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## PRELIMINARY TITLE
### I. Definitions and Interpretation

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

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<td>ADAMS</td>
<td>The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) is a web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and WADA in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation.</td>
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<td>Administration</td>
<td>Providing, supplying, supervising, facilitating, or otherwise participating in the Use or Attempted Use by another Person of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method. However, this definition shall not include the actions of <em>bona fide</em> medical personnel involving a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification and shall not include actions involving Prohibited Substances which are not prohibited in Out-of-Competition Testing unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate that such Prohibited Substances are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.</td>
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<td>Adverse Analytical Finding</td>
<td>A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory that, consistent with the International Standard for Laboratories and related technical documents, identifies in a Sample the presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the Use of a Prohibited Method.</td>
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<td>Adverse Passport Finding</td>
<td>A report identified as an Adverse Passport Finding as described in the applicable International Standards.</td>
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<td>AFC Anti-Doping Unit</td>
<td>The operational unit to which the AFC Medical Committee delegates the management and administration of Doping Control.</td>
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<td>AFC Competitions Calendar</td>
<td>The annual calendar of Competitions organised by the AFC approved by the AFC Executive Committee.</td>
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<td><strong>AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee</strong></td>
<td>A judicial body of the AFC promulgated in the AFC Statutes that is authorised to sanction any breach of AFC Regulations which does not come under the jurisdiction of another body.</td>
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<td><strong>AFC Doping Control Officer</strong></td>
<td>A Person who carries out Sample collections for the AFC. The AFC Doping Control Officer must be a doctor. If national legislation allows professionals other than doctors to collect Samples of bodily fluids (with all consequences including medical confidentiality according to medical ethics and the Hippocratic Oath), an exception may be made by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit.</td>
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<td><strong>AFC Regulations</strong></td>
<td>The Statutes, regulations, guidelines, directives and circulars of the AFC.</td>
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<td><strong>Anti-Doping Organisation</strong></td>
<td>A Signatory that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the Doping Control process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other Major Event Organisations that conduct Testing at their events, WADA, International Federations, and National Anti-Doping Organisations.</td>
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<td><strong>Athlete (Player) Biological Passport</strong></td>
<td>The programme and methods of gathering and collating data as described in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations and International Standard for Laboratories.</td>
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<td><strong>Attempt</strong></td>
<td>Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an Attempt to commit a violation if the Person renounces the Attempt prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the Attempt.</td>
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<td><strong>Atypical Finding</strong></td>
<td>A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory which requires further investigation as provided by the International Standard for Laboratories or related technical documents prior to the determination of an Adverse Analytical Finding.</td>
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<td><strong>Atypical Passport Finding</strong></td>
<td>A report described as an Atypical Passport Finding as described in the applicable International Standards.</td>
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<td><strong>CAS/CAS (TAS)</strong></td>
<td>The Court of Arbitration for Sport (Tribunal Arbitral du Sport) in Lausanne (Switzerland)</td>
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<td><strong>Chain of Custody</strong></td>
<td>The sequence of individuals or organisations who have the responsibility for a Sample from the provision of the Sample until the Sample has been received for analysis.</td>
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<td><strong>Chaperone</strong></td>
<td>An official who is trained and authorised by the AFC to carry out specific duties including one or more of the following: accompanying and observing the Player selected for Sample collection until arrival at the doping control room; and/or witnessing and verifying the provision of the Sample where the training qualifies him to do so.</td>
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<td><strong>Competition</strong></td>
<td>A series of football Matches conducted together under one competent body (e.g. the Olympic Games, AFC Asian Cup). “Competition” in these Regulations corresponds to “Event” in the Code.</td>
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<td><strong>Competition Period</strong></td>
<td>The time between the beginning and end of a Competition, as established by the competent body of the Competition.</td>
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<td><strong>Confederation</strong></td>
<td>A group of Football Associations recognised by FIFA that belong to the same continent or assimilable geographic region.</td>
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<td><strong>Contaminated Product</strong></td>
<td>A product that contains a Prohibited Substance that is not disclosed on the product label or in information available in a reasonable Internet search.</td>
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<td><strong>Doping Control</strong></td>
<td>All steps and processes from test distribution planning through to ultimate disposition of any appeal, including all steps and processes in between (such as provision of whereabouts information, Sample collection and handling, laboratory analysis, TUEs, results management and hearings).</td>
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<td><strong>Fault</strong></td>
<td>Fault is any breach of duty or any lack of care appropriate to a particular situation. Factors to be taken into consideration in assessing a Player or other Person’s degree of Fault include, for example, the Player’s or other Person’s experience, whether the Player or other Person is a Minor, special considerations such as impairment, the degree of risk that should have been perceived by the Player and the level of care and investigation exercised by the Player in relation to what should have been the perceived level of risk. In assessing the Player’s or other Person’s degree of Fault, the circumstances considered must be specific and relevant to explain the Player’s or other Person’s departure from the expected standard of behaviour. Thus, for example, the fact that a Player would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of Ineligibility, or the fact that the Player only has a short time left in their career, or the timing of the sporting calendar, would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of Ineligibility under Article 22.1.1 or 22.1.2.</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Consequences</strong></td>
<td>A financial sanction imposed for an anti-doping rule violation or to recover costs associated with an anti-doping rule violation.</td>
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<td><strong>Football Association</strong></td>
<td>The controlling body for football within a country or territory recognised by the AFC.</td>
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<td><strong>In-Competition</strong></td>
<td>Commences twenty four (24) hours before the kick-off of a single Match or the first Match of a Competition and terminates twenty four (24) hours after completion of the Sample collection that takes place after the final whistle of a single Match or the final Match of such Competition.</td>
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<td><strong>Ineligibility</strong></td>
<td>Suspension of a Player or a Person for a specified period of time from participating in any Competition or other activity or from receiving sport-related financial support as provided in these Regulations.</td>
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<td>International Competition</td>
<td>A Competition where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a Major Event Organisation, or another international sport organisation is the ruling body for the Competition or appoints the technical officials for the Competition “International Competition” in these Regulations corresponds to “International Event” in the Code.</td>
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<td>International-Level Player</td>
<td>A Player who competes at the international level, as determined by the AFC or FIFA, consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.</td>
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<td>International Standard</td>
<td>A standard adopted by WADA in support of the Code. Compliance with an International Standard (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the International Standard were performed properly. International Standards shall include any technical documents issued pursuant to the International Standard.</td>
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<td>Major Event Organisations</td>
<td>The continental associations of National Olympic Committees and other international multi-sport organisations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other International Competition.</td>
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<td>Marker</td>
<td>A compound, group of compounds, or biological variable(s) that indicates the Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.</td>
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<td>Match</td>
<td>A single football Match. “Match” in these Regulations corresponds to “Competition” in the Code.</td>
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<td>Match Officials</td>
<td>The referee, assistant referees, fourth official, Match Commissioner, referee inspector, the Person in charge of safety, and any other Persons appointed by the AFC to assume responsibility in connection with a Match.</td>
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<td>Medical Committee</td>
<td>The AFC standing committee promulgated in the AFC Statutes that deals with all medical aspects of football, including any doping-related matters.</td>
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<td>Member Association</td>
<td>A Football Association which is a member of the AFC (including any Associate Member of the AFC).</td>
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<td>Metabolite</td>
<td>Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.</td>
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<td>Minor</td>
<td>A natural Person who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years.</td>
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<td>National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO)</td>
<td>The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of Samples, the management of test results, and the conduct of hearings at the national level. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country’s National Olympic Committee or its designee, such as the Member Association.</td>
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<td>National Competition</td>
<td>A sports Competition that may involve National or International-Level Players and that is not an International Competition.</td>
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<td>National-Level Player</td>
<td>A Player who competes at the national level, as determined by each National Anti-Doping Organisation, consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.</td>
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<td>National Olympic Committee</td>
<td>The organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee. The term National Olympic Committee shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical National Olympic Committee responsibilities in the anti-doping area.</td>
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<td>No Fault or Negligence</td>
<td>The Player or other Person’s establishing that they did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that they had Used or been administered the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method or otherwise violated an anti-doping rule. Except in the case of a Minor, for any violation of Article 6, the Player must also establish how the Prohibited Substance entered their system.</td>
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<td><strong>No Significant Fault or Negligence</strong></td>
<td>The Player or other Person's establishing that their Fault or negligence, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for No Fault or negligence, was not significant in relationship to the anti-doping rule violation. Except in the case of a Minor, for any violation of Article 6, the Player must also establish how the Prohibited Substance entered their system.</td>
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<td><strong>Official</strong></td>
<td>All office bearers and members of various Committees, managers, coaches, trainers, Match Officials, medical officials, staff and any other individual responsible for technical, medical and/or administrative matters in the AFC, Member Associations, leagues, or clubs as well as other persons obliged to comply with the AFC Statutes (except Players).</td>
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<td><strong>Out-of-Competition</strong></td>
<td>Any period that is not In-Competition.</td>
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<td><strong>Person</strong></td>
<td>A natural Person or an organisation or other entity.</td>
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<td><strong>Player</strong></td>
<td>A professional or amateur football player licensed by a Football Association.</td>
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<td><strong>Player Support Personnel</strong></td>
<td>Any Official, agent, team staff, medical personnel, paramedical personnel, parent or any other Person working with, treating or assisting a Player participating in or preparing for sports Competition.</td>
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| **Possession** | The actual, physical possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, or the constructive Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.  

The constructive Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method shall be made out only if the Person has exclusive control or intends to exercise control over the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method or the premises in which a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method exists. However, if the Person does not have exclusive control over the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method or the premises in which a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method exists, constructive Possession shall only be found if the Person knew about the presence of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method and intended to exercise control over it. |
There shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on Possession if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the Person has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the Person has taken concrete action demonstrating that they never intended to have Possession and has renounced Possession by explicitly declaring it to an Anti-Doping Organisation.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other means) of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method constitutes Possession by the Person who makes the purchase.

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<td>Prohibited Substance</td>
<td>Any substance, or class of substances, so described on the Prohibited List.</td>
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<td>Provisional Hearing</td>
<td>An expedited abbreviated hearing occurring prior to a hearing under the provisions set forth in these Regulations that provides the Player or other Person with notice and an opportunity to be heard in either written or oral form.</td>
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<td>Provisional Suspension</td>
<td>A temporary suspension from participating in any Match and/or Competition prior to any final decision made at a hearing and/or meeting of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee undertaken in accordance with these Regulations and the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.</td>
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<td>Publicly Disclose or Publicly Report</td>
<td>To disseminate or distribute information to the general public or Persons beyond those Persons entitled to earlier notification in accordance with these Regulations.</td>
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<td>Regional Anti-Doping Organisation</td>
<td>A regional entity designated by Member Associations to coordinate and manage delegated areas of their national anti-doping programs, which may include the adoption and implementation of anti-doping rules, the planning and collection of Samples, the management of results, the review of TUEs, the conduct of hearings, and the conduct of educational programs at a regional level.</td>
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<td><strong>Registered Testing Pool</strong></td>
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(1) fully disclose in a signed written statement all information they possess in relation to anti-doping rule violations; and |

(2) fully cooperate with the investigation and adjudication of any case related to that information, including, for example, presenting testimony at a hearing if requested to do so by an Anti-Doping Organisation or hearing panel. |

Further, the information provided must be credible and must comprise an important part of any case which is initiated or, if no case is initiated, must have provided a sufficient basis on which a case could have been brought. |
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This definition shall not include the actions of *bona fide* medical personnel involving a Prohibited Substance used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving Prohibited Substances which are not prohibited in Out-of-Competition Testing unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such Prohibited Substances are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance. |
| Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)  | See Article 18.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
Use

The utilisation, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

WADA

The World Anti-Doping Agency.

Reference to the competent AFC bodies in these Regulations applies to the equivalent body at Member Association level.

Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.

References to “include” or “in particular”, “e.g.” or similar are to be construed as being inclusive and without limitation to the listed examples.

References to “days” mean actual days, not business days.

References to “Chapters”, “Sections”, “Annexes”, and/or “Articles” are, unless expressly stated otherwise, references to the Chapters, Sections, Annexes, or Articles of these Regulations.

References to a specific gender in these Regulations are for simplification and apply to both genders.

All Annexes attached to these Regulations form an integral part of these Regulations.

The various headings and sub-headings used in these Regulations are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of these Regulations or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

Unless otherwise stated, references to football in these Regulations shall include futsal and beach soccer (as appropriate).
II. General Provisions

1. Scope of application: substantive law and time

   I.1. These Regulations shall apply to the AFC, its Member Associations, Players, clubs, Player Support Personnel, Officials and other Persons who participate in activities, Matches or Competitions organised by the AFC or its Member Associations by virtue of their agreement, membership, affiliation, authorisation, accreditation or participation.

   I.2. These Regulations shall apply to all Doping Controls over which the AFC and, respectively, its Member Associations have jurisdiction.

   I.3. These Regulations apply to facts that arise after these Regulations have come into force. These Regulations also apply to previous facts if these Regulations are equally favourable or more favourable for the perpetrator of the facts and if the judicial bodies of the AFC are deciding on these facts after the Regulations have come into force. By contrast, rules governing procedure apply immediately upon the coming into force of these Regulations. The provisions of Article 86 shall prevail in case of conflict.

2. Obligations of Member Associations

   2.1. All Member Associations shall undertake to comply with these Regulations. These Regulations shall be incorporated either directly, or by reference, into the rules of each Member Association. Each Member Association shall include in its rules the procedural regulations necessary to implement these Regulations and any changes that may be made to them. In the event of a discrepancy between these Regulations and the regulations of a Member Association, these Regulations shall prevail and apply to the case at hand, subject to Article 86.3 of these Regulations.
2.2. The rules of each Member Association shall specifically provide that all Players, clubs, Player Support Personnel, Officials and other Persons under the jurisdiction of the Member Association shall be bound by these Regulations.

2.3. It is the responsibility of each Member Association to collect Samples for Doping Control at National Competitions and to initiate and direct Out-of-Competition Testing on its Players, as well as to ensure that all national-level Testing on its Players and the results management from such tests comply with these Regulations. In respect of these responsibilities, reference in these Regulations to the AFC shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning the Member Association concerned.

2.4. It is recognised that in some countries the Member Association will conduct the Testing and results management process itself whilst, in others, some or all of the Member Association’s responsibilities may be delegated or assigned to a National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO). In respect of these countries, reference in these Regulations to the Member Association shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning the NADO. The Member Association shall provide the AFC with any information relating to an anti-doping rule violation and decisions made by the NADO duly translated into English.

3. **Special obligations of Players and teams**

3.1. Member Associations, Players, clubs, Player Support Personnel, Officials, organisations, entities and other Persons shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods that have been included in the Prohibited List.
3.2. Players are obliged to undergo Testing as set forth in these Regulations. Every Player designated to undergo a doping test by a responsible official, whether as a result of Target Testing or drawing by lots, is obliged to provide a urine Sample and, if requested, a blood Sample, to undergo any medical examination that the responsible official deems necessary and to cooperate with the latter in this respect.

3.3. The Player’s rights include the right to:

3.3.1. have the team doctor or other representative be present; and

3.3.2. be informed and ask for additional information about the Sample collection process.

3.4. The Player’s obligations include the requirement to:

3.4.1. remain within direct observation of the AFC Doping Control Officer, his assistant or the Chaperone at all times from the point of notification until completion of the Sample collection;

3.4.2. comply with Sample collection procedures (the Player shall be advised of the possible consequences of failure to comply); and

3.4.3. report immediately for a test, unless there are valid reasons for a delay, as determined in accordance with Annexe D.

3.5. Every Player and/or Member Association/club that has been identified for inclusion in a national or international Registered Testing Pool is obliged to provide whereabouts information as set forth in Annexe C. Players may delegate the whereabouts provision to a designated team representative. Regardless of such delegation, Players remain personally responsible for duly filing complete and accurate whereabouts information. Failure to do so may lead to the consequences mentioned in Article 9 of these Regulations as well as in Annexe C.
4. **Test jurisdiction of the AFC**

4.1. The AFC has test jurisdiction over all clubs affiliated to a Member Association (and their Players), and all Players who are affiliated to a Member Association or who participate in any Match or Competition organised by the AFC.

4.2. The AFC shall focus its Testing under these Regulations on Players in its Registered Testing Pool and on Players who compete, or who are preparing to compete, in Matches or Competitions organised by the AFC.

5. **Definition of doping**

5.1. Doping is strictly forbidden under these Regulations.

5.2. Doping is defined as the occurrence of one (1) or more of the anti-doping rule violations set out within these Regulations.

5.3. Players and other Persons shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods which have been included on the Prohibited List.
The purpose of Articles 6 to 15 is to specify the circumstances and conduct which constitute anti-doping rule violations. Hearings in doping cases will proceed based on the assertion that one (1) or more of these specific rules have been violated.

The following constitute anti-doping rule violations:

6. **Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Player’s Sample**

6.1. It is each Player’s personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters their body. Players are responsible for any Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found to be present in their Samples. It is not necessary that intent, Fault, negligence or knowing Use on the Player’s part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 6.

6.2. Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 6 is established by any of the following:

6.2.1. presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in the Player’s “A” Sample where the Player waives analysis of the “B” Sample and the “B” Sample is not analysed; or

6.2.2. where the Player’s “B” Sample is analysed and the analysis of the Player’s “B” Sample confirms the presence of the Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found in the Player’s “A” Sample; or

6.2.3. where the Player’s “B” Sample is split into two (2) bottles and the analysis of the second bottle confirms the presence of the Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found in the first bottle.
6.3. Excepting those substances for which a quantitative threshold is specifically identified in the Prohibited List, the presence of any quantity of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in a Player’s Sample shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

6.4. As an exception to the general rule of Article 6, the Prohibited List or International Standards may establish special criteria for the evaluation of Prohibited Substances that can also be produced endogenously.

7. **Use or Attempted Use by a Player of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method**

7.1. It is each Player’s personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters their body and that no Prohibited Method is Used. It is not necessary that intent, Fault, negligence or knowing Use on the Player’s part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for Use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method.

7.2. The success or failure of the Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not material. It is sufficient that the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method was Used or Attempted to be Used for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.

8. **Evading, refusing or failing to submit to Sample collection**

8.1. Evading Sample collection, or, without compelling justification, refusing or failing to submit to Sample collection after notification as authorised in these Regulations or other applicable anti-doping rules.

9. **Whereabouts failures**

9.1. Any combination of three (3) missed tests and/or filing failures, as defined in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, within a twelve (12) month period by a Player in a Registered Testing Pool.
10. **Tampering or Attempted Tampering with any part of Doping Control**

10.1. Conduct which subverts the Doping Control process but which would not otherwise be included in the definition of Prohibited Methods.

10.2. Tampering shall include, without limitation, intentionally interfering or attempting to interfere with a Doping Control official, providing fraudulent information to an Anti-Doping Organisation, or intimidating or attempting to intimidate a potential witness.

11. **Possession of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method**

11.1. Possession by a Player In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method.

11.2. Possession by a Player Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method which is prohibited Out-of-Competition unless the Player establishes that the Possession is consistent with a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) granted in accordance with Article 18 or other acceptable justification.

11.3. Possession by a Player Support Personnel In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method.

11.4. Possession by a Player Support Personnel Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method which is prohibited Out-of-Competition in connection with a Player, Competition or training, unless the Player Support Personnel establishes that the Possession is consistent with a TUE granted to a Player in accordance with Article 18 or other acceptable justification.

12. **Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method**

12.1. Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.
13. **Administration or Attempted Administration of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method**

13.1. Administration or Attempted Administration to any Player In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

13.2. Administration or Attempted Administration to any Player Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method that is prohibited Out-of-Competition.

14. **Complicity**

14.1. Assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation, attempted anti-doping rule violation or violation of Article 29.1 by another Person.

15. **Prohibited Association**

15.1. The association by a Player or other Person subject to the authority of the AFC in a professional or sport-related capacity with any Player Support Personnel who:

15.1.1. if subject to the authority of an Anti-Doping Organisation, is serving a period of Ineligibility; or

15.1.2. if not subject to the authority of an Anti-Doping Organisation and where Ineligibility has not been addressed in a results management process pursuant to the Code, has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules if Code-compliant rules had been applicable to such Person. The disqualifying status of such Person shall be in force for the longer of six (6) years from the criminal, professional or disciplinary decision or the duration of the criminal, disciplinary or professional sanction imposed; or
15.1.3. is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described in Articles 15.1.1 or 15.1.2.

15.2. In order for Article 15.1 to apply, it is necessary that the Player or other Person has previously been advised in writing by the AFC or another Anti-Doping Organisation with jurisdiction over the Player or other Person, or by WADA, of the Player Support Personnel’s disqualifying status and the potential Consequence of prohibited association and that the Player or other Person can reasonably avoid the association. The Anti-Doping Organisation shall also use reasonable efforts to advise the Player Support Personnel who is the subject of the notice to the Player or other Person that the Player Support Personnel may, within fifteen (15) days, come forward to the Anti-Doping Organisation to explain that the criteria described in Articles 15.1.1 and 15.1.2 do not apply to him or her.

15.2.1. Notwithstanding Article 39, this Article applies even when the Player Support Personnel’s disqualifying conduct occurred prior to the effective date provided in Article 86.7.

15.3. The burden shall be on the Player or other Person to establish that any association with Player Support Personnel described in Article 15.1 is not in a professional or sport-related capacity.

15.4. If the AFC is aware of any Player Support Personnel who meet the criteria described in Article 15.1, it shall submit that information to WADA.
IV. The Prohibited List and Therapeutic Use Exemptions

16. Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods identified on the Prohibited List

Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods

16.1. Unless otherwise communicated by the AFC, the Prohibited List and its revisions shall come into effect under these Regulations three (3) months after its publication by WADA without requiring any further action by the AFC or its Member Associations. All Players and other Persons shall be bound by the Prohibited List, and any revisions thereto, from their entry into force, without further formality. It is the responsibility of all Players and other Persons to familiarise themselves with the most up-to-date version of the Prohibited List and all revisions thereto.

Specified Substances

16.2. For purposes of the application of Articles 19 to 30, all Prohibited Substances shall be Specified Substances except substances in the classes of anabolic agents and hormones and those stimulants and hormone antagonists and modulators so identified on the Prohibited List. The category of Specified Substances shall not include Prohibited Methods.

17. WADA’s Determination of the Prohibited List

17.1. The determinations by WADA of the Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods that will be included on the Prohibited List, the classification of substances into categories on the Prohibited List, and the classification of a substance as prohibited at all times or In-Competition only, are final and shall not be subject to challenge by a Player or other Person based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk or violate the spirit of sport.
18. **Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)**

18.1. The presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers, and/or the Use or Attempted Use, Possession or Administration or Attempted Administration of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation if it is consistent with the provisions of a TUE granted in accordance with the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions.

18.2. Any Player who consults a doctor and is prescribed treatment or medication for therapeutic reasons shall enquire whether the prescription contains Prohibited Substances and/or Prohibited Methods. If so, the Player shall request alternative treatment.

18.3. If there is no alternative treatment, the Player with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a Prohibited Substance and/or a Prohibited Method must first obtain a TUE. However, TUEs will only be granted in cases of clear and compelling clinical need where no competitive advantage can be gained by the Player.

18.4. The application for and approval of a TUE must strictly follow the procedure laid out in the WADA International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions and in the AFC TUE Policy in force.

18.5. Save to the extent provided in Article 18.6, Players who have been included in the AFC Individual Athlete Testing Pool (IATP) may only obtain TUEs in accordance with the rules stipulated by the AFC. The AFC publishes a list of those International Competitions for which a TUE from the AFC is required. Details of application procedure shall be found in Annexe B. TUEs granted by the AFC shall be reported to FIFA, the relevant Member Association and to WADA.

18.6. Players falling within the jurisdiction of the AFC who have been included in the FIFA International Registered Testing Pool may only obtain TUEs in accordance with the rules stipulated by FIFA. FIFA publishes a list of those International Competitions for which a TUE from FIFA is required. TUEs granted by FIFA shall be reported to the AFC, the relevant Member Association and to WADA. Article 6.1 of the TUE Policy may also be applicable in such circumstances.
18.7. Players falling within the jurisdiction of the AFC who have been identified or included in a national Registered Testing Pool must obtain a TUE from their NADO, or from such other body as may be designated by their Member Association to grant TUEs, or that otherwise has competent authority to grant TUEs in the territory of the Member Association concerned. Member Associations shall in all cases be responsible for promptly reporting the granting of any TUEs under these rules to FIFA, the AFC and WADA.

Expiration, cancellation, withdrawal or reversal of a TUE

18.8. A TUE granted pursuant to these Regulations:

18.8.1. shall expire automatically at the end of any term for which it was granted, without the need for any further notice or other formality;

18.8.2. may be cancelled if the Player does not promptly comply with any requirements or conditions imposed by the AFC TUE Group upon grant of the TUE;

18.8.3. may be withdrawn by the AFC TUE Advisory Group if it is subsequently determined that the criteria for grant of a TUE are not in fact met; or may be reversed on review by WADA or on appeal.

18.9. In such an event, the Player shall not be subject to any Consequences based on his/her Use or Possession or Administration of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question in accordance with the TUE prior to the effective date of expiry, cancellation, withdrawal or reversal of the TUE. The review pursuant to these Regulations of any subsequent Adverse Analytical Finding shall include consideration of whether such finding is consistent with Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method prior to that date, in which event no anti-doping rule violation shall be asserted.
V. Sanction on Individuals

Section 1: Imposition of a period of Ineligibility

I9. Ineligibility for presence, Use or Attempted Use, or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method

I9.I. The period of Ineligibility for a violation of Articles 6, 7, or 11, subject to potential elimination, reduction or suspension pursuant to Articles 21, 22, or 23, shall be:

I9.I.1. four (4) years where:

I9.I.1.1. the anti-doping rule violation does not involve a Specified Substance, unless the Player or other Person can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional; or

I9.I.1.2. the anti-doping rule violation involves a Specified Substance and the AFC can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was intentional.

I9.I.2. two (2) years where Article 19.1.1 does not apply.

I9.2. For the purposes of Article 19, the term “intentional” is meant to identify those Players who cheat. It requires that the Player or other Person engaged in conduct which they knew constituted an anti-doping rule violation or knew that there was a significant risk that the conduct might constitute or result in an anti-doping rule violation and manifestly disregarded that risk.

I9.2.1. With regard to an anti-doping rule violation resulting from an Adverse Analytical Finding for a substance which is only prohibited In-Competition, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that said violation is not intentional if the substance is a Specified Substance and the Player can establish that the Prohibited Substance was Used Out-of-Competition.
19.2.2. An anti-doping rule violation resulting from an Adverse Analytical Finding for a substance which is only prohibited In-Competition shall not be considered intentional if the substance is not a Specified Substance and the Player can establish that the Prohibited Substance was Used Out-of-Competition in a context unrelated to sport performance.

20. **Ineligibility for Other anti-doping rule violations**

20.1. The periods of Ineligibility for anti-doping rule violations other than as provided in Article 19 shall be as follows, unless Articles 22 or 23 are applicable:

20.1.1. For violations of Article 8 or Article 10, the period of Ineligibility shall be four (4) years unless, in the case of failing to submit to Sample collection, the Player can establish that the commission of the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional (as defined in Article 19.2) in which case the period of Ineligibility shall be two (2) years.

20.1.2. For violations of Article 9, the period of Ineligibility shall be two (2) years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one (1) year, depending on the Player’s degree of Fault. The flexibility between two (2) years and one (1) year of Ineligibility in this Article is not available to Players where a pattern of last-minute whereabouts changes or other conduct raises a serious suspicion that the Player was trying to avoid being available for Testing.
20.1.3. For violations of Article 12 or 13, the period of Ineligibility shall be a minimum of four (4) years and a maximum of lifetime Ineligibility, depending on the seriousness of the violation. An Article 12 or Article 13 violation involving a Minor shall be considered a particularly serious violation and, if committed by Player Support Personnel for violations other than for Specified Substances, shall result in lifetime Ineligibility for Player Support Personnel. In addition, significant violations of Article 12 or 13 which may also violate non-sporting laws and regulations shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.

20.1.4. For violations of Article 14, the period of Ineligibility imposed shall be a minimum of two (2) years and a maximum of four (4) years, depending on the Player’s or other Person’s degree of Fault and other circumstances of the case.

20.1.5. For violations of Article 15, the period of Ineligibility shall be two (2) years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one (1) year, depending on the Player or other Person’s degree of Fault and other circumstances of the case.

20.2. For the purposes of Article 20, the term “intentional” shall have the same meaning as prescribed in Article 19.2.

Section 2: Elimination, reduction or suspension of period of Ineligibility

2I. Elimination of the period of Ineligibility where there is No Fault or Negligence

2I.1. If a Player or other Person establishes in an individual case that they bear No Fault or Negligence, then the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility shall be eliminated.
22. **Reduction of the period of Ineligibility based on No Significant Fault or Negligence**

22.I. In relation to sanctions involving Specified Substances or Contaminated Products for violations of Articles 6, 7 or 11:

**Specified Substances**

22.1.I. Where the anti-doping rule violation involves a Specified Substance, and the Player or other Person can establish No Significant Fault or Negligence, then the period of Ineligibility shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of Ineligibility, and at a maximum, two (2) years of Ineligibility, depending on the Player’s or other Person’s degree of Fault.

**Contaminated products**

22.1.I.2. In cases where the Player or other Person can establish No Significant Fault or Negligence and that the detected Prohibited Substance came from a Contaminated Product, then the period of Ineligibility shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of Ineligibility, and at a maximum, two (2) years Ineligibility, depending on the Player’s or other Person’s degree of Fault.

22.2 If a Player or other Person establishes in an individual case where Article 22.1 is not applicable that they bear No Significant Fault or Negligence, then, subject to further reduction or elimination as provided in Article 23, the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility may be reduced based on the Player or other Person’s degree of Fault, but the reduced period of Ineligibility may not be less than one-half of the period of Ineligibility otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility is a lifetime, the reduced period under this Article may be no less than eight (8) years.
23. **Elimination, reduction, or suspension of period of Ineligibility or other consequences for reasons other than Fault**

23.1. This Article also applies for Specified Substances and Contaminated Products.

**Substantial Assistance in discovering or establishing anti-doping rule violations**

23.2. The AFC may, prior to a final appellate decision under these Regulations or the expiration of the time to appeal, suspend a part of the period of Ineligibility imposed in an individual case in which it has results management authority where the Player or other Person has provided Substantial Assistance to an Anti-Doping Organisation, criminal authority or professional disciplinary body which results in:

**23.2.1.** the Anti-Doping Organisation discovering or bringing forward an anti-doping rule violation by another Person; or

**23.2.2.** a criminal or disciplinary body discovering or bringing forward a criminal offence or the breach of professional rules committed by another Person and the information provided by the Person providing Substantial Assistance is made available to the AFC.

23.3. After a final appellate decision under these Regulations or the expiration of time to appeal, the AFC may only suspend a part of the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility with the approval of WADA. The extent to which the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility may be suspended shall be based on the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation committed by the Player or other Person and the significance of the Substantial Assistance provided by the Player or other Person to the effort to eliminate doping in sport. No more than three-quarters of the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility may be suspended. If the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility is a lifetime, the non-suspended period under this Article must be no less than eight (8) years.
23.4. If the Player or other Person fails to continue to cooperate and to provide the complete and credible Substantial Assistance upon which a suspension of the period of Ineligibility was based, the AFC shall reinstate the original period of Ineligibility. If the AFC decides to reinstate a suspended period of Ineligibility or decides not to reinstate a suspended period of Ineligibility, such decision may be appealed by any Person entitled to appeal under these Regulations.

23.5. To further encourage Players and other Persons to provide Substantial Assistance to Anti-Doping Organisations, at the request of the Anti-Doping Organisation conducting results management or at the request of the Player or other Person who has, or has been asserted to have, committed an anti-doping rule violation, WADA may agree at any stage of the results management process, including after a final appellate decision under these Regulations, to what it considers to be an appropriate suspension of the otherwise-applicable period of Ineligibility and other consequences. In exceptional circumstances, WADA may agree to suspensions of the period of Ineligibility and other consequences for Substantial Assistance greater than those otherwise provided in this article, or even no period of Ineligibility, and/or no return of prize money or payment of fines or costs. WADA’s approval shall be subject to reinstatement of the sanction, as otherwise provided in this article. Notwithstanding Section 6 of Chapter X, WADA’s decisions in the context of this article may not be appealed by any other Anti-Doping Organisation.

23.6. If the AFC suspends any part of an otherwise applicable sanction because of Substantial Assistance, notice providing justification for the decision shall be provided to the other Anti-Doping Organisations with a right to appeal under these Regulations. In unique circumstances where WADA determines that it would be in the best interests of anti-doping, WADA may authorise an Anti-Doping Organisation to enter into appropriate confidentiality agreements limiting or delaying the disclosure of the Substantial Assistance agreement or the nature of Substantial Assistance being provided.
Admission of an anti-doping rule violation in the absence of other evidence

23.7. Where a Player or other Person voluntarily admits an anti-doping rule violation to the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee before having received notice of a Sample collection which could establish an anti-doping rule violation (or, in the case of any anti-doping rule violation other than that set out in Article 6, before receiving first notice of the admitted violation pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter IX of these Regulations) and that admission is the only reliable evidence of the violation at the time of admission, then the period of Ineligibility may be reduced, but not below one-half of the period of Ineligibility otherwise applicable.

Prompt admission of an anti-doping rule violation

23.8. A Player or other Person potentially subject to a four (4) year sanction pursuant to Articles 19.1 or 20.1.1 who promptly admits to an asserted anti-doping rule violation after being confronted by the AFC, may, subject to the discretion and approval of the AFC and also upon the approval and at the discretion of WADA, receive a reduction in the period of Ineligibility down to a minimum of two (2) years, depending on the seriousness of the violation and the Player or other Person's degree of Fault.

Application of multiple grounds for reduction of a Sanction

23.9. Where a Player or other Person establishes entitlement to reduction in sanction under more than one (1) provision of Articles 21, 22, or 23, before applying any reduction or suspension under Article 23, the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility shall be determined in accordance with Articles 19, 20, 21, and 22.

23.10. If the Player or other Person establishes entitlement to a reduction or suspension of the period of Ineligibility under Article 23, then the period of Ineligibility may be reduced or suspended, but not below one-fourth of the otherwise applicable period of Ineligibility.
Section 3: Increasing the period of Ineligibility and multiple violations

24. Multiple violations

24.1. For a Player or other Person’s second anti-doping rule violation, the period of Ineligibility shall be the greater of:

24.1.1. six (6) months;

24.1.2. one-half of the period of Ineligibility imposed for the first anti-doping rule violation without taking into account any reduction under Article 23; or

24.1.3. twice the period of Ineligibility otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation treated as if it was a first violation, without taking into account any reduction under Article 23.

The period of Ineligibility established above may subsequently be further reduced by the application of Article 23.

24.2. A third anti-doping rule violation shall result in a lifetime period of Ineligibility, except if the third violation fulfils the condition for elimination or reduction of the period of Ineligibility pursuant to Articles 21 or 22, or involves a violation of Article 9. In these particular cases, the period of Ineligibility shall be minimum eight (8) years to a maximum of lifetime Ineligibility.

24.3. An anti-doping rule violation for which a Player or other Person has established No Fault or Negligence shall not be considered a prior violation for purposes of this Article.
Additional rules for certain potential multiple violations

24.4. For the purpose of imposing sanctions pursuant to Article 24, an anti-doping rule violation will only be considered a second violation if the AFC can establish that the Player or other Person committed the second anti-doping rule violation after the Player or other Person received notice pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter IX, or after the AFC made reasonable efforts to give notice of the first anti-doping rule violation. If the AFC cannot establish this, the violations shall be considered together as one single first violation, and the sanction imposed shall be based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction.

24.5. If, after the imposition of a sanction for a first anti-doping rule violation, the AFC discovers facts involving an anti-doping rule violation by the Player or other Person which occurred prior to notification regarding the first violation, then the AFC shall impose an additional sanction based on the sanction that could have been imposed if the two (2) violations had been adjudicated at the same time. Results in all Competitions dating back to the earlier anti-doping rule violation will be Disqualified as provided in Article 25.

Multiple anti-doping rule violations during a ten (10) year period

24.6. For the purposes of Article 24, each anti-doping rule violations must take place within the same ten (10) year period in order to be considered multiple violations

Section 4: Common provisions regarding sanctions on individuals

25. **Disqualification of results in Competitions subsequent to Sample collection or commission of an anti-doping rule violation**

25.1. In addition to the automatic Disqualification of the individual results of a Player (as applicable) in the Competition which produced the positive Sample under these Regulations, all other competitive results of the Player obtained from the date a positive Sample was collected (whether In-Competition or Out-of-Competition), or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, through the commencement of any Provisional Suspension or Ineligibility period, shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be Disqualified with all of the resulting Consequences including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.
26. Allocation of CAS Cost awards and forfeited prize money

26.1. The priority for repayment of CAS cost awards and forfeited prize money shall be:

26.1.1. payment of costs awarded by CAS; and subsequently

26.1.2. reimbursement of the expenses of the AFC.

27. Financial consequences

27.1. On account of anti-doping rule violations, financial sanctions may be imposed in accordance with the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

27.2. However, no financial sanction may be considered as grounds for reducing the period of Ineligibility or other sanction that would otherwise be applicable under these Regulations.

   Repayment of prize money or other financial support

27.3. As a condition of regaining eligibility after being found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, a Player may first be obliged to repay all prize money or other financial support obtained from sports organisations, from the date a positive Sample was collected or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, until the commencement of any Provisional Suspension or Ineligibility period.

27.4. The forfeited prize money shall be allocated to reimburse the expenses of the Sample collection and the results management of this case.

28. Commencement of Ineligibility period

28.1. Except as provided below, the period of Ineligibility shall start as soon as the decision providing for Ineligibility is communicated to the Player or other Person concerned.
Delays not attributable to the Player or other Person

28.2. Where there have been substantial delays in the hearing process or other aspects of Doping Control not attributable to the Player or other Person, the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may decide that the period of Ineligibility shall start at an earlier date commencing as early as the date of Sample collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. All competitive results achieved during the period of Ineligibility, including retroactive Ineligibility, shall be disqualified.

Timely admission

28.3. Where the Player or other Person promptly (which, in all events, for a Player means before the Player competes again) admits the anti-doping rule violation after being notified of the anti-doping rule violation by the AFC, the period of Ineligibility may start as early as the date of Sample collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. In each case, however, where this Article is applied, the Player or other Person shall serve at least one-half of the period of Ineligibility going forward from the date the Player or other Person accepted the imposition of a sanction, the date at which the hearing for a decision imposing sanction took place, the date of the communication of the decision imposing a sanction, or the date the sanction is otherwise imposed. This Article shall not apply where the period of Ineligibility has already been reduced under Article 23.3.

Credit for Provisional Suspension or period of Ineligibility served

28.4. If a Provisional Suspension is imposed and respected by the Player or other Person, then the Player or other Person shall receive a credit for such period of Provisional Suspension against any period of Ineligibility which may ultimately be imposed. If a period of Ineligibility is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the Player or other Person shall receive a credit for such period of Ineligibility served against any period of Ineligibility which may ultimately be imposed on appeal.

If a Player or other Person voluntarily accepts a Provisional Suspension in
28.5. writing from the AFC and thereafter respects the Provisional Suspension, the Player or other Person shall receive a credit for such period of voluntary Provisional Suspension against any period of Ineligibility which may ultimately be imposed. A copy of the Player or other Person’s voluntary acceptance of a Provisional Suspension shall be provided promptly to each party entitled to receive notice of an asserted anti-doping rule violation as provided in these Regulations in accordance with Article 68.

28.6. No credit against a period of Ineligibility shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the Provisional Suspension or voluntary Provisional Suspension regardless of whether the Player elected not to compete or was suspended by his club or Member Association.

28.7. Where a period of Ineligibility is imposed upon a team, unless fairness requires otherwise, the period of Ineligibility shall start on the date at which the final hearing for a decision providing for Ineligibility took place or, if the hearing is waived, on the date Ineligibility is accepted or otherwise imposed. Any period of team Provisional Suspension (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted) shall be credited against the total period of Ineligibility to be served.

29. **Status during Ineligibility**

29.1. **Prohibition against participation during Ineligibility**

No Player or other Person who has been declared Ineligible may, during the period of Ineligibility, participate in any capacity in a Competition or activity (other than authorised anti-doping education or rehabilitation programs) authorised or organised by the AFC or any Member Association, or club or other member organisation of a Member Association, or in Competitions authorised or organised by any professional league or any international or national-level Competition organisation or any elite or national-level sporting activity funded by a governmental agency.
29.2. A Player or other Person subject to a period of Ineligibility longer than four (4) years may, after completing four (4) years of the period of Ineligibility, participate as a Player in local sport competitions not approved or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the AFC or a Member Association, but only so long as the local sport event is not at a level that could otherwise qualify such Player or other Person directly or indirectly to compete in (or accumulate points towards) a National Competition or International Competition, and does not involve the Player or other Person working in any capacity with Minors.

29.3. A Player or other Person subject to a period of Ineligibility shall remain subject to Testing.

Return to training

29.4. As an exception to Articles 29.1 to 29.3, a Player may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or Member Association or other member organisation of a Member Association during the shorter of:

29.4.1. the last two (2) months of the Player’s period of Ineligibility, or

29.4.2. the last one-quarter of the period of Ineligibility imposed.

Violation of the prohibition of participation during Ineligibility

29.5. Where a Player or other Person who has been declared Ineligible violates the prohibition against participation during Ineligibility as described in Articles 29.1 to 29.3, a new period of Ineligibility equal in length up to the original period of Ineligibility shall be added to the end of the original period of Ineligibility. The new period of Ineligibility may be adjusted based on the Player or other Person’s degree of Fault and other circumstances of the case. The determination of whether a Player or other Person has violated the prohibition against participation, and whether an adjustment is appropriate, shall be made by the AFC. This decision may be appealed as provided in these Regulations.

29.6. Where a Player Support Personnel or other Person assists a Person in violating the prohibition against participation during Ineligibility, the AFC shall impose sanctions for a violation of Article 14 for such assistance.
Withholding of financial support during Ineligibility

29.7. In addition, for any anti-doping rule violation not involving a reduced sanction as described in Articles 21 or 22, some or all sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such Person will be withheld by the AFC or the relevant Member Association.

30. Publication of sanction

30.1. A sanction shall include publication (public disclosure), as provided in these Regulations.

VI. Consequences to Teams

31. Target Testing of the team

31.1. Where more than one (1) member of a team has been notified of an anti-doping rule violation in accordance with Section 3 of Chapter IX in connection with a Competition, the competent body for the Competition shall conduct appropriate Target Testing of the team during the Competition Period.

32. Sanction on the club or Member Association

32.1. If more than two (2) members of a team are found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation during a Competition Period, the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, if the AFC is the competent body, or otherwise the Member Association concerned, shall impose an appropriate sanction on the Member Association or club to which the members of the team belong in addition to any consequences imposed upon the individual Player(s) who committed the anti-doping rule violation.

32.2. The sanctions provided for within the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code in force are applicable.

VII. Provisional Suspension

33. Jurisdiction

33.1. Where it is asserted that an anti-doping rule has been violated in connection with any test conducted by the AFC, the Chairperson of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall be responsible for imposing the relevant Provisional Suspension.
33.2. For the purpose of this Chapter, references hereafter to the Chairperson of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning the relevant Person or body of the Member Association, and references to the Player shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning any Player Support Personnel or other Person.

34. **Mandatory Provisional Suspension after an Adverse Analytical Finding**

34.1. In the case of an Adverse Analytical Finding for a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method, other than a Specified Substance, a Provisional Suspension shall be imposed promptly after the review and notification described in Article 52.

34.2. The Provisional Suspension may be lifted if the Player demonstrates to the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee that the violation is likely to have involved a Contaminated Product.

34.3. A Provisional Suspension may not be imposed unless the Player is given either:

   34.3.1. an opportunity for a Provisional Hearing, either before the imposition of the Provisional Suspension or on a timely basis after the imposition of the Provisional Suspension; or

   34.3.2. an opportunity for an expedited hearing on a timely basis after the imposition of a Provisional Suspension.

35. **Optional Provisional Suspension based on an Adverse Analytical Finding for Specified Substances, Contaminated products, or other anti-doping rule violations**

35.1. In the case of an Adverse Analytical Finding for a Specified Substance, Contaminated Products or other anti-doping rule violations, a Provisional Suspension may be imposed.

35.2. A Provisional Suspension may not be imposed unless the Player is given either:

   35.2.1. an opportunity for a Provisional Hearing, either before the imposition of the Provisional Suspension; or on a timely basis after the imposition of the Provisional Suspension; or

   35.2.2. an opportunity for an expedited hearing on a timely basis after the imposition of a Provisional Suspension.
36. **Voluntary Provisional Suspension**

36.1. Alternatively, the Player may accept a voluntary Provisional Suspension provided that this is confirmed in writing to the Chairperson of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

36.2. A voluntary Provisional Suspension shall be effective only from the date of receipt of the Player’s or other Person’s written confirmation of such by the AFC. Therefore, the relevant Member Association must promptly submit a copy of the Player’s or other Person’s voluntary acceptance of a Provisional Suspension to the AFC if it was addressed to the relevant Person or body of the Member Association.

37. **Notification**

37.1. A Player or other Person who has been provisionally suspended shall be notified immediately in accordance with the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code and these Regulations.

37.2. In any case where a Member Association imposes or declines to impose a Provisional Suspension or a Player or other Person accepts a voluntary suspension, the Member Association shall inform the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee of this fact immediately.

38. **“B” Sample proves negative**

38.1. If a Provisional Suspension is imposed based on an Adverse Analytical Finding and a subsequent “B” Sample analysis does not confirm the Adverse Analytical Finding, then the Player shall not be subject to any further Provisional Suspension on account of a violation of Article 6.

38.2. In circumstances where the Player or team has been removed from a Competition based on a violation of Article 6 and the subsequent “B” Sample analysis does not confirm the “A” Sample finding, where, without otherwise affecting the Competition, it is still possible for the Player or his team to be reinstated, the Player or team may continue to take part in the Competition.
38.3. With reference to Article 38.2, in any other case where a reinstatement affects the Competition, the Player or team shall not continue to take part in the Competition and shall not be entitled to make any claim for damages or compensation.

**VIII. Statute of Limitations**

39. Statute of limitations

39.1. No anti-doping rule violation proceeding may be commenced against a Player or other Person unless they have been notified of the anti-doping rule violation as provided in these Regulations, or notification has been reasonably attempted, within ten (10) years from the date the violation is asserted to have occurred.

**SECOND TITLE: TESTING AND PROCEDURAL RULES**

**IX. Testing**

Section 1: Testing

40. General rules for Testing

40.1. In accordance with these Regulations, every Player may be subject to In-Competition Testing at the Matches in which he competes and to Out-of-Competition Testing at any time and place by the AFC or the relevant Member Association. Testing includes urine tests and blood tests.

40.2. Within its jurisdiction, the AFC may delegate Testing under these Regulations to any Member Association, WADA, Major Event Organisation, governmental agency, NADO or third party that it deems to be suitably qualified for the purpose. In this case, reference to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit or the AFC Doping Control Officer shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning the mandated party or Person.
40.3. Only a single organisation shall be responsible for initiating and directing In-Competition Testing.

40.3.1. At International Competitions, the collection of Samples shall be directed by the international organisation that is the competent organising body for the Match and/or Competition.

40.3.2. At National Competitions, the collection of Samples shall be directed by the designated NADO of that country.

40.3.3. If an Anti-Doping Organisation is not responsible for initiating and directing Testing at a Competition, but is authorised nevertheless to conduct additional Testing during the Competition Period, it shall first contact the competent organising body of the Match and/or Competition to obtain the appropriate permission. If the Anti-Doping Organisation is not satisfied with the response of the competent organising body, it may ask WADA for permission to conduct additional Testing and to determine how to coordinate such additional Testing. WADA shall not grant any such approval before it has consulted in depth with the competent organising body for the Match and/or Competition.

40.4. In addition to the AFC and the relevant Member Association, the following organisations shall be responsible for initiating and directing Out-of-Competition Testing, where applicable:

40.4.1. WADA;

40.4.2. the IOC in connection with the Olympic Games;

40.4.3. the NADO of the country or territory in which the Players are present;

40.4.4. FIFA.
40.5. Testing of individual Players shall be performed with no advance notice. For In-Competition Testing, place holder selection may be known in advance, but shall not be revealed to the Player until notification.

4I. Test distribution plan

4I.1. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall develop a test distribution plan for efficient and effective In-Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing for all Players over whom the AFC has jurisdiction, including but not limited to the players in the IATP.

4I.2. In developing the test distribution plan, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall consider the risk of doping in football based on:

4I.2.1. the AFC doping control database on positive tests and the respective substances detected;

4I.2.2. the WADA statistics;

4I.2.3. the history of doping in football;

4I.2.4. the AFC Competition Calendar, including seasonal breaks;

4I.2.5. the number of Players;

4I.2.6. the physical demands of football; and

4I.2.7. research.
41.3. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall also take the anti-doping activities of the Member Associations, the strength of the anti-doping programmes of the particular nation’s NADO, and the outcome of previous test distribution planning cycles into account. The plan shall be updated, if necessary, on the basis of this regular review, particularly with regard to the relative merits of Out-of-Competition and In-Competition Testing in football.

41.4. The timing of Testing and the number of Sample collections shall be determined by the type of Sample collection, including Out-of-Competition, In-Competition, blood and urine Sample collection, in order to ensure optimum deterrence and detection of doping in football.

41.5. Player Support Personnel and/or any other Person with a conflict of interest shall not be involved in test distribution planning for their Players or in the process of selecting Players for Testing.

41.6. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall maintain a record of test distribution planning data in order to coordinate Testing activities with other Anti-Doping Organisations.

41.7. The Chain of Custody of the Samples shall ensure that Samples and the respective documentation forms arrive together at the laboratory.

42. **Selection of Players for Testing**

42.1. In implementing the test distribution plan, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall select Players for Sample collection using random selection methods and Target Testing, as applicable.
42.2. Target Testing shall be based on an intelligent assessment of the risks of doping and the most effective use of resources to ensure optimum detection and deterrence. In football, as a team sport, Target Testing shall be primarily aimed at identifying systematic doping in a team. If more than one (1) Player in a team has been tested positive, Target Testing shall be performed on all Players in the team. For individual Players, Target Testing may be performed as a consequence of behaviour indicating doping, abnormal biological parameters (e.g. blood parameters, steroid profiles, etc), injury, repeated failure to make whereabouts filings, Player test history and when a Player is reinstated after a period of Ineligibility.

42.3. Testing that is not Target Testing shall be determined by random selection in accordance with the AFC doping control procedure (cf Annexe D). In-Competition, the AFC Doping Control Officer shall be authorised to select additional Players for Sample collection (e.g. for behaviour indicating doping). Out-of-Competition, the AFC Doping Control Officer shall follow the instructions for the selection of the Player(s) as given on the respective authorisation form by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit.

43. Sample collection personnel: AFC Doping Control Officers, assistants, Chaperones

43.1. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit and the relevant Competition organising committee shall designate an accredited AFC Doping Control Officer to carry out In-Competition tests at the Matches in question.

43.2. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall also designate the AFC Doping Control Officers responsible for Out-of-Competition doping tests as defined in the test distribution plan.

43.3. The AFC Doping Control Officer must have undergone specific training as an AFC Doping Control Officer approved or provided by the AFC. He shall be responsible for the entire doping test procedure, including blood sampling and the immediate dispatch of urine Samples to the relevant laboratory and of copies of the forms to the AFC. The AFC shall provide him with the materials required to carry out the tests.
43.4. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit may also appoint one (1) or several assistants to the AFC Doping Control Officer, if necessary (e.g. in the case of double-headers). Furthermore, the AFC Doping Control Officer may be supported by Chaperones.

43.5. The AFC Doping Control Officer may delegate the urine sampling procedure or parts thereof to his assistant. The blood sampling procedure may not be delegated unless the assistant is a doctor. Nevertheless, if national legislation allows professionals other than doctors to collect Samples of bodily fluids (with all consequences including medical confidentiality according to medical ethics and the Hippocratic Oath), an exception may be made regarding the assistant by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit. In the case of delegation, reference to the AFC Doping Control Officer shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning the assistant.

43.6. All other Sample collection personnel, in addition to the AFC Doping Control Officer, shall have been trained for their assigned responsibilities, shall not have a conflict of interest in the outcome of the Sample collection for which they are appointed and shall not be Minors.

43.7. All Sample collection personnel shall have official identification that is provided either by the AFC or the AFC-authorised Anti-Doping Organisation/relevant competent body. The minimum identification requirement is official documentation naming the AFC or the AFC-authorised Anti-Doping Organisation by which the Person has been authorised. In the case of AFC Doping Control Officers, this documentation shall include their name and photograph and an expiry date.
44. **Failure to comply with Doping Control**

44.1. When any member of the Sample collection personnel becomes aware of any matters occurring before, during or after a Sample collection session that may lead to a determination of a failure to comply, he must inform the AFC Doping Control Officer immediately.

44.2. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall then:

44.2.1. inform the Player or other party concerned of the consequences of a possible failure to comply;

44.2.2. complete the Player’s Sample collection session, if possible;

44.2.3. provide a detailed written report of any possible failure to comply to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit.

44.3. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall then:

44.3.1. inform the Player or other party concerned of the possible failure to comply in writing and grant an opportunity to respond;

44.3.2. instigate an investigation of the possible failure to comply based on all relevant information and documentation;

44.3.3. document the evaluation process;

44.3.4. make the final determination available to other Anti-Doping Organisations in accordance with Section 4 of Chapter X of these Regulations.
44.4. **If the AFC Anti-Doping Unit determines that there has been a potential failure to comply, it shall:**

44.4.1. promptly notify the Player or other party in writing of the possible consequences (i.e. that a potential failure to comply will be investigated by the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee or its equivalent in the Member Association and that appropriate follow-up action will be taken in accordance with these Regulations and the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code);

44.4.2. notify the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee of all relevant facts.

44.5. Any additional necessary information about the potential failure to comply shall be obtained from all relevant sources, including the Player or other party, as soon as possible and recorded.

44.6. The AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall investigate the potential failure to comply and take appropriate follow-up action in accordance with these Regulations and the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

44.7. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall establish a system for ensuring that the outcomes of its investigation into the potential failure to comply are considered for the purposes of results management and, if applicable, for further planning and Target Testing.

45. **Whereabouts Information**

45.1. The provisions to be respected by the Players governing whereabouts information are set forth under Annexe C of these Regulations.
Section 2: Analysis of Samples

46. Use of accredited and approved laboratories

46.1. Analysis of Samples shall be carried out in WADA-accredited laboratories or as otherwise approved by WADA (cf Annexe F). The choice of the WADA-accredited laboratory (or other laboratory or method) used for the Sample analysis shall be determined exclusively by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit.

46.2. Samples shall be analysed to detect Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods identified in the Prohibited List and other substances as may be directed by WADA pursuant to its monitoring programme; or to assist the AFC in profiling relevant parameters in a Player’s urine, blood or other matrix, including DNA or genomic profiling; or for any other legitimate anti-doping purpose. Samples may be collected and stored for future analysis.

46.3. No Sample may be used for any purpose other than that described in the previous paragraph without the Player’s written consent. Moreover, Samples used for purposes other than described in the previous paragraph shall have any means of identification removed such that they cannot be traced back to a particular Player.

47. Standards for Sample analysis and reporting

47.1. Laboratories shall analyse Samples and report results in conformity with the International Standard for Laboratories. The head of the laboratory shall send the test results immediately by confidential fascimile or encrypted electronic mail to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit.

47.2. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit may request that laboratories analyse its Samples using more extensive menus than those described in the technical document of WADA.
47.3. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit may request that laboratories analyse its Samples using less extensive menus than those described in the technical document of WADA only if the AFC Anti-Doping Unit has satisfied WADA that, because of the particular circumstances as set out in the distribution plan, less extensive analysis would be appropriate.

47.4. As provided in the International Standard for Laboratories, laboratories at their own initiative and expense may analyse Samples for Prohibited Substances or Prohibited Methods not included on the Sample analysis menu described in the technical document of WADA or specified by the Testing authority. Results from any such analysis shall be reported to the AFC and have the same validity and consequence as any other analytical result only if accepted by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit.

48. Retesting Samples

48.1. Any Sample may be stored and reanalysed for the purpose of detection of Prohibited Substances and/or Prohibited Methods and other substances as described in this Chapter at any time exclusively at the direction of the AFC. The circumstances and conditions for retesting Samples shall conform with the requirements of the International Standard for Laboratories and the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

49. Property

49.1. All Samples provided by Players in Doping Controls conducted under the responsibility of the AFC shall immediately become the property of the AFC.

50. Guidance

50.1. If, at any stage, any question or issue arises concerning the analysis or interpretation of the results of a Sample, the Person responsible for the analysis at the laboratory may consult the AFC Anti-Doping Unit for guidance.
Section 3: Results management

51. Management process

51.1. Following notification of an Adverse Analytical Finding or other anti-doping rule violation set out in these Regulations, the matter shall be subject to the results management process set forth below.

51.2. In the case of a Player tested by the AFC, the results management process shall be conducted by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit. In all other cases, it shall be conducted by the relevant Person or body of the Player’s Member Association. Requests for assistance in conducting, or information about, the results management process may be made to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit at any time.

51.3. For the purpose of this Chapter, references hereafter to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning the relevant Person or body of the Member Association and references to the Player shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning any Player Support Personnel or other Person.

52. Initial review regarding Adverse Analytical/Atypical Findings and notification

52.1. Upon receipt of an Adverse Analytical or an Atypical Finding in an “A” Sample, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall conduct a review to determine whether:

52.1.1. an applicable TUE has been granted or will be granted to the Player for the Prohibited Substance;

52.1.2. there is any apparent departure from the International Standard for Laboratories, the International Standard for Testing and Investigations or other applicable provision in these Regulations such as to undermine the validity of the finding.
52.2. If the initial review of an Adverse Analytical Finding does not reveal an applicable TUE or entitlement to a TUE or departure that caused the Adverse Analytical Finding, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall at once confidentially notify the AFC General Secretary, the Chairperson of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, the Chairperson of the AFC Medical Committee, and the Player’s Member Association and/or club of the positive result of the “A” Sample. The Player shall be notified simultaneously in the manner set forth under this Article.

52.3. If the initial review of an Atypical Finding does not reveal an applicable TUE or an apparent departure that caused the Atypical Finding, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall conduct the required investigation. After the investigation has been completed, the Player (in the manner provided below), his club, the Member Association concerned, and WADA shall be notified, whether or not the Atypical Finding will be brought forward as an Adverse Analytical Finding.

52.4. In the case of an Adverse Analytical Finding, the Player must be promptly notified of (cf Article 60, Article 61 and Section 4 of Chapter X):

52.4.1. the Adverse Analytical Finding;

52.4.2. the anti-doping rule violated;

52.4.3. his right to promptly request the analysis of the “B” Sample and, failing such request within the time limit set by these Regulations, of the fact that the “B” Sample analysis may be deemed waived. The Player shall be advised at the same time that, if the “B” Sample analysis is requested, all related laboratory costs shall be borne by the Player, unless the “B” Sample fails to confirm the “A” Sample, in which case the costs shall be borne by the AFC;
52.4.4. the fact that analysis of the “B” Sample may be conducted at the request of the AFC regardless of the Player’s decision in this respect;

52.4.5. the scheduled date, time and place for the “B” Sample analysis if the Player or the AFC chooses to request an analysis of the “B” Sample;

52.4.6. the opportunity for the Player and/or the Player’s representative to attend the “B” Sample opening and analysis; and

52.4.7. the Player’s right to request copies of the “A” and “B” Sample laboratory documentation package, which includes information as required by the International Standard for Laboratories.

52.5. Notice of an Atypical Finding will not be provided before completion of the investigation under this Article unless one (1) of the following circumstances exists:

52.5.1. if the AFC determines that the “B” Sample should be analysed prior to the conclusion of its investigation under Article 52.4, the AFC may conduct the “B” Sample analysis after notifying the Player accordingly, such notice to include a description of the Atypical Finding and information described in Article 52.4.3 to Article 52.4.7.

52.5.2. if the AFC receives a request, either from a Major Event Organisation shortly before one of its international events or from a sports organisation responsible for meeting an imminent deadline for selecting team members for an international event, to disclose whether any Player identified on a list provided by the Major Event Organisation or sports organisation has a pending Atypical Finding, the AFC shall so identify any such Player after first providing notice of the Atypical Finding to the Player.
53. **Analysis of the “B” Sample in Adverse Analytical Findings**

53.1. The Player has the right to request the analysis of the “B” Sample, within twelve (12) (In-Competition) or forty-eight (48) (Out-of-Competition) hours of being notified. The request of the analysis of the “B” Sample has no impact on a Provisional Suspension of the Player.

53.2. A Player may accept an “A” Sample analytical result by waiving his right to the “B” Sample analysis. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit may, however, request the analysis of the “B” Sample at any time if it believes that such analysis will be relevant for consideration of the Player’s case.

53.3. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall communicate the request for analysis of the “B” Sample immediately to the head of the laboratory where the “B” Sample is being kept. The analysis of the “B” Sample should be carried out within forty-eight (48) hours of the AFC’s request or as soon as possible.

53.3.1. The laboratory is required to be ready to perform the “B” Sample analysis within this time frame, as laid down in the agreement between the AFC and the respective laboratory prior to the Match and/or Competition where controls are being conducted.

53.3.2. If the laboratory is unable to perform the “B” Sample analysis within this time frame for technical or logistical reasons, the analysis shall take place at the next available date for the laboratory. This shall not be considered as a deviation from the International Standard for Laboratories susceptible to invalidate the analytical procedure and analytical results. No other reason shall be accepted for changing the date of the “B” Sample analysis.

53.4. The Player and/or his representative shall be allowed to be present at the opening of the “B” Sample analysis and to attend the analysis throughout. A representative of the Player’s Member Association or club may also be present and attend throughout, as may a representative of the AFC.
53.5. The results of the “B” Sample analysis shall be sent immediately by confidential facsimile or encrypted electronic mail to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit. On receipt of the laboratory report, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall conduct any follow-up investigation that may be required by the Prohibited List. Upon completion of this investigation, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall promptly notify the Player regarding the results of the follow-up investigation and whether or not the AFC asserts, or continues to assert, that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred.

54. **Review of Atypical Passport Findings and Adverse Passport Findings**

54.1. Review of Atypical Passport Findings and Adverse Passport Findings shall take place as provided in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations and International Standard for Laboratories. At such time as the AFC is satisfied that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, it shall promptly give the Player (and simultaneously the Player’s NADO and WADA) notice of the anti-doping rule violation asserted and the basis of that assertion.

55. **Review of Whereabouts failures**

55.1. The AFC shall review potential filing failures and missed tests, as defined in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, in respect of Players who file their whereabouts information with the AFC, in accordance with Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations. At such time as the AFC is satisfied that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred under Article 9, it shall promptly give the Player (and simultaneously the Player’s NADO, FIFA and WADA) notice that it is asserting a violation of Article 9 and the basis of that assertion.

56. **Review of other anti-doping rule violations**

56.1. In the case of any possible anti-doping rule violation where there is no Adverse Analytical Finding and no Atypical Finding, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall conduct any investigation based on the facts of the case that it deems to be necessary.
56.2. At such time as the AFC Anti-Doping Unit has reason to believe that an anti-doping rule violation might have occurred, it shall promptly notify the Player, the Player’s club and Member Association, FIFA and WADA of the anti-doping rule that appears to have been violated, and the basis of the violation.

56.3. The Player shall be afforded an opportunity, within a time limit set by the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, to provide an explanation in response to the anti-doping rule violation asserted.

57. **Retirement from Sport**

57.1. If a Player or other Person retires while the AFC is conducting any results management process, the AFC retains jurisdiction to complete its results management process.

57.2. If a Player or other Person retires before any results management process has begun and the AFC would have had results management authority over the Player or other Person at the time the Player or other Person committed an anti-doping rule violation, the AFC has authority to conduct results management in respect of that anti-doping rule violation.

58. **Retired Player returning to Competition**

58.1. If an International-Level or National-Level Player in a Registered Testing Pool retires and then wishes to return to active participation in sport, the Player shall not compete in International Competitions or National Competitions until the Player has made himself available for Testing, by giving six (6) months prior written notice to FIFA, the AFC and his NADO. WADA, in consultation with the AFC, may grant an exemption to the six (6) month written-notice rule where the strict application of that rule would be manifestly unfair to a Player. This decision may be appealed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code.
58.2. If a Player retires from sport while subject to a period of Ineligibility and then wishes to return to active competition in sport, the Player shall not compete in International Competitions or National Competitions until the Player has made themselves available for Testing by giving six (6) months prior written notice (or notice equivalent to the period of Ineligibility remaining as of the date the Player retired, if that period was longer than six (6) months) to the AFC and the Player’s NADO. The AFC may grant an exemption to the six (6) month written-notice rule where the strict application of that rule would be manifestly unfair to a Player. This decision may not be appealed.

58.3. If a Player retires while a results management process is under way, the AFC retains jurisdiction to complete its results management process.

58.4. If a Player retires before any results management process has begun, the Anti-Doping Organisation that would have had results management jurisdiction over the Player at the time the Player committed an anti-doping rule violation has jurisdiction to conduct results management.

X. Procedural Rules

Section 1: General provisions

59. Jurisdiction

59.1. Where it is asserted that an anti-doping rule has been violated in connection with any test conducted by the AFC, the case shall be submitted to the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee. In all other cases, it shall be submitted to the relevant hearing panel of a Member Association (or NADO).

59.2. The AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall decide appropriate sanctions in compliance with these Regulations and the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

59.3. In the case of a Player tested by the AFC, the AFC has the exclusive right to publish the test results and the relevant measures thereof.
59.4. For the purpose of Chapter X, references hereafter to the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning the relevant hearing panel of the Member Association (or NADO) and references to the Player shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning any Player Support Personnel or other person.

60. **Addressees of decisions and other documents**

60.1. Decisions and other documents intended for Players, clubs, Match Officials and Officials are addressed to the Member Association concerned on the condition that it forwards the documents to the parties concerned without delay. In the event that the documents were not also or solely sent to the party concerned, these documents are considered to have been communicated properly to the ultimate addressee in the manner provided in the relevant provisions of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

61. **Form of decisions**

61.1. Decisions communicated by facsimile, registered letter or electronic mail shall be legally binding.

61.2. The motivated decision will always be communicated to the parties, however, in exceptional circumstances; the parties may first be notified only of the terms of the decision which would be subsequently followed by the motivated decision in full, written form. The time limit to lodge an appeal, where applicable, begins upon receipt of the motivated decision.

**Section 2: Fair Hearing**

62. **Right to a fair hearing**

62.1. Every Player or other Person accused of an anti-doping rule violation shall have the right to request a hearing in front of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee before any decision on the merits is rendered in accordance with these Regulations and the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
63. **Hearing principles**

63.1. The AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall be fair and impartial and the hearing process shall respect the following rights of the Player or other Person:

63.3.1. the right to be assisted by counsel and an interpreter at the Player’s own expense;

63.3.2. the right to be informed in a fair and timely manner of the asserted anti-doping rule violation;

63.3.3. the right to respond to the asserted anti-doping rule violation and resulting consequences;

63.3.4. the right to present evidence, including the right to call and question witnesses;

63.3.5. the right to a timely, written and reasoned decision, specifically including an explanation of the reason(s) for any period of Ineligibility.

64. **Considerations of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee**

64.1. At the hearing, the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall consider first whether or not an anti-doping rule violation has been committed.
64.2. The AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may draw an adverse inference against the Player who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation based on the Player’s refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in Person or by telephone as directed by the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee) and to answer questions from the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

64.3. If the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee considers that an anti-doping rule violation has been committed, it shall consider the appropriate measures applicable under Articles 19 and 20 prior to the imposition of any period of Ineligibility. The Player shall have the opportunity to establish that there are specific or exceptional circumstances in his case that justify a reduction or elimination of the sanction otherwise applicable.

64.4. Where no hearing occurs, the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall consider whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed and, if so, the appropriate measures to take based on the content of the file, and render a reasoned decision explaining the actions taken.

65. **Procedure at a Competition**

65.1. The Chairperson of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may expedite the procedure at a Competition. He may conduct the hearing on his own or take other measures at his discretion, especially where the resolution of an anti-doping rule violation may affect the participation of a Player in the Competition.
Section 3: Proof of doping

66. Burdens and Standards of proof

66.1. The AFC shall have the burden of establishing that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. The standard of proof shall be whether the AFC has established an anti-doping rule violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation which is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

66.2. Where these Regulations place the burden of proof upon the Player or other Person alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability.

67. Methods of establishing facts and presumptions

67.1. Facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means, including admissions.

67.2. The following rules of proof shall be applicable in doping cases:

67.2.1. Analytical methods or decision limits approved by WADA after consultation within the relevant scientific community and which have been the subject of peer review are presumed to be scientifically valid. Any Player or other Person seeking to rebut this presumption of scientific validity shall, as a condition precedent to any such challenge, first notify WADA of the challenge and the basis of the challenge. At WADA’s request, the CAS panel shall appoint an appropriate scientific expert to assist the panel in its evaluation of the challenge. Within ten (10) days of WADA’s receipt of such notice, and WADA’s receipt of the CAS file, WADA shall also have the right to intervene as a party, appear amicus curiae, or otherwise provide evidence in such proceedings.
67.2.1. Article 67.2.1 is also applicable to any hearing before any judicial body of the AFC. In this context, references to the CAS shall be construed as meaning the applicable judicial body of the AFC.

67.2.2. WADA-accredited laboratories, and other laboratories approved by WADA, are presumed to have conducted Sample analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with the International Standard for Laboratories. The Player or other Person may rebut this presumption by establishing that a departure from the International Standard for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the Adverse Analytical Finding. If the Player or other Person rebuts the preceding presumption by showing that a departure from the International Standard for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the Adverse Analytical Finding, then the AFC shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding.

67.2.3. Departures from any other International Standard or other anti-doping rule or policy set forth in the Code or these Regulations which did not cause an Adverse Analytical Finding or other anti-doping rule violation shall not invalidate such evidence or results. If the Player or other Person establishes a departure from another International Standard or other anti-doping rule or policy which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an Adverse Analytical Finding or other anti-doping rule violation, then the AFC shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the Adverse Analytical Finding or the factual basis for the anti-doping rule violation.

67.2.4. The facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal shall be irrebuttable evidence against the Player
or other Person to whom the facts established by the decision are applicable unless the Player or other Person establishes that the decision violated principles of natural justice.

67.2.5. The hearing panel in a hearing on an anti-doping rule violation may draw an inference adverse to the Player or other Person who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation based on the Player’s or other Person’s refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as directed by the hearing panel) and to answer questions from the hearing panel or the AFC.

Section 4: Confidentiality and reporting

68. Information concerning potential anti-doping rule violations

68.1. The Player or other Person shall be notified as provided in Section 3 of Chapter IX.

68.2. The Anti-Doping Organisation that is responsible for managing the results shall notify the Player’s Member Association, NADO, FIFA, the AFC and WADA by no later than completion of the process described under Articles 52, 54, 55 and 56.

68.3. Notification shall include the Player’s name, country, sport, club, competitive level, whether the test was In-Competition or Out-of-Competition, the date of Sample collection, and the analytical result reported by the laboratory.

68.4. The same Persons and Anti-Doping Organisations shall be regularly updated on the status and findings of any review or proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter IX, Chapter VII, Sections 2 and 6 of Chapter X and shall be provided with a prompt written reasoned explanation or decision explaining the resolution of the matter.
68.5. The AFC shall be notified in accordance with Article 37 of the decision of the hearing panel pursuant to Sections 2 and 6 of Chapter X.

68.6. The recipient organisations shall not disclose this information beyond those Persons with a need to know (which would include the appropriate personnel at the applicable National Olympic Committee, Member Association and/or club) until the AFC or the Member Association concerned, according to the results management responsibility, has made public disclosure or has failed to make public disclosure as required under Article 69.

68.7. An Anti-Doping Organisation that declares, or that receives notice of, a whereabouts-related failure in respect of a Player shall not disclose that information beyond those Persons with a need to know unless and until that Player is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation under Article 9 based on such whereabouts-related failure. Such Persons who need to know shall also maintain the confidentiality of such information until the same point.

69. Public disclosure

69.1. No Anti-Doping Organisation or WADA-accredited laboratory, or official of either, shall publicly comment on the specific facts of a pending case (as opposed to general description of process and science) except in response to public comments attributed to the Player, other Person or their representatives.
69.2. Only after it has been determined in a hearing in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter X that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, or after such hearing has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not been timely challenged, may the AFC or the Member Association concerned, depending on who has responsibility for managing the results, Publicly Report the disposition of the anti-doping matter including the anti-doping rule violated, the name of the Player or other Person committing the violation, the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method involved and the consequences imposed according to their communication policy. The AFC or the Member Association concerned may also Publicly Report appeal decisions concerning anti-doping rule violations and they may also send all hearing and appeal decisions to WADA.

69.3. In any case where it is determined, after an appeal, that the Player or other Person did not commit an anti-doping rule violation, the decision may be disclosed publicly only with the consent of the Player or other Person who is the subject of the decision. The AFC or the Member Association shall Publicly Disclose the decision in its entirety or in such revised form as the Player or other Person may approve.

69.4. For the purpose of this Article, publication shall be accomplished at a minimum by placing the required information on the AFC or the Member Association’s website.
70. **Information concerning whereabouts and Testing**

70.1. The current whereabouts information of Players who have been identified by the AFC for inclusion in the IATP may be provided to WADA and to other Anti-Doping Organisations having jurisdiction to test the Player through ADAMS where reasonably feasible, as provided under the relevant article of the Code. This information shall be: maintained in strict confidence at all times; used exclusively for the purposes of planning, coordinating or conducting Testing; and destroyed after it is no longer relevant for these purposes.

70.2. The AFC may report all In-Competition and Out-of-Competition tests on Players from its IATP to the WADA clearing house. This information will be made accessible to the Player, the Player’s Member Association, FIFA, National Olympic Committee, NADO, and the International Olympic Committee.

70.3. The AFC shall, at least annually, publish a general statistical report of its Doping Control activities, with a copy provided to WADA.

71. **Data protection**

71.1. Handling of the personal information relating to Players or third parties that is collected, stored, processed or disclosed when performing the obligations under these Regulations has to comply with the applicable data protection and privacy laws and AFC rules in relation to that, as well as the International Standard for the Protection and Privacy of Personal Information issued by WADA.
Section 5: Recognition

72. Application and recognition of decisions

72.1. The AFC and its Member Associations shall recognise and respect actions subject to the right to appeal provided in these Regulations, Testing, hearing results or other final adjudications of any Signatory to the Code that are consistent with the Code and are within that Signatory’s authority.

72.2. The AFC and its Member Associations shall recognise the measures taken by other bodies which have not accepted the Code if the rules of those bodies are otherwise consistent with these Regulations.

73. Recognition by Member Associations

73.1. Where Doping Controls have been carried out by the AFC or a Member Association in accordance with these Regulations, every Member Association shall recognise the results of such Doping Controls.

73.2. Where decisions have been made by the AFC or a Member Association regarding a breach of these Regulations, every Member Association shall recognise such decisions and shall take all necessary action to render such decisions effective.

Section 6: Appeals

74. Decisions subject to Appeal

74.1. Decisions made under these Regulations may be appealed as set forth below in Articles 75 to 80 or as otherwise provided in these Regulations, the Code or the International Standards. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise. Before an appeal is commenced, any post-decision review provided in the Anti-Doping Organisation’s rules must be exhausted, provided that such review respects the principles set forth in Article 75.3 of these Regulations, except as provided in Article 74.4.
74.2. The scope of review on appeal includes all issues relevant to the matter and is expressly not limited to the issues or scope of review before the initial decision-maker.

74.3. In making its decision, CAS does not need to give deference to the discretion exercised by the body whose decision is being appealed.

74.4. Where WADA has a right to appeal under Articles 74 to 80 and no other party has appealed a final decision of a competent decision-making body of the AFC, WADA may appeal such decision directly to CAS without having to exhaust other internal remedies in the AFC judicial process.

75. Appeals from decisions regarding anti-doping rule violations, consequences, Provisional Suspensions, recognition of decisions and jurisdiction

75.1. The following types of decisions may be appealed exclusively as provided by Articles 75-80 of these Regulations:

75.1.1 A decision that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, a decision imposing Consequences or not imposing Consequences for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule violation was committed;

75.1.2 A decision that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription);

75.1.3 A decision by WADA not to grant an exception to the six (6) month notice-requirement for a retired Player to return to Competition pursuant to Article 58;

75.1.4 A decision by WADA assigning results management pursuant to Article 7.1 of the Code;
75.1.5. a decision by the AFC not to bring forward an Adverse Analytical Finding or an Atypical Finding as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation under these Regulations;

75.1.6. a decision to impose a Provisional Suspension as a result of a Provisional Hearing;

75.1.7. the AFC’s failure to comply with Chapter VII;

75.1.8. a decision that the AFC lacks jurisdiction to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its Consequences;

75.1.9. a decision to suspend, or not suspend, a period of Ineligibility or to reinstate, or not reinstate, a suspended period of Ineligibility pursuant to Article 23.2;

75.1.10. a decision pursuant to Article 29.5;

75.1.11. a challenge brought forth by a Player under Article 67.2.1 regarding the presumption of scientific validity of Analytical methods or decision limits approved by WADA; and

75.1.12. a decision by the AFC not to recognise another Anti-Doping Organisation’s decision under Article 72.

75.2. In cases arising from participation in an International Competition or in cases involving International-Level Players, a decision of the final competent decision-making body of the AFC or the Member Associations may be appealed exclusively to CAS.
75.3. In cases where Article 75.2 is not applicable, the decision may be appealed to a national-level appeal body, being an independent and impartial body established in accordance with rules adopted by the NADO having jurisdiction over the Player or other Person. The rules for such appeal shall respect the following principles: a timely hearing; a fair and impartial hearing panel; the right to be represented by counsel at the Player or other Person’s own expense; and a timely, written, reasoned decision. If the NADO has not established such a body, the decision may be appealed to CAS in accordance with the provisions applicable before such court.

75.4. In cases involving Article 75.2, the following parties shall have the right to appeal to CAS:

75.4.1. the Player or other Person who is the subject of the decision being appealed;

75.4.2. the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered;

75.4.3. the AFC;

75.4.4. the NADO of the Person’s country of residence or countries where the Person is a national or license holder;

75.4.5. the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games;

75.4.6. FIFA; and

75.4.7. WADA.
75.5. In cases involving Article 75.3:

75.5.1. the parties having the right to appeal to the national-level appeal body shall be as provided in the NADO’s rules but, at a minimum, shall include those same parties as set out in Article 75.4.1 to 75.4.7;

75.5.2. the parties having the right to appeal also to CAS with respect to the decision of the national-level appeal body shall be WADA, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, FIFA and the AFC. Any party filing an appeal shall be entitled to assistance from CAS to obtain all relevant information from the Anti-Doping Organisation whose decision is being appealed and the information shall be provided if CAS so directs.

75.6. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the only Person who may appeal a Provisional Suspension is the Player or other Person upon whom the Provisional Suspension is imposed.

75.7. Cross appeals and other subsequent appeals by any respondent named in cases brought to CAS under the Code are specifically permitted. Any party with a right to appeal pursuant to the Appeals Section of these Regulations must file a cross-appeal or subsequent appeal at the latest, with the party’s answer.

75.8. Where the final competent decision-making body of the AFC upholds a challenge pursuant to Article 67.2.1.1, WADA may elect to appeal directly to CAS.

76. Failure to render a timely decision

76.1. Where, in a particular case, the AFC fails to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by WADA, WADA may elect to appeal directly to CAS as if the AFC had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the CAS hearing panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that WADA acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to CAS, then WADA’s costs and attorney fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to WADA by the AFC.
76.2. Where, in a particular case, a Member Association fails to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by the AFC, the AFC may elect to appeal directly to CAS as if the Member Association had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the CAS hearing panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that the AFC acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to CAS, then the AFC’s costs and attorney fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to the AFC by the Member Association.

77. ** Appeals relating to TUEs

77.1. TUE decisions may be appealed exclusively as provided in Articles 18 and 82.

78. ** Notification of Appeal decisions

78.1. Any Anti-Doping Organisation that is a party to an appeal shall promptly provide the appeal decision to the Player or other Person and to the other Anti-Doping Organisations that would have been entitled to appeal under Article 75.4 of these Regulations.

79. ** Appeal from decisions pursuant to Article 83

79.1. Decisions by the AFC pursuant to Article 83 may be appealed exclusively to CAS by a Member Association.

80. ** Time for filing Appeals

80.1. The time to file an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the motivated decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings that led to the decision being appealed:
80.1.1. Within fifteen (15) days from notice of the decision, such party(ies) shall have the right to request a copy of the case file translated in English from the body that issued the decision;

80.1.2. If such a request is made within the fifteen (15) day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty one (21) days from receipt of the file to file an appeal to CAS.

80.2. The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by WADA shall be the later of:

80.2.1. Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed; or

80.2.2. Twenty-one (21) days after WADA’s receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

80.3. The time to file an appeal made pursuant to Article 75.3 to an independent and impartial body established at national level in accordance with rules established by the NADO shall be indicated by the same rules of the NADO.

80.4. The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal or intervention filed by WADA shall be the later of:

80.4.1. Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed, or

80.4.2. Twenty-one (21) days after WADA’s receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.
80.5. Where the AFC appeals against a decision of a Member Association or Anti-Doping Organisation to CAS under this Chapter, the applicable law for the proceeding shall be the AFC regulations, in particular, the AFC Statutes, these Regulations and the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

80.6. Where the AFC appeals against a decision of a Member Association or Anti-Doping Organisation to CAS under this Chapter, the AFC’s time limits stipulated in Article 80.1.1 of these Regulations shall start with the receipt of the relevant document(s) by the AFC Anti-doping unit.

80.7. The time limits set out above shall start from the day following receipt of the relevant document.

81. AFC not required to exhaust internal remedies

81.1. Where the AFC has a right to appeal under this Chapter and no other party has appealed a final decision of a competent decision-making body of an Anti-Doping Organisation, the AFC may appeal such a decision directly to CAS without having to exhaust other remedies in the Anti-Doping Organisation’s judicial process.

82. Appeals against decisions granting or denying a Therapeutic Use Exemption

82.1. WADA, at the request of a Player or on its own initiative, may review the granting or denial of any TUE by the AFC. Decisions by WADA reversing the granting or denial of a TUE may be appealed exclusively to CAS by the Player or the AFC.

82.2. Decisions by the AFC, Member Associations or NADOs denying TUEs, which are not reversed by WADA, may be appealed by Players to CAS or to the national-level appeal body as described under these Regulations. If the national-level appeal body reverses the decision to deny a TUE, that decision may be appealed to CAS by WADA.
82.3. When the AFC, a Member Association or NADO fails to take action on a properly submitted application for a TUE within a reasonable time, this failure to decide may be considered a denial for the purpose of the appeal rights provided in this Article.

83. **Sanctions and costs assessed against sporting bodies**

83.1. The AFC has the authority to withhold some or all funding or other non-financial support to Member Associations that are not in compliance with these Regulations.

83.2. Member Associations shall be obligated to reimburse the AFC for all costs (including without limitation to laboratory fees, hearing expenses and travel) related to a violation of these Regulations committed by a Player or other Person affiliated with that Member Association.

**FINAL TITLE**

84. **Official languages**

84.1. These Regulations shall be officially published in English.

84.2. In case of any discrepancy in the unofficial interpretation of any translation of these Regulations, the English text will be authoritative.

85. **Additional regulations**

85.1. The provisions of the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code and all other AFC Regulations shall apply in addition to these Regulations.
86. Amendment and Interpretation

86.1. Matters not provided for in these Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be settled by the final decision of the relevant AFC committee.

86.2. These Regulations shall be implemented according to the AFC Statutes, AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code and other AFC Regulations. In case of any discrepancy between these Regulations and any applicable AFC Regulations, these Regulations will be authoritative.

86.3. These Regulations govern all parts of AFC’s anti-doping work and are in compliance with the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations. In the event of any discrepancy between the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations and these Regulations, the provisions of the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations shall prevail (save to the extent that such discrepancy relates to any area in which the AFC has sole discretion, including without limitation, test jurisdiction and Registered Testing Pools, or, circumstances where FIFA has formally indicated its agreement with the AFC’s differing position in writing).

86.4. These Regulations may be amended from time to time by the AFC.

86.5. These Regulations shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes.

86.6. The headings used for the various Chapters, Sections, and Articles of these Regulations are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of these Regulations or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

86.7. These Regulations were adopted by the AFC Executive Committee on 26 October 2019 and come into force on 15 December 2019. They shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the Effective Date subject to the following:
86.7.1. Anti-doping rule violations taking place prior to the Effective Date count as “first violations” or “second violations” for the purpose of determining sanctions pursuant to Articles 6 to 15 for violations taking place after the Effective Date.

86.7.2. The retrospective periods in which prior violations can be considered for the purpose of multiple violations under Article 24.6 and the statute of limitations set forth in Article 39 are procedural rules and should be applied retroactively; provided, however, that Article 39 shall only be applied retroactively if the statute of limitations period has not already expired by the Effective Date. Otherwise, with respect to any anti-doping rule violation case which is pending as of the Effective Date and any anti-doping rule violation case brought after the Effective Date based on an anti-doping rule violation which occurred prior to the Effective Date, the case shall be governed by the substantive anti-doping rules in effect at the time the alleged anti-doping rule violation occurred unless the panel hearing the case determines the principle of *lex mitior* appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case.

86.7.3. Any whereabouts failure under Article 9 (whether a filing failure or a missed test, as those terms are defined in the International Standard for Testing and Investigations) prior to the Effective Date shall be carried forward and may be relied upon, prior to expiry, in accordance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigation, but it shall be deemed to have expired twelve (12) months after it occurred.
86.7.4. With respect to cases where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Effective Date, but the Player or other Person is still serving the period of Ineligibility as of the Effective Date, the Player or other Person may apply to the Anti-Doping Organisation which had results management responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of Ineligibility in light of these Regulations. Such application must be made before the period of Ineligibility has expired. The decision rendered may be appealed pursuant to Article 75. These Regulations shall have no application to any case where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and the period of Ineligibility has expired.

86.7.5. For purposes of assessing the period of Ineligibility for a second violation in accordance with Article 24.1, where the sanction for the first violation was determined based on rules in force prior to the Effective Date, the period of Ineligibility which would have been assessed for that first violation had these Regulations been applicable, shall be applied.

86.8. Subject always to these Regulations, anti-doping rule violations committed pursuant to those regulations in force prior to the Effective Date shall be taken into account as prior offences for purposes of determining sanctions with respect to multiple sanctions.
ANNEXE A

I. The Prohibited List

I.1. Reference is made to the Prohibited List published by WADA, which is available on www.wada-ama.org.

ANNEXE B

I. Therapeutic Use Exemptions applications

I.1. An application for a TUE will be reviewed by the AFC Medical Committee represented by the AFC TUE Advisory Group.

I.2. A Player may be granted a TUE (if and only if) he can show that he has met each of the following conditions, which may be revised by the AFC TUE Advisory Group in compliance with the International Standard for TUEs and will be published in the AFC TUE policy:

I.2.1. The Player shall submit an application for a TUE within the time limit stipulated in the published AFC TUE policy in force.

I.2.2. The Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method in question is needed to treat an acute or chronic medical condition such that the Player would experience a significant impairment to health if the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method were to be withheld.

I.2.3. The therapeutic use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is highly unlikely to produce any additional enhancement of performance beyond what might be anticipated by a return to the Player’s normal state of health following the treatment of the acute or chronic medical condition.
I.2.4. There is no reasonable therapeutic alternative to the Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.

I.2.5. The necessity for the Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not a consequence, wholly or in part, of the prior Use (without a TUE) of a substance or method which was prohibited at the time of such Use.

I.3. A TUE will be cancelled by the AFC TUE Advisory Group if:

I.3.1. the Player does not promptly comply with any requirements or conditions imposed by the AFC TUE Advisory Group;

I.3.2. the term for which the TUE was granted has expired;

I.3.3. the Player is advised that the TUE has been withdrawn by the AFC TUE Advisory Group; or

I.3.4. a decision granting a TUE has been reversed by WADA or CAS.

I.4. An application for a TUE will not be considered for retroactive approval, except in cases where:

I.4.1. emergency treatment or treatment of an acute medical condition was necessary; or

I.4.2. due to exceptional circumstances, there was insufficient time or opportunity for an applicant to submit, or the AFC TUE Advisory Group to consider, an application prior to Doping Control.

Confidentiality of information

I.5. The collection, storage, processing, disclosure and retention of personal information by the AFC in the TUE process complies with the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information.
I.6. A Player applying for a TUE shall provide written consent for the transmission of all information pertaining to the application to members of all TUE committees with authority under the Code to review the file and, as required, other independent medical or scientific experts, and to all necessary staff involved in the management, review or appeal of TUEs, and WADA. In accordance with the provisions of the Code, the applicant shall also provide written consent for the decision of the AFC TUE Advisory Group to be distributed to other relevant Anti-Doping Organisations and Member Associations.

I.7. Should the assistance of external, independent experts be required, all details of the application shall be circulated without identifying the Player concerned.

I.8. The members of the AFC TUE Advisory Group, all independent experts and the staff of the AFC Sports Medicine Unit and the AFC Anti-Doping Unit involved, will conduct all of their activities in strict confidence and will sign confidentiality agreements. In particular, they shall keep the following information confidential:

I.8.1. All medical information and data provided by the Player and doctor(s) involved in the Player’s care.

I.8.2. All details of the application, including the name of the doctor(s) involved in the process.

I.9. Should the Player wish to revoke the right of the AFC TUE Advisory Group or any TUE committee to obtain any health information on his behalf, the Player must notify his medical practitioner in writing of the fact. As a consequence of such a decision, the Player will not receive approval for a TUE or renewal of an existing TUE.
I.I.0. Where the player already has a TUE granted by his or her NADO for the substances or method in question, if that TUE meets the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, the AFC shall recognise it. If the AFC considers that the TUE does not meet those criteria and so refuses to recognise it, it must notify the Player and his or her NADO promptly, with reasons. The Player or NADO shall have twenty-one (21) days from such notification to refer the matter to WADA for review. If the matter is referred to WADA for review, the TUE granted by the NADO remains valid for National Competitions and Out-of-Competition Testing (but is not valid for International Competitions) pending WADA decision. If the matter is not referred to WADA for review, the TUE becomes invalid for any purpose when the twenty-one (21) day review deadline expires.

I.I.1. If the AFC grants the Player’s application, it shall notify not only the Player but also his or her NADO, and if the NADO considers that the TUE does not meet the criteria set out in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions, it has twenty-one (21) days from such notification to refer to WADA for review. If the NADO refers the matter to WADA for review, the TUE granted by the AFC remains valid for International Competition and Out-of-Competition Testing (but not valid for National Competitions) pending WADA’s decision. If the NADO does not refer the matter to WADA for review, the TUE granted by the AFC becomes valid for National Competitions as well as the twenty-one (21) day review deadline expires.
ANNEXE C

Whereabouts

I. Registered testing pool

I.1. The AFC shall establish a Registered Testing Pool (RTP) at an international level for out-of-competition testing. Players and club/teams designated under the AFC RTP are required to provide up-to-date whereabouts information to the AFC. The AFC RTP shall be defined and may be revised from time to time.

I.2. The teams and Players that are included in an AFC RTP, shall be notified about their inclusion in an AFC RTP and that they must provide accurate whereabouts information in accordance to these Regulations via a circular sent to their Member Association who shall forward it to the relevant Players and teams.

I.3. The responsibility of setting up a RTP at national level rests with the Member Associations/NADO concerned.

I.4. The AFC may submit the whereabouts information to WADA, FIFA or other authorised anti-doping organisation having authority to conduct testing of teams/clubs and/or Players in accordance with the Code.

I.5. The AFC shall establish three (3) different categories of Registered Testing Pool with specific whereabouts requirements:

I.5.1. **AFC Individual Athlete Testing Pool (IATP)**

The IATP includes Individual International-Level Players who are ineligible following a decision by an AFC judicial body or who are categorised as being high-risk Players by the AFC or who have been designated by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit for any other reason. Those players will be designated individually by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit and will be notified through the Member Association concerned. An explanation for the designation is not required. The Players in
the IATP shall follow all applicable AFC Regulations. The AFC may provide FIFA with the whereabouts information of a Player in the IATP.

Notwithstanding the above, FIFA also has its International Registered Testing Pool (FIFA IRTP) which shall comprise of individual International-Level Players who are ineligible following a decision by a FIFA-body or who are categorised as being high-risk Players by FIFA. Those Players will be designated individually by the FIFA Anti-Doping Unit and notified via the Member Association concerned. An explanation for the designation is not required.

All players within the jurisdiction of the AFC who are also notified by FIFA that they have been designated as members of the FIFA IRTP shall refer to the FIFA Anti-Doping Regulations for the relevant rules governing testing and whereabouts requirements.

I.5.2. The elite testing pool (ETP) includes clubs/representative teams participating at an elite AFC level specifically selected by the AFC.

I.5.3. The pre-Competition testing pool (PCTP) includes the representative teams participating in Competitions specifically selected by the AFC during the six (6) month preparation phase prior to the commencement of such Competitions. The relevant Member Associations will be informed of their selection.

I.6. The AFC must immediately inform through the relevant Member Association, the Players, representative teams and/or clubs that have been included in an AFC RTP in writing of:

I.6.1. their inclusion in the applicable AFC RTP;

I.6.2. fulfil the same whereabouts requirements as Players in the ETP; and

I.6.3. the consequences of any failure to comply with that requirement.
Each Member Association and/or club is required to ensure that the affected Players are aware of and comply with the whereabouts information that it files in accordance with these Regulations. Players are deemed to have been notified of their individual inclusion and/or inclusion of their representative team and/or club in an AFC RTP in accordance with Article 60.1 of these Regulations.

I.7. Players who have announced their retirement, wish to return to active participation in sport, are no longer in the IATP and/or whose club or representative team is no longer in an AFC RTP may not resume competing unless they:

I.7.1. notify the AFC, FIFA, relevant NADO, and WADA at least six (6) months before they expect to return to competition;

I.7.2. fulfil the same whereabouts requirements as Players in an AFC RTP;

I.7.3. comply with any applicable FIFA rules and regulations (including rules connected with the FIFA IRTP); and

I.7.4. are available for no-advance-notice Out-of-Competition Testing at any time during the period before their actual return to competition.

I.8. Players who are serving a period of Ineligibility will remain in the relevant AFC RTP until the end of the period of Ineligibility, unless they are designated for inclusion in the IATP.

I.9. Players who are injured and unable to play will remain in the relevant AFC RTP and might be subject to Target Testing, unless they are designated for inclusion in the IATP.
1.10. The AFC shall periodically review and update as necessary its criteria for including Players, clubs and representative teams in the applicable AFC RTP. The Player (in the case of IATP), clubs and representative teams (in case of ETP and PCTP) concerned must be informed of any changes made via their Member Association.

2. **Filing obligations**

2.1. Each Player (IATP), club (ETP) or representative team (PCTP) that is included in an AFC RTP is required to file accurate and complete whereabouts information in the manner set forth within Article 3 of this Annexe C.

2.2. A Player of a club or representative team in an AFC RTP may delegate the task of making some or all of the whereabouts filings required within Article 3 of this Annexe C to his Member Association or club (e.g. to be carried out by a coach or manager). It is assumed that a valid delegation has been made for all of the relevant whereabouts filings, unless the AFC is otherwise informed by the Player or as stipulated below within Article 2.3. It shall not be a defence to an allegation of a filing failure that the Player delegated such responsibility to a third party and/or that third party failed to comply with the applicable requirements.

2.3. A Player of a club or representative team in an AFC RTP who is serving a period of Ineligibility or who is injured or has given notice of retirement has to provide his whereabouts information to the AFC himself and/or via his Member Association for the time he still remains in an AFC RTP.
3. **Whereabouts requirements**

3.1. **IATP:**

On receiving notification of his designation, using the form provided by the AFC, each Player has to file his whereabouts information to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit through his Member Association concerned within ten (10) days of receiving notification of his designation. AFC shall provide the stipulated deadline of whereabouts submission. The Member Association has to submit the whereabouts report and their updates to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit as per the designated deadline. Furthermore, each Player has to inform through his/her Member Association to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit in writing of the end of his period of Ineligibility or rehabilitation as soon as this can be determined.

3.2. **ETP:**

Using the form provided by the AFC, each club or Member Association must file whereabouts information to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit for all of the Team Activity days as per the designated deadline provided by the AFC in any formal notification.

3.3. **PCTP:**

Using the form provided by the AFC, each Member Association must file whereabouts information to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit for all of the Team Activity days during the six (6) month period prior to the designated Competition.

3.4. At a minimum, the following information shall be provided:

3.4.1. Name of the Player, date of birth and the relevant team;

3.4.2. Full mailing address, email and telefax number for formal notice purposes;

3.4.3. Specific confirmation of the Player’s consent to the sharing of his whereabouts filing with other Anti-Doping Organisations having authority to test him;
3.4.4. For each day during the respective period, the full address of the place where the Player will be residing (e.g. home, temporary lodging, hotel, etc.)

3.4.5. For each day during the respective period, the time(s) each day of any regular activity, along with the venue and any other details required in order for the Player to be located during the time(s) in question; and

3.4.6. For each day during the specific period, one specific sixty (60)-minute time slot between 06:00 and 23:00 hours where the Player will be available and accessible for Testing at a specific location.

ETP/PCTP:
3.4.7. name of the relevant representative team or club;

3.4.8. full mailing address and fax number for formal notice purposes;

3.4.9. specific confirmation of the Players' consent to the sharing of their whereabouts filing with other Anti-Doping Organisations having authority to test them;

3.4.10. for each day of any Team Activity during the respective period in question, the full address of the place where the Player will be residing (e.g. home, temporary lodgings, hotel);

3.4.11. the team's Competition schedule for the respective period in question, including the name and address of each location where the team is scheduled to compete during this time and the dates on which it is scheduled to compete at such locations; and

3.4.12. for each day of any Team Activity during the respective period in question, the times of any collective activity (e.g. training) or individual activity under the supervision of the team (e.g. medical treatment), and other regular activities, if applicable, along with the venue and any other details required in order for the team to be located during the times in question.
3.5. **IATP**:  
It is the Player’s responsibility to ensure that all of the information provided in his whereabouts filing is accurate and sufficiently detailed to enable the AFC Anti-Doping Unit to locate him for Testing on any given day during the respective period, including but not limited to the sixty (60)-minute time slot specified for the day in his whereabouts filing.

3.6. **ETP/PCTP**:  
It is the Member Association/club’s responsibility to ensure that all whereabouts information provided in its whereabouts filing is accurate and sufficiently detailed to enable the AFC Anti-Doping Unit to locate the representative team for testing on each day of any Team Activity during the respective period.

3.7. Where any change in circumstances means that the information previously provided by the Player/team is no longer accurate or complete, the whereabouts filing must be updated so that the information on file is again accurate and complete.

Such update must be made as soon as possible, in case of the IATP, in any event prior to the sixty (60)-minute time slot specified in the filing for the day. Failure to do so shall have the consequences set forth in Articles 5, 6 and 7 of this Annexe C.

4. **Availability for Testing**

4.1. A Player in the IATP must specifically be present and available for Testing on any given day in the relevant period for the sixty (60) - minute time slot specified for the day in his whereabouts filing, at the location he had specified for the time slot in such filing.

4.2 A club or representative team in an RTP must be present and available for Testing on any given Team Activity day in the relevant period at the time and location it has specified for the Team Activity in its whereabouts filing. If located for Testing, the whole team must remain until the Sample collection has been completed.
5. **Liability for filing failure or missed tests**

5.1. Each Player in the IATP or whose club or representative team is in an AFC RTP is ultimately responsible at all times for providing accurate and complete whereabouts filings, including those made on behalf of and as delegated by the Player as set out in these Regulations.

5.2. Each Player in an IATP or whose club or representative team is in an AFC RTP is responsible for ensuring his availability for Testing at the given location during the sixty (60)-minute time slot specified for that day as specified in his whereabouts filing or for Team Activity as per the whereabouts filing of his club/Member Association. If an attempt to test the Player during the sixty (60)-minute time slot or during the Team Activity is unsuccessful, the Player will be liable for a missed test pursuant to Article 9 of these Regulations, subject to the requirements set forth in Article 8 of this Annexe C.

5.3. If any of the required information changes after a whereabouts filing is made, then, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 3 of this Annexe C, an update must be filed so that the whereabouts filing remains accurate at all times. If an update is not filed, and as a result an attempt to test a Player is unsuccessful, the Player will be liable for a missed test pursuant to Article 9 of these Regulations, subject to the requirements set forth in Article 8 of this Annexe C.

5.4. Each Member Association or club in an AFC RTP is responsible for providing accurate and complete whereabouts filings as required in these Regulations and for ensuring that the club or representative team is available for Testing at the time and location specified for Team Activity in its whereabouts filing. If a Member Association or club fails to comply with the applicable whereabouts requirements, they may be sanctioned in accordance with the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.
5.5. The following without limitation, may constitute team whereabouts violations:

5.5.1. Whereabouts information sent late;

5.5.2. Incomplete or inaccurate whereabouts information; and

5.5.3. Absence of one or more Players from a doping control conducted on the team.

6. **Anti-doping rule violations**

6.1. A Player in any RTP (IATP or by virtue of his club or representative team being in an AFC RTP) shall be deemed to have committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 9 of these Regulations if he commits a total of three (3) whereabouts failures (which may be any combination of filing failures and/or missed tests adding up to three (3) in total) within any twelve (12) month period, irrespective of which Anti-Doping Organisation has declared the whereabouts failures in question.

6.2. The twelve (12) month period begins on the date that a Player commits a whereabouts failure. It is not affected by any successful Sample collection conducted with respect to the Player during the twelve (12) month period. However, if a Player that has committed one (1) whereabouts failure does not commit a further two (2) whereabouts failures within twelve (12) months of the first whereabouts failure, at the end of that twelve (12) month period the first whereabouts failure “expires” for the purposes set forth in Article 8 of this Annexe C.

6.3. Where a Player retires from but then returns to competition, his period of non-availability for Out-of-Competition Testing shall be disregarded for the purposes of calculating the twelve (12) month period.

6.4. Any Player who provides fraudulent information in his whereabouts filing, whether in relation to his location during the specified daily sixty (60)-minute time slot, or his location during the specified Team Activity, or in relation to his whereabouts outside that time slot, or otherwise, thereby commits an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 8 and/or Article 10 of these
Regulations. Sanctions may be imposed by the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee in accordance with the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

6.5. If a Member Association/club fails to provide the AFC with accurate and complete whereabouts information for a Player as required under these Regulations, it shall be subject to an evaluation by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit for a filing failure. The provisions set forth under Article 7 of this Annexe shall apply by analogy. If, as a result of such an evaluation, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit concludes that the Player/club/Member Association has failed its obligation to provide whereabouts information, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall notify the Member Association accordingly and submit the case to the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, which shall decide appropriate sanctions in compliance with the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Code.

7. Results management in respect of a filing failure

The results management process in respect of an apparent filing failure shall be as follows:

7.I. A Player may only be declared to have committed a filing failure where the AFC Anti-Doping Unit, following the results management procedure set forth below, can establish each of the following:

7.I.I. that the Player was duly notified:

7.I.I.1. that he had been designated for inclusion in the IATP and/or his club or representative team was designated for inclusion in an AFC RTP;

7.I.I.2. of the consequent requirement to make accurate and complete whereabouts filings; and

7.I.I.3. of the consequences of any failure to comply with that requirement;

7.I.2. that the Player failed to comply with that requirement by the applicable deadline;
7.1.3. that in case of a second or third filing failure within the stipulated deadlines, he was given notice of the previous filing failure in accordance with the provision set forth under Article 7.2 of this Annexe and failed to rectify that filing failure by the deadline specified in the notice; and

7.1.4. that the Player’s failure to comply was at least negligent. For these purposes, the Player will be presumed to have committed the failure negligently upon proof that he was notified of the requirement yet failed to comply with it. That presumption may only be rebutted by establishing that no negligent behaviour on his part caused or contributed to the failure.

7.2. If it appears that all of the requirements set forth within Article 7.1 of this Annexe C have been met, then, no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of discovery of the apparent filing failure, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit must send notice to the Player concerned in the manner set forth in Section 1 of Chapter X of these Regulations, inviting a response within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notice. The notice should inform the Player:

7.2.1. that, in order to avoid a further filing failure, the Player must make the required whereabouts filing within a deadline set by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit. The deadline shall be set at least twenty four (24) hours after receipt of the notice and no later than the end of the month in which the notice is received;

7.2.2. that, unless the Player persuades the AFC Anti-Doping Unit that there has not been any filing failure, an alleged whereabouts failure will be recorded against him;

7.2.3. whether any other whereabouts failures have been alleged against him in the twelve (12) month period prior to this alleged whereabouts failure; and

7.2.4. of the consequences to the Player if a hearing panel upholds the alleged whereabouts failure.
7.3. Where the Player disputes the apparent filing failure, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit must reassess whether all of the requirements set forth in Article 7.1 of this Annexe C have been met. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit must advise the Player, by letter sent no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the Player’s response, whether or not he maintains that there has been a filing failure.

7.4. If no response is received from the Player by the relevant deadline, or if the AFC Anti-Doping Unit maintains that there has been a filing failure, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall send notice to the Player that an alleged filing failure is to be recorded. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall at the same time advise the Player that he has the right to an administrative review of that decision.

7.5. Where requested by the Player, such administrative review shall be conducted by a designee of the AFC Anti-Doping Unit who was not involved in the previous assessment of the alleged filing failure. The review shall be based on written submissions only, and shall consider whether all of the requirements set forth in Article 7.1 of this Annexe C have been met. The review shall be completed within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the request and the decision shall be communicated by letter sent no more than seven (7) days after the decision is made.

7.6. If it appears, upon such review, that the requirements set forth in Article 7.1 of this Annexe C have not been met, then the alleged filing failure shall not be treated as a whereabouts failure for any purpose. The Player shall be notified accordingly.

7.7. If the Player does not request an administrative review of the alleged filing failure by the relevant deadline, or if the administrative review leads to the conclusion that all of the requirements set forth in Article 7.1 of this Annexe C have been met, then the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall record a filing failure against the Player and shall notify the Player, his Member Association, his club, FIFA, WADA and all other relevant Anti-Doping Organisations of that filing failure and the date of its occurrence in the manner set forth in Article 68.7 of these Regulations.
7.8. Any notice sent pursuant to this Article 7 informing of the decision that there has been no filing failure shall also be sent to WADA and any other party with a right of appeal set out in Chapter X of these Regulations. This decision may be appealed by WADA and/or such parties in accordance with that Chapter.

8. Results management in respect of a missed test

The results management process in the case of an apparent missed test shall be as follows:

8.1. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall file a report on any unsuccessful attempt with the AFC Anti-Doping Unit, setting out the details of the attempted Sample collection, including the date of the attempt, the location visited, the exact arrival and departure times at the location, the step(s) taken at the location to try to find the Player, including details of any contact made with third parties, and any other relevant details about the attempted Sample collection.

8.2. A Player may only be declared to have missed a test where the AFC Anti-Doping Unit can establish each of the following:

8.2.1. that when the Player, was given notice that he had been included in the IATP or that his club/Member Association had been included in an AFC RTP, he was advised of his liability for a missed test if he was unavailable for Testing during the sixty (60)-minute time slot specified in the Player’s whereabouts filing or during the time specified for Team Activity in the whereabouts filing; and/or

8.2.2. that an AFC Doping Control Officer attempted to test the Player on a given day, during the sixty (60)-minute time slot specified in the Player’s whereabouts filing for that day and/or the time slot specified for Team Activity in the whereabouts filing, by visiting the location specified in the whereabouts filing for that time slot and/or Team Activity in the whereabouts filing for that day;
8.2.3. that during that specified sixty (60)-minute slot and/or Team Activity, the AFC Doping Control Officer did all that was reasonable in the circumstances to try to locate the Player, short of giving the Player or Member Association or club any advance notice of the test;

8.2.4. that the provisions set forth herein under Article 8.3 of this Annexe C have been met, if applicable; and

8.2.5. that the Player’s failure to be available for Testing at the specified location during the sixty (60)-minute time slot and/or for the Team Activity was at least negligent. For these purposes, the Player will be presumed to have been negligent upon proof of the matters set forth under this paragraph. That presumption may only be rebutted by the Player establishing that no negligent behaviour on his part caused or contributed to him:

8.2.5.1. being unavailable for Testing at such location during such time slot; and

8.2.5.2. failing to update his most recent whereabouts filing to give notice of a different location where he would instead be available for Testing during a specified sixty (60)-minute time slot and/or Team Activity on the relevant day.

8.3. To ensure fairness, where an unsuccessful attempt has been made to test a Player during one of the sixty (60)-minute time slots and/or slots for Team Activity specified in his whereabouts filing, any subsequent attempt to test that Player may only be counted as a missed test if that subsequent attempt takes place after the Player has received notice, in accordance with Article 8.4 of this Annexe C, of the original unsuccessful attempt.

8.4. If it appears that all of the requirements set forth in Article 8.2 of this Annexe C have been met, then no later than fourteen (14) days after the date of the unsuccessful attempt, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit must send notice to the Player of the unsuccessful attempt in the manner set forth in Section 1 of Chapter X of these Regulations, inviting a response within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the notice. The notice should inform the Player:
8.4.1. that, unless the Player persuades the AFC Anti-Doping Unit that there has not been any missed test, a missed test will be recorded;

8.4.2. whether any other whereabouts failures have been declared against him in the twelve (12) month period prior to this alleged missed test; and

8.4.3. of the consequences to the Player if a hearing panel upholds the alleged missed test.

8.5. Where the Player disputes the apparent missed test, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit must reassess whether all of the requirements set forth in Article 8.2 of this Annexe C have been met. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit must advise the Player, by letter sent no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of its response, whether it maintains that there has been a missed test.

8.6. If no response is received by the relevant deadline, or if the AFC Anti-Doping Unit maintains that there has been a missed test, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall send notice to the Player that an alleged missed test is to be recorded. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall at the same time advise the Player that he has the right to request an administrative review of the alleged missed test. The report on the unsuccessful attempt must be provided at this point if it has not been provided earlier in the process.

8.7. Where requested, such administrative review shall be conducted by a designee of the AFC Anti-Doping Unit who was not involved in the previous assessment of the alleged missed test. The review shall be based on written submissions only, and shall consider whether all of the requirements set forth in Article 8.2 of this Annexe C have been met. If necessary, the relevant AFC Doping Control Officer may be asked to provide further information to the designee. The review shall be completed within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the request and the decision shall be communicated by letter sent no more than seven (7) days after the decision is made.
8.8. If it appears, upon such review, that the requirements set forth in Article 8.2 of this Annexe C have not been met, then the unsuccessful attempt to test the Player shall not be treated as a missed test for any purpose. The Player shall be notified accordingly.

8.9. If the Player does not request an administrative review of the alleged missed test by the relevant deadline, or if the administrative review leads to the conclusion that all of the requirements set forth in Article 8.2 of this Annexe C have been met, then the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall record a missed test and shall notify the Player, his Member Association, his club, FIFA, WADA and all other relevant Anti-Doping Organisations of that missed test and the date of its occurrence in the manner set forth in Article 68.7 of these Regulations.

8.10. Any notice sent pursuant to this Article 8 agreeing that there has been no missed test shall also be sent to WADA and any other party with a right of appeal set out in Chapter X of these Regulations, and may be appealed by WADA and/or such parties in accordance with that Chapter.

9. Responsibility for conducting proceedings

9.1. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall keep a record of all whereabouts failures alleged in respect of each Player within its RTPs. Where it is alleged that such a Player has committed three (3) whereabouts failures within any twelve (12) month period, the responsibility for bringing proceedings against the Player pursuant to Article 9 of these Regulations shall be as follows:

9.1.1. the AFC shall be responsible if two (2) or more of those whereabouts failures were alleged by the AFC or, if the whereabouts failures were alleged by three (3) different Anti-Doping Organisations, the Player concerned was included in an AFC RTP as of the date of the third whereabouts failure;
9.1.2. the Member Association or NADO concerned shall be responsible if two (2) or more of those whereabouts failures were alleged by it or, if the whereabouts failures were alleged by three (3) different Anti-Doping Organisations, the Player concerned was included in the national Registered Testing Pool as of the date of the third whereabouts failure. In this case, references to the AFC or AFC Disciplinary & Ethics Committee shall, where appropriate, be understood as meaning the Member Association or NADO or relevant hearing panel.

9.2. The AFC shall have the right to request and receive further information about alleged whereabouts failures from any other Anti-Doping Organisation in order to assess the strength of the evidence of such alleged whereabouts failures and to bring proceedings in accordance with Article 9 of these Regulations. If the AFC decides in good faith that the evidence in relation to such alleged whereabouts failures is insufficient to support such proceedings in accordance with Article 9 of these Regulations, then it may decline to bring proceedings based on such alleged whereabouts failures. Any decision by the AFC that a declared whereabouts failure should be disregarded for lack of sufficient evidence shall be communicated to the other Anti-Doping Organisations, FIFA and to WADA, shall be without prejudice to WADA’s right of appeal set out in Chapter X of these Regulations, and in any event shall not affect the validity of the other whereabouts failures alleged against the Player in question.

9.3. The AFC shall also consider in good faith whether or not a Provisional Suspension should be imposed on the Player pending determination of the proceedings, in accordance with Chapter VII of these Regulations.

9.4. A Player alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 9 of these Regulations shall have the right to have such allegation determined at a full evidentiary hearing in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter X of these Regulations.
9.5. The AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee shall not be bound by any determination made during the results management process, whether as to the adequacy of any explanation offered for a whereabouts failure or otherwise. Instead, the burden shall be on the AFC to establish all of the requisite elements of each alleged whereabouts failure.

9.6. If the AFC Disciplinary and Ethics Committee decides that one (1) or two (2) alleged whereabouts failures have been established to the required standard, but that the third alleged whereabouts failure has not, then no violation of Article 9 of these Regulations shall be found to have occurred. However, if the Player then commits one (1) or two (2) further whereabouts failures within the relevant twelve (12) month period, new proceedings may be brought based on a combination of the whereabouts failure(s) established to the satisfaction of the hearing panel in the previous proceedings (in accordance with Article 68.3 of these Regulations) and the whereabouts failure(s) subsequently committed by the Player.

9.7. Where the AFC fails to bring proceedings against a Player under Article 9 of these Regulations within thirty (30) days of WADA receiving notice of that Player’s third alleged whereabouts failure in any twelve (12) month period, then it shall be deemed that the AFC has decided that no anti-doping rule violation was committed, for the purposes of triggering the appeal rights set forth in Chapter X of these Regulations.
ANNEXE D

I. Testing procedure

I.1. When initial contact is made with the selected Player, the AFC, the AFC Doping Control Officer and/or the Chaperone, as applicable, shall ensure that the Player and/or a third party (if required in accordance with Article 4.3 of this annexe) is informed:

I.1.1. that the Player required to undergo a Sample collection;

I.1.2. that the AFC is the Sample collection authority;

I.1.3. of the type of Sample collection and any conditions that need to be adhered to prior to the Sample collection;

I.1.4. of the Player’s rights, including the right to:

I.1.4.1. have a representative present and, if available, an interpreter;

I.1.4.2. ask for additional information about the Sample collection process;

I.1.4.3. request a delay in reporting to the Doping Control room for valid reasons.

I.1.5. of the Player’s responsibilities, including the requirement to:

I.1.5.1. remain within direct observation of the AFC Doping Control Officer and/or the Chaperone at all times from the time the initial contact is made with the Player until completion of the Sample collection session;

I.1.5.2. provide adequate identification;

I.1.5.3. comply with Sample collection procedures (and the Player should be advised of the possible consequences of the failure to comply in accordance with Article 44 of the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations); and

I.1.5.4. report immediately for Sample collection, unless there are valid reasons for a delay.
I.1.6. of the location of the Doping Control room;

I.1.7. that should the Player choose to consume food or fluids prior providing a Sample, he does so at his own risk;

I.1.8. not to hydrate excessively, since this may delay the production of a suitable Sample; and

I.1.9. that any urine Sample provided by the Player to the Sample collection personnel should be the first urine passed by the Player subsequent to notification, i.e. he should not pass urine in the shower or otherwise prior providing a Sample to the Sample collection personnel.

I.2. When contact is made with the selected Player, the AFC Doping Control Officer and/or Chaperon shall:

I.2.1. keep the Player under constant observation, from the time that initial contact is made with the Player until completion of the Sample collection session;

I.2.2. identify himself to the Player; and

I.2.3. confirm the Player’s identity.

I.3. The AFC Doping Control Officer and/or Chaperone shall have the Player sign the relevant section of the Doping Control Form (DCF) to acknowledge and accept the notification. If the Player refuses to sign the DCF to confirm that he has been notified, or evades notification, the AFC Doping Control Officer and/or Chaperone shall, if possible, inform the Player of the consequences of refusing or failing to comply. If it is the Chaperone who has dealt with the matter and not the AFC Doping Control Officer, he shall immediately report all relevant facts to the AFC Doping Control Officer, who in turn shall report the facts to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit. Where possible, the AFC Doping Control Officer shall proceed to collect a Sample. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall document the facts and report the circumstances to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit. AFC shall follow the steps prescribed in Article 44 of the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations;

I.4. The process set out in this Annexe may be adapted by the AFC to fit the particular requirements of each specific Competition and football discipline, particularly for beach soccer and futsal.
2. **Procedure for In-Competition no-advance-notice tests**

2.1. In principle, two (2) players from each team are selected for testing either drawn in random by the AFC Doping Control Officer or via target methods by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit. Additional players may be summoned for sample collection (in accordance with Article 2.3 and 2.4 of this Annex). In the case of Competitions with lower Player numbers e.g. beach soccer or futsal, in principle one (1) Player per team may be tested.

2.2. Players shall be notified with no advance notice except where Article 4.3 of this Annex is applicable.

**Preparing for the Sample collection session**

2.3. If either of these two (2) Players is injured before the Match is over, the AFC Doping Control Officer shall decide whether or not the injury is severe enough to prevent the Player from undergoing a doping test. If he decides the injury is severe enough, the AFC Doping Control Officer shall perform a draw in order to replace the injured player for the doping test.

2.4. In addition, the AFC Doping Control Officer is entitled to appoint additional Players to be tested at any time prior to, during or after the Match. An explanation for the appointment is not required.

**Notification of Players**

2.5. If a Player is shown the red card at any time of the Match, the AFC Doping Control Officer shall decide whether the Player is to be escorted by the Chaperones to the Doping Control room, his team’s changing room or the area of the stand allocated to his team to watch the Match from there until the names of the Players selected for the doping test are known, so that he is available to undergo the test immediately after the Match, if necessary. The Player may propose to voluntarily provide a Sample in order to be released after the procedure. However, the AFC Doping Control Officer may accept or decline the Player’s proposal without giving any justification.
3. **Procedure for Out-of-Competition no-advance-notice tests during team activities**

**Preparing for the Sample collection session**

3.1. The AFC conducts no-advance-notice doping tests based on the whereabouts of teams in an AFC RTP, in accordance with the test distribution plan, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit selects teams for Testing.

3.2. If the team cannot be contacted by the AFC Doping Control Officer after reasonable attempts have been made using the whereabouts information provided, the matter shall be reported to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit as soon as possible, as set forth in Annexe C. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall then proceed to evaluate whether there has been a whereabouts filing failure in accordance with Annexe C.

3.3. If the AFC Doping Control Officer has located the team, he shall identify himself to the head of the delegation or the relevant representative of the team or club concerned by presenting his authorisation as a AFC Doping Control Officer and the assignment for the respective control, and discuss the procedure for the doping test with that person and, the team doctor if applicable.

3.4. The head of delegation or the relevant representative of the team or club concerned shall give the AFC Doping Control Officer an up-to-date list of the Players in the team, including any absent Players at the time the doping test is undertaken. The reasons for any such absences shall be given to the AFC Doping Control Officer, as well as the scheduled time of arrival at or return to the location of the Team Activities for these Players. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall decide whether these Players are to be included in the draw procedure for Players having to undergo a doping test. He shall further notify the AFC Anti-Doping Unit, who shall proceed to evaluate whether there has been a whereabouts filing failure in accordance with Annexe C.
3.5. Players to undergo sample collection are either drawn by the AFC Doping Control Officer or targeted by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit.

Notification of Players

3.6. The AFC Doping Control Officer and the team official/team doctor present shall sign the DCF. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall notify the Player. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall:

3.6.1. identify himself to the Player by showing him his authorisation as a AFC Doping Control Officer and the assignment for the respective control;

3.6.2. ask the Player to produce identification and confirm the Player’s identity to ensure that the Player who is to be notified is the same Player who has been selected for Doping Control. The method of identification of the Player or the failure by the Player to confirm his identity shall be documented and reported to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit. In such case, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall decide whether it is appropriate to report the situation as a failure to comply as set forth under Article 44 of the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.
4. **Procedure for Out-of-Competition no-advance-notice tests on individual Players**

4.1. The AFC conducts no-advance-notice doping tests based on the individual whereabouts of Players in an AFC RTP. In accordance with the test distribution plan, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit and/or the AFC Doping Control Officer (as applicable) selects individual Players for Testing via random or target methods.

4.2. For no-advance-notice Out-of-Competition Sample collection, reasonable attempts should be made to notify Players of their selection for Sample collection. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall record all notification attempts that were made during such period.

4.3. When the Player is a Minor, or in situations where an interpreter is required and available, the AFC Doping Control Officer shall consider whether a third party must be notified prior to notification of the Player. Should the circumstances so require, particularly in situations where it is difficult to locate a Player on the pitch, the AFC Doping Control Officer may request the assistance of a third party in notifying the Player.

4.4. The identification procedure set forth under Article 3.6 of this Annexe D shall be followed. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall also inform the Player of his rights, including his right:

4.4.1. to have a representative and, if available, an interpreter;

4.4.2. to ask for additional information about the Sample collection process;

4.4.3. to request a delay in reporting to the doping control room for valid reasons (as set forth under Article 5 of this Annexe D); and

4.4.4. to request modifications because of disabilities.

In addition, the AFC Doping Control Officer shall also inform the Player of his responsibilities, including the requirement:
4.4.5. to report for a test within one (1) hour unless there are valid reasons for a delay;

4.4.6. to remain within direct observation, as set forth under Article 5 of this annexe; and

4.4.7. to remain within direct observation of the AFC Doping Control Officer until completion of the Sample collection process.

4.5. If the Player cannot be contacted by the AFC Doping Control Officer after reasonable attempts have been made using the whereabouts information provided by the Player, the matter shall be reported to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit as soon as possible, as set forth in Article 8.1 of Annexe C. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall then proceed to evaluate whether there has been a whereabouts failure in accordance with Annexe C.

5. Reporting time

5.1. From the time of notification until the Player leaves the Doping Control room at the end of his Sample collection session, he shall be kept under observation at all times.

5.2. For In-Competition controls, each Member Association and/or team concerned shall ensure that Players selected to undergo a doping test follow the Chaperone to the Doping Control room straight from the pitch as soon as the Match is over. For no-advance-notice tests on Players in the RTP, once the Player has been notified, he must report to the room assigned for Doping Control within one (1) hour.
5.3. The AFC Doping Control Officer may at his discretion consider any reasonable third party request or any request by the Player for permission to delay reporting to the Doping Control room following acknowledgement and acceptance of notification, and/or to temporarily leave the Doping Control room after arrival, and may grant such permission if the Player can be continuously kept under direct observation during the delay. For example, delayed reporting to and/or temporary departure from the Doping Control room may be permitted for the following activities:

For In-Competition Testing:

5.3.1. participation in a presentation ceremony;

5.3.2. fulfilment of media commitments (e.g. flash interviews, but not press conferences);

5.3.3. obtaining necessary medical treatment; and

5.3.4. any other reasonable circumstances, as determined by the AFC Doping Control Officer, taking into account any instructions given by AFC.

For Out-of-Competition Testing:

5.3.5. locating a representative;

5.3.6. completing a training session;

5.3.7. receiving necessary medical treatment;

5.3.8. obtaining photo identification; or

5.3.9. any other reasonable circumstances as determined by the AFC Doping Control Officer, taking into account any instructions given by AFC.
5.4. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall document any reasons for delay in reporting to the Doping Control room and/or reasons for leaving the Doping Control room that may require further investigation by the AFC. Any failure of the Player to remain under constant observation shall also be recorded and may be further investigated as a failure to comply in accordance with Article. 44 of the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.

5.5. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall reject a request for delay from a Player if it is not possible for the Player to be continuously chaperoned.

5.6. If, while keeping the Player under observation, the AFC Doping Control Officer observes any matter with potential to compromise the test, he shall report and document the circumstances. If deemed appropriate by the AFC Doping Control Officer, he shall follow the requirements of Article 44 of these Regulations, and/or consider if it is appropriate to collect an additional Sample from the Player.

6. **Doping Control room**

6.1. The Doping Control room shall ensure the Player’s privacy. For In-Competition Testing and for no-advance-notice Testing, the Doping Control room shall, where possible, be used solely as a Doping Control room for the duration of Sample collection. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall record any significant deviations from these criteria.

6.2. In the case of In-Competition Doping Controls, only the following people are allowed into the Doping Control room:

   6.2.1. the Players who have been selected for Testing;

   6.2.2. the Player’s representative;

   6.2.3. the AFC Doping Control Officer;

   6.2.4. the accredited assistant(s) of the AFC Doping Control Officer;
6.2.5. a local official, if requested;

6.2.6. the AFC Match Commissioner, if requested;

6.2.7. the AFC General Coordinator, if requested;

6.2.8. an interpreter approved by the AFC, if requested; and

6.2.9. an independent observer who must be a doctor according to the AFC’s requirements.

6.3. In the case of no-advance-notice doping tests during Team Activities, only the following people are allowed into the Doping Control room:

6.3.1. the Player(s) who has/have been selected for Testing;

6.3.2. the Person accompanying the Player(s), ideally the team doctor;

6.3.3. the AFC Doping Control Officer;

6.3.4. the accredited assistant(s) of the AFC Doping Control Officer; and

6.3.5. an interpreter approved by AFC, if requested.

6.4. In the case of no-advance-notice doping tests on individual Players, only the following people are allowed into the Doping Control room:

6.4.1. the Player who has been selected for Testing;

6.4.2. the Person accompanying the Player or witness as determined by the Player; and

6.4.3. the AFC Doping Control Officer.
6.5. The Players selected for Testing shall remain in the waiting area of the Doping Control room until they are ready to give Samples. In-Competition, non-alcoholic drinks shall be made available to the Players in the form of unopened and sealed plastic bottles, some of which are placed in a refrigerator in the Doping Control room.

6.6. For In-Competition Testing, the local security bodies shall take the necessary measures to ensure that no Persons other than those authorised under Article 62 of this Annexe enter the Doping Control room. The entrance to the Doping Control room shall be constantly guarded. Responsibility for security during Out-of-Competition tests shall be borne by the relevant team delegations. The AFC Doping Control Officer is entitled to refuse unauthorised Persons access to the Doping Control room.

6.7. In exceptional circumstances, the AFC Doping Control Officer may give approval for a Player to leave the Doping Control room, provided that he has agreed the following conditions of leave with the Player:

6.7.1. the purpose of the Player leaving the Doping Control room;

6.7.2. the time of return (or return upon completion of an agreed activity);

6.7.3. that the Player must remain under observation at all times; and

6.7.4. that the Player shall not pass urine until he gets back to the Doping Control room.

The AFC Doping Control Officer shall document the actual time of the Player’s departure and return.
7. **Conducting the Sample collection sessions**

7.1. The collection of urine and blood Samples shall be conducted in accordance with WADA’s regulations, in particular with WADA’s International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

8. **Requirements for Sample collection**

8.1. Any behaviour by the Player and/or Persons associated with the Player or anomalies with potential to compromise the Sample collection shall be recorded by the AFC Doping Control Officer on the DCF. If appropriate, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall investigate a possible failure to comply as set forth under Article 44 of these Regulations.

8.2. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall provide the Player with the opportunity to document any concerns he may have about how the Sample collection session was conducted.

8.3. In conducting the Sample collection session, the following information shall be recorded as a minimum:

8.3.1. the date, time and type of summons to Doping Control (no-advance-notice, advance-notice, In-Competition or Out-of-Competition);

8.3.2. the Competition/location, date and time of Sample provision;

8.3.3. the name of the Player and the Player’s number;

8.3.4. the name of the Player’s team;

8.3.5. the name of the Player’s doctor and/or Person accompanying the Player (during Team Activities);

8.3.6. the Sample code number;

8.3.7. the required laboratory information on the Sample;
8.3.8. the medications and supplements taken and recent blood transfusion details (if applicable) as declared by the team doctor/Player;

8.3.9. any irregularities in procedures;

8.3.10. the Player’s comments or concerns regarding the conduct of the Sample collection session, if provided;

8.3.11. the name and signature of the Player’s doctor and/or Person accompanying the Player (if applicable);

8.3.12. the name and signature of the Player; and

8.3.13. the name and signature of the AFC Doping Control Officer.

8.4. At the conclusion of the Sample collection session, the Player and AFC Doping Control Officer shall sign appropriate documentation to indicate their satisfaction that the documentation accurately reflects the details of the Player’s Sample collection session, including any concerns recorded by the Player. During Team Activities, the Player’s doctor and/or Person accompanying the Player shall sign the documentation as a witness of the proceedings. In individual Testing, the Person accompanying the Player or witness, if applicable, shall sign the documentation.

8.5. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall provide the Player with a copy of DCF of the Sample collection session that has been signed by the Player.
9. **Post-test administration**

9.1. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall define criteria ensuring that any Sample will be stored in a manner that protects its integrity, identity and security prior to transport from the Doping Control room to the laboratory. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall ensure that any Sample is stored in accordance with these criteria.

9.2. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall develop a system to ensure that the documentation for each Sample is completed and securely handled.

9.3. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall ensure that instructions for the type of analysis to be conducted are laid down in the agreement with the laboratory chosen in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter IX of these Regulations.
10. **Transport of Samples and documentation**

10.1. The AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall authorise a transport system that ensures Samples and documentation will be transported in a manner that protects their integrity, identity and security.

10.2. Samples shall always be transported to the laboratory chosen in accordance with Chapter IX, Section 2 (Analysis of Samples) of the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, using the AFC’s authorised Sample transport method, as soon as practicable after the completion of the Sample collection session. Samples shall be transported in a manner that minimises the potential for Sample degradation due to factors such as time delays and extreme temperature variations.

10.3. Documentation identifying the Player shall not be included with the Samples or documentation sent to the laboratory chosen in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter IX of these Regulations.

10.4. The AFC Doping Control Officer shall send all relevant Sample collection session documentation to the AFC Anti-Doping Unit using the AFC’s authorised courier service as soon as practicable after the completion of the Sample collection session.

10.5. The Chain of Custody shall be checked by the AFC Anti-Doping Unit if receipt of either of the Samples with accompanying documentation or Sample collection session documentation is not confirmed at its intended destination or if a Sample’s integrity or identity may have been compromised during transport. In this instance, the AFC Anti-Doping Unit shall consider whether the Sample should be voided.

10.6. Documentation relating to a Sample collection session and/or an anti-doping rule violation shall be stored by the AFC for a minimum of ten (10) years as per Chapter VIII of these Regulations.
## FORMS

### DOPING CONTROL FORM

**AFC COMPETITION:**

1. **PLAYER’S INFORMATION**

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2. **NOTIFICATION OF SELECTED PLAYER**

**Team Representative’s/Player Representative’s Name:**

**Team Representative’s/Player Representative’s Signature:**

**Doping Control Officer’s Name:**

**Doping Control Officer’s Signature:**

The above-named player has been selected to undergo a doping test and is requested to report immediately after the match to the doping control room. He may be accompanied by one representative (doctor, coach or team official).

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read this notice, including the player’s rights and responsibilities listed on the reverse side of copy 1, and I consent to provide sample(s) as requested. I understand that failure or refusal to provide a sample may constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

3A. **INFORMATION FOR ANALYSIS**

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3B. **DECLARATION OF MEDICATION**

List all medications or supplements taken during the past 7 days and any blood transfusions received during the past three months.

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Consent for research: In order to help combat doping in sport, by signing below, I agree that my sample may be used for anti-doping research purposes. When all analyses have been completed and my sample would otherwise be discarded, I may then be used by any WADA-accredited laboratory for anti-doping research of any type, provided it can no longer be identified as my sample.

I Accept: I Refuse:

4. **CONFIRMATION OF PROCEDURES FOR URINE AND/OR BLOOD TESTING**

**Blood Collection Officer’s Name:**

**Blood Collection Officer’s Signature:**

**Blood Collection Officer’s Name:**

**Blood Collection Officer’s Signature:**

**Doping Control Officer’s Name:**

**Doping Control Officer’s Signature:**

**Team Representative’s/Player Representative’s Name:**

**Team Representative’s/Player Representative’s Signature:**

I declare that the information given on this form is correct and confirm that the sample collection was conducted in accordance with the relevant procedures. Furthermore, I accept that all information related to Doping Control, including but not limited to laboratory results and possible sanctions, will be shared with the relevant bodies (for instance WADA, international, continental or national sports federations) in accordance with the relevant regulations, including the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.

I have read and understood the text overleaf and I consent to the processing of my Doping Control related data through ADAMS or any other reliable means or measures.

**Remarks:**

**Supplementary Form Used:**

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**AFC Anti-Doping Regulations Edition 2019**
I have been asked by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), Malaysia, to read the following form in order to confirm that I have been informed that my doping control-related data, including but not limited to personal information and the athlete biological passport and data related to the process, including test distribution planning, sample collection and handling, laboratory analysis, results management and sanctions, will be processed and stored in accordance with the form and are used to antidoping programme for detection, deterrence and prevention of doping according to the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the World Anti-Doping Code ("Code") and the WADA International Standards.

CONFIRMATION

By signing this form, I confirm that I have been informed accordingly and that I acknowledge that: I am bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the Code and the International Standards issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), amended from time to time.

My doping control-related data as further specified in this Information Form will be used in the following: for the purposes of the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the Code or other national anti-doping regulations to which AFC or WADA, or both, may be subject; for administrative, management and legal purposes; for internal monitoring of the protection of my data and to comply with the International Standards.

Pursuant to the International Standard and applicable law I have certain rights, including: the right to access and to request correction and rectification of inaccurate data and remedies with respect to any unlawful processing of data as further specified below; the right to request that AFC or WADA not process the data for particular purposes; the right to object to AFC or WADA processing the personal data for particular purposes if AFC cannot demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for its processing; the right to rectification if any of my personal data that is processed within ADAMS is inaccurate or incomplete; the right to request that any of my personal data that is processed in ADAMS be deleted in the shortest possible time, subject to the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations and the Code; and the right to request that it not be transferred to a third country or outside of the EEA for any reason; and the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority.

I further, acknowledge the following purposes:

1. The AFC System may be used to schedule and manage anti-doping tests, information relating to the Athlete Biological Passport, and sanctions-related information relevant to individual athletes. WADA and AFC rely upon the AFC System to ensure the protection of my data and is committed to comply with the International Standards for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information.

2. AFC will use, process and store my doping control-related data via the WADA Anti-Doping Management System ("ADAMS") and/or other AFC internal means ("the AFC System"). AFC will disclose and transfer my doping control-related data to WADA, which may include the creation of personal online profiles and the entry of data regarding doping control, whereabouts, therapeutic use exemptions ("TUE"), if any, and other WADA authorized national rules applicable to my doping control-related information. AFC and/or WADA may disclose data to other AFC anti-doping programmes and other AFC System.” AFC will disclose and transfer my doping control-related data to WADA, which may include the creation of personal online profiles and the entry of data regarding doping control, whereabouts, therapeutic use exemptions ("TUE"), if any, and other WADA authorized national rules applicable to my doping control-related information. AFC and/or WADA may disclose data to other AFC anti-doping programmes and other AFC System.”

LAWFULNESS OF THE PROCESSING

The fight against doping in sport is supported by the international community, and more than 180 countries have ratified the 2000 UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport ("Convention") that endorse the work of WADA and aims at ensuring effectiveness of the implementation of the Code. The worldwide anti-doping system pursuant to the Convention, as further reflected in the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, is necessary for the protection of health, moral, cultural and physical education and the principle of fair play, as well as to eliminate cheating in sport and to protect the future of sport. The anti-doping measures undertaken by AFC and the processing of my data form part of worldwide fight against doping in sport in furtherance of the aforementioned goals and are justified to carry out an important task in the public interest and to provide important and legitimate interests as set out in the Convention, the Code and the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.

CATEGORIES OF DATA CONCERNED

ADAMS and the AFC System may contain the following categories of data: My unique ADAMS profile consisting of data relating to my identity (name, nationality, date of birth, gender, sport) and data relating to my sports activities and financial data; data relating to my doping control-related data such as TUEs, testing data, sample collection and analysis; data relating to the Anti-Doping Management System; and data relating to the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations.

DISCLOSURES

Port of my ADAMS profile may be shown to other ADOs using ADAMS to ensure that only a single athlete profile is created for me. AFC and WADA, may enable other ADOs and service providers to access certain of my information appearing in ADAMS to enable them to administer antidoping programmes. In addition, WADA may access and process certain of my data in ADAMS (i.e., TUE data, laboratory results, Athlete Biological Passport, sanctions and whereabouts data) to fulfill its responsibilities under the Code. AFC, WADA and the organizations listed above will not disclose any of my data other than to authorized persons within their organizations or to third parties for whom the organizations are responsible. WADA will use and process the personal data and data relating to doping control-related data as described on this form.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

My data may be made available through ADAMS to persons or parties located outside the country where I reside or to other organizations or persons under national anti-doping regulations that are in line with the Code and the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, which primarily involve sharing of data for antidoping purposes and ensuring appropriate information sharing as provided for under the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations and the Code.

PURPOSE OF ADAMS

I, further, acknowledge the following.

I understand that it may be necessary to retain my data in ADAMS or the AFC System for a shorter period. For more information on data retention, I may consult the Annex to WADA’s Information issued by WADA.

SECURITY

AFC shall be principally responsible to ensure that my data remain confidential and is committed to put in place internal and contractual guarantees to ensure that my data remain confidential and accurate.

I, further, acknowledge the following purposes:

1. My doping control-related data as further specified in this Information Form will be used in the following:

2. Pursuant to the International Standard and applicable law I have certain rights, including:

3. Subject to applicable local laws, any dispute arising from this form or a decision made based on this form may be brought before the courts of the country where my national association is registered and with my relevant Constituent in order to allow them to perform their antidoping programs and to comply with their obligations under the Code. The data protection and privacy laws of these countries may not necessarily be equivalent to those in my own country. In any case, ADOs have to comply with WADA’s International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information.

MY RIGHTS

I have certain rights under applicable laws and under WADA’s International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information. Subject to relevant local conditions, these rights include: the right to be informed about the processing of my personal data; the right of access to and receiving a copy of my personal data processed within ADAMS; the right to request rectification if any of my personal data that is processed within ADAMS is inaccurate or incomplete; the right to request the erasure of my personal data that is processed in ADAMS and is no longer required for the relevant purposes; the right to restrict or prevent the processing of my personal data if I, in good faith, believe that I have actual evidence that the personal data processed in ADAMS is inaccurate or incomplete or has been collected illegally; the right to object to AFC or WADA processing the data for particular purposes if AFC cannot demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for its processing. I further take note that the personal data processed by AFC is not subject to automated decision making including profiling.

I acknowledge that according to the Code, AFC has limited competence to ensure or amend my personal data. Should AFC, despite using reasonable efforts, fail to comply with my request, I will have to exercise my rights before WADA and/or the AFC’s national association.

CONTACT

In the event of any complaint for breach of the use of my personal data or if I have any questions relating to the processing of my personal data, I may contact AFC (info@afc-web.org). If I am not satisfied with AFC response, I may contact WADA and/or the AFC’s national association.

DISPUTES

If the matter cannot be resolved, I have the right to lodge a complaint with the competent data protection supervisory authority in accordance with data protection laws applicable to me. I have take note that ADAMS is securely maintained in Switzerland and Canada. Stingent technological and organizational and other security measures have been put in place to maintain the security of the data entered onto ADAMS. In addition, AFC, WADA and ADOs have put in place internal and contractual guarantees to ensure that my data remain confidential and secure.

DATA RETENTION

I am bound by and shall comply with the provisions of the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, the Code and other national anti-doping regulations to which AFC or WADA, or both, may be subject.

I understand that my participation in association football is contingent upon my voluntary participation in antidoping programmes as set forth in the relevant anti-doping regulations, AFC Anti-Doping Regulations, and thus the processing of my doping control-related data as described on this form.

I further understand and acknowledge that I am fully aware of and agree to abide by the relevant regulations, including the AFC Anti-Doping Regulations and the Code.
PLAYER’S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Player’s Rights – you have the right to:

• Have a representative and if available, an interpreter.
• Ask for additional information about the Sample collection process.
• Request a delay in reporting to the Doping Control Station for valid reasons (as determined by the Doping Control Officer).
• If you are a player with an impairment, request modifications to the Sample collection procedure.

Player’s Responsibilities – you have the responsibility to:

• Remain within direct observation of the DCO/Chaperone at all times from the point initial contact is made by the DCO/Chaperone until the completion of the Sample collection procedure.
• Produce appropriate identification.
• Comply with Sample collection procedures – failure to do so may constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.
• Report immediately for Sample collection, unless there are valid reasons for a delay.
ANNEXE F

I. List of WADA-accredited laboratories

I.I. Reference is made to the list of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) — accredited laboratories published by WADA, which is available on www.wada-ama.org.