTI-DOPING

37. Classification

37.1 The IFCPF current rules shall apply for classification process for this Tournament.

37.2 Classifiers

37.2.1 A Classifier Panel shall be appointed to determine the Sports Class and Sports Class Status of the Participating Players.

37.2.2 The Panel shall be composed of three (3) classifiers consisting of one (1) doctor, one (1) physiotherapist and one (1) sports technical expert.

37.2.3 The AFC and IFCPF shall be responsible for the classification process.

37.2.4 The Organising Association is responsible to provide all the necessary requirement to facilitate smooth management of the players' classification. The technical delegate will conduct a visit to assist the Organising Association to fulfil such provisions.

37.3 Classification Process

37.3.1 The classification process will take place two (2) days before the first match of the Participating Team.

37.3.2 Players with a Review status and new players will undergo classification prior to the tournament;

37.3.3 Players who have undergone and received an international classification and confirmed statuses are not required to undertake the classification.

37.3.4 Protests can be made to the Classification Panel. The decision will be carried over to the next event.

38. Medical Facilities and Treatment

38.1 The Participating Teams is responsible for all member of its Team, for the cost of any:

38.1.1 hospitalisation (admission to hospital);

38.1.2 surgical operations not provided for in Article 38.1.2; and

38.1.3 specialised investigative procedures (e.g. MRI, CT Scan).

38.2 The Organising Association must provide, at its own cost, the following to the Participating Teams from the official arrival (as approved by the AFC) until one (1) day after their final Match in the Tournament:

38.1.1 outpatient treatment (non-admission to hospital);

38.1.2 minor surgeries (e.g. suturing);

38.1.3 radiological investigations (X-ray); and

38.1.4 emergency treatment.

38.3 The Organising Association is responsible for the costs of the medical treatments set out in Article 38.2 for all members of the AFC Delegation from their arrival until their departure.

38.4 The Organising Association is responsible for the provision of an emergency medical room and doping control room for each Match, fully-equipped with all items stipulated in Articles 71 and Article 78 of the Manual.

38.5 The Organising Association shall be fined:

38.3.1 at least USD1,000.00 for failing to fully equip the medical room; and

38.3.2 at least USD1,000.00 for failing to fully equip the doping control room.

38.6 The AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may impose further sanctions in its discretion.

39. Anti-Doping

39.1 Doping is strictly prohibited. The AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code, and all relevant AFC directives in relation to anti-doping are applicable to the Tournament.

39.2 The AFC shall inform each Participating Team by means of a circular of the doping control procedure for the Tournament.

39.3 The AFC Medical Committee shall be responsible for the approval of the WADA-accredited laboratory which shall carry out the analysis of all doping samples.

SECTION 12: DISCIPLINARY

40. Disciplinary Measures

- 40.1 All disciplinary measures in relation to the Tournament shall be undertaken in accordance with the current AFC Statutes, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code, and any relevant AFC Circular.
- 40.2 The AFC may introduce new disciplinary rules and sanctions for the duration of the Tournament. Such rules shall be communicated to the Member Associations thirty (30) days before the first Match of the Tournament at latest.
- 40.3 All Participating Players agree to:
- 40.3.1 respect the spirit of fair play, non-violence, and the authority of the Match Officials;
 - 40.3.2 behave accordingly; and
 - 40.3.3 refrain from doping.

41. Good Conduct

- 41.1 Member Associations are liable for the improper conduct of:
- 41.1.1 any member of its Team Official Delegation; and/or
 - 41.1.2 any person carrying out duties on their behalf throughout the Tournament.
- 41.2 For any violation of Article 41.1, the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may issue any sanction listed in the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

42. Administrative Procedure

- 42.1 Subject to the AFC 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:
- 42.1.1 the AFC, 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;
 - 42.1.2 if the offence is admitted, the AFC shall submit the compounded offence to the Chairman of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for approval;
 - 42.1.3 should the party deny the offence, the AFC shall open disciplinary proceedings;
 - 42.1.4 upon approval of the Chairman of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, the sanction shall be notified and applied administratively by the AFC;

42.1.5 should the Chairman of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee not approve the compounded offence, the AFC shall open disciplinary proceedings;

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

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

43. Cautions and Expulsions

43.1 All matters relating to cautions and/or expulsions, including the carrying forward of cautions between stages of the Tournament, shall be undertaken in accordance with the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code except where expressly set out below:

43.1.1 Any Participating Player who completes the Group Stage having only received one (1) caution shall not carry-over that caution to the Knock-out Stage.

44. Protest

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

44.2 Unless otherwise stipulated, to be considered valid, protests shall be:

44.2.1 submitted in writing to the AFC Match Commissioner within two (2) hours of the end of the Match in question;

44.2.2 followed up with a full written report, including a copy of the original protest, sent to the AFC General Secretariat within forty-eight (48) hours of the end of the Match in question;

44.2.3 accompanied by a non-refundable fee of USD500.00 submitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the end of the Match in question.

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

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

44.5 If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these Regulations are not met, such protest shall be disregarded. Following the completion of the final Match of the Competition, all protests shall be disregarded.

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

45. Arbitration

- 45.1 Any dispute in connection with the Tournament shall be promptly settled by negotiation.
- 45.2 In compliance with the AFC Statutes, 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 AFC.
- 45.3 Member Associations, Participating Players, and Participating Officials acknowledge and accept that, once all internal channels have been exhausted at the AFC, their sole recourse shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The Code of Sports-related Arbitration shall be applicable. The language of arbitration shall be in English.
- 45.4 The jurisdiction of the CAS to resolve disputes is only available where it has not been expressly excluded or a decision is declared as final and binding and not subject to appeal.

SECTION 13: ADMINISTRATION

46. Special Instructions

- 46.1 The AFC shall, in conjunction with the Organising Association, issue any instructions necessitated by special circumstances which might arise in the organisation of Matches.
- 46.2 These instructions shall form an integral part of these Regulations.

47. Decisions

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

48. Amendments

- 48.1 The AFC 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.

49. Force Majeure

- 49.1 The AFC is the only body capable of declaring a Force Majeure event.

50. Matters not provided for

- 50.1 Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by the AFC. Such decisions are final and binding and not appealable.

51. Closing Provisions

- 51.1 The AFC General Secretariat is entrusted with the operational management of the Tournament and is therefore entitled to make decisions and adopt the detailed provisions necessary for implementing these Regulations.

52. Enforcement

- 52.1 These Regulations were approved by the AFC Executive Committee on 2 June 2017 and came into force immediately.

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